

## 2022 Nominating Committee Report

As required by the church bylaws, three church members, who broadly represent the congregation, make up the Nominating Committee: chair, elected annually at the Annual Meeting; one member appointed by Church Council; and a member appointed by the Nominating Committee chair. The committee's principal task is to identify and nominate individuals to fill open positions on Church Council. This year's Nominating Committee is Eden Terrell (chair), Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel (Council appointee) and Sasha Kocho-Williams (at-large appointee).

First, we acknowledge the outstanding leadership and dedication of outgoing Council members: Trustee Cara Coffin, who served one year to complete an unexpired term, Trustee Ashley Clover, who served for over a year before stepping down in 2021, and Jamey Merkel, who stepped in and completed Ashley's unexpired term. We thank them for their dedicated service to our church community.

Jon Montan has served one term as Vice President and is nominated to a second two-year term beginning in 2022. Mary Michalek has served one two-year term as Secretary and is nominated to a second two-year term beginning in 2022. Jim Williams, who has served as Trustee for one two-year term, is nominated to a second two-year term beginning in 2022.

President Jennifer Whittaker, Treasurer Stefan Grimberg, and Trustees Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel, Wil Rivers, and Ron Tavernier are fulfilling terms on the Church Council and will continue in 2022.

Filling two Trustee vacancies beginning in 2022: Katie Boczarski and Rebecca Pickens, each filling two-year Trustee vacancies.

The Nominating Committee chair, Eden Terrell, is completing her second one-year term and is nominated for a third term in 2022.

*Eden Terrell, Chair*

## 2022 CHURCH COUNCIL SLATE

### **Vice President (January 2022 – December 2023)**

**Jon Montan** grew up in Upper Montclair, NJ, and attended St. Lawrence University during the Vietnam War period. At St. Lawrence he met Kathy and they were married in Gunnison Chapel the day after Jon graduated in 1971. After a teaching stint, graduate school at Utah State

University, and searching for employment in a tight job market, the Montans settled in Pierrepont in 1977. Jon worked as a planner for over three decades at the SLC Planning Office, retiring from that position at the end of June 2012. Kathy and Jon joined the church in 1983. Jon currently serves as Vice President of the Church Council. During 2016-2017, he served as Chairman of the Ministerial Search Committee; he has also served on the Buildings and Grounds Committee and currently serves on both the Worship and Environmental Action committees. Kathy and Jon have one son, Christopher, who resides in Massachusetts. Jon's interests are wide-ranging but often gravitate toward scientific topics. It is fun to learn something new each day. "Let's have coffee (or some other beverage) and talk."

#### **Secretary (January 2022 – December 2023)**

**Mary Michalek** was drawn to Unitarian Universalism the autumn following her college commencement and was a member of the UU Society of Burlington for almost ten years before moving to Potsdam with her family. Since arriving at the Canton UU, she has been involved in providing music, readings, religious education, and an occasional sermon for the congregation. She joined Church Council as a Trustee in October of 2017 and became Church Council Secretary in 2020. She also serves as liaison to the Communications Committee. Mary enjoys reading, singing, running, baking, and parenting her son Walter. She is currently working as a substitute teacher in the Potsdam schools while applying for jobs as a school librarian.

#### **Trustee (January 2022 – December 2023)**

**Katie Boczarski** lives in Potsdam with her husband Ron and their three children: Thaddeus, Sofiya, and Evelyn. Katie moved to the North Country in 2010. While she and Ron were looking for a community for their growing family, they fell in love with and joined the UU church in 2012. Katie has served on the Communications Committee since 2012, focusing on writing and sending press releases and news articles to local news organizations. Katie has also loved volunteering in the church nursery and watching our littlest UU's grow, explore, and learn.

#### **Trustee (January 2022 – December 2023)**

**Rebecca Pickens** attends the UU Church of Canton with her husband, Dave, and their three sons. She currently serves on the Religious Education Committee and enjoys every chance she gets to help out in the RE classroom. Rebecca is a writer and editor at Brave Writer, and she homeschools her sons. In her free time, she writes fiction and enjoys all things bookish and creative.

#### **Nominating Committee Chair (January 2022– December 2022)**

**Eden Terrell** moved to Canton in January 2017 with her husband Kurt and children Crosby and Harper after a four-year stint in Lake Placid. She works from home as a distance learning school registrar, a position she brought with her to the North Country from Brattleboro, Vermont.

Eden has served on the Religious Education team for four years, serves as Co-chair of the Caring Circle, and misses ringing with the handbell choir terribly.