

150TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

First Unitarian Society of Wilmington Sunday, May 15, 2016 at Noon in the Sanctuary

Vote on our 2015-16 church budget
(available on our website and in the church office)

Vote on amending our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws for proxy and electronic voting
(language available on our website and in church office)

Learn about updates to our Strategic Plan

Vote on our Nominees for Board of Trustees & Nominating Committee

Vote on First U Delegates to General Assembly

Vote on New Board of Trustee Members:

Our church by-laws provide for a maximum of nine (9) members on the Board of Trustees who serve for three (3) years. This year we are nominating three candidates for 2016 – 2019, to replace those rolling off the Board in May 2016.

Jennifer Brown – 3 Year Term

Jenny joined First Unitarian Church in 1997 after attending the church for several years, and deciding to make 1st UU her official church. She has been involved with various activities and committees since that time. These have ranged from teaching folk dancing to children and adults at the All Church Retreat to the more business oriented Personnel Committee and Nominating Committee. She served as ARE Chair, and on the Auction Planning Committee. She was very active with the Partner Church Committee (2000-2008), raising funds and awareness for our partner church in Transylvania, Romania. She organized various fundraising activities, including Hungarian dinners and a performance by the Tisza Folk Dance Ensemble. She was a member of the First UU delegation to our partner church in both 2000 and 2005, and served as the liaison between First UU and the regional Partner Church organization in Washington DC.

Bill Hardam – 3 Year Term

Bill has been a member of First U for well over 40 years and 2 of his 3 children enjoyed the CYRE program. Over the years he has ushered, served on the Board, served as Treasurer, been a Search Committee member, and a member of the Nominating Committee. For the last 25 years or so he either was a member or Chair of the Stewardship Team. Since September of 2015, he has served on the 4-person Executive Team that is responsible for Church operations. Outside the church, the retired chemist (36 years with DuPont) is active in and an officer of the Wilmington Trail Club, German Society of Pennsylvania, First State Symphonic Band, and the UU House Outreach Program. To rest his mind, he exercises a lot: hikes, bicycles, cross-country skis, and lifts weights; but also enjoys gardening and landscaping the lot surrounding the home he shares with Lorena.

Phillip Krape – 3 Year Term

Phil was raised in and served as an acolyte in a traditional Buffalo New York church before coming to the Delaware Valley in 1966 for college. He joined DuPont in 1974 and was married at First UU in 1978 to Debbe (nee Washburn) who has deep Unitarian roots. Their sons are at least ninth generation UU's. Whitney, Darren, and Evan have participated in many services over the years. Phil joined First UU in 1980 and served as both member and Chairman of the former Property Committee. He had a brief stint on the Board in 2001 cut short by career changes. Phil serves on the current Buildings and Grounds Committee and helps Debbe with Book Corner. A few of his past projects include planting perennials around the 202 sign, co-chairing an Affirmation Sunday program, replacing the old boiler, and automating the book corner inventory. He and B&G are currently working on rebuilding the Sanctuary and Parish Hall windows and researching solar energy systems. Phil looks

forward to continuing the humanistic expedition by nurturing First UU's spiritual sanctuary wherein other seekers can safely pursue their own journeys.

Vote on New Nominating Committee Members:

Remaining on the Nominating Committee to complete their terms are Barry Marrs, Pat McGee, and Suzanne Perry. This year there are three nominees serving two-year terms:

Leslie Dickerson - 2 Year Term

Leslie has been a member of First U for over 20 years. She was the co-chair, with Connie Cluff, of the team that brought Welcoming Congregation certification to the church. In 2016, Leslie finishes her 3 year term serving on the Board of Trustees and had previously served on the board for six years as the church moved to policy governance. Leslie and Rose dedicated their children Dillon and Samantha at First UU.

Edris Harrell – 2 Year Term

Edris Harrell and her husband David joined First U 11 years ago with their two children Will and Elise. Since then, Edris has taught CYRE and OWL, and particularly enjoys teaching the Questers class (4th & 5th graders). She served on the Connections Team, which planned social events for church families and multigenerational activities. Currently, Edris is on the Membership Engagement and Development Team, has assisted in planning the annual church (now cluster) retreat since it started in 2010, and she helps the church to maintain a presence on Facebook. Edris works as a school psychologist in the public schools and has a love for the Spanish language and travel.

Deborah Zarek– 2 year term

Debbi has been a member of the First U for 5 years. She was chair of CYRE for 2 years, the chair of our biannual auction in 2015, and is currently a co-chair of the 150 year Anniversary Celebration. She has been a member of the nominating committee this past year and looks forward to serving the committee for 2 additional years. When she isn't busy volunteering, she works full time in her own business as an internal medicine physician, is the mother to her 3 children (Calvin, Maisie, & Audrey) and wife of Dave Donohue.

And Vote on Delegates to the 2016 General Assembly:

Register now to attend the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly June 22-26 in Columbus, OH, and represent First U Wilmington as a voting delegate. The delegates who represent our church at GA this year will be presented at the annual Congregational Meeting for election. If you would like to be a delegate this June, please contact Marina in the church office at marina@firstuuwilm.org or by phone. For more information regarding GA, visit the website at www.uua.org/ga.

