



Countryside Church

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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2026-27 Leadership Slate Announced

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating Committee submits to the Congregation the following slate of candidates for various terms beginning church year 2026-27.

The church membership will vote at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 am. The nominees, if elected, will assume their positions on July 1. These candidates were thoughtfully selected and recruited by our Nominating Committee, and we are confident that they will serve our church well, with both skill and compassion.

From the By-Laws, Article X-3: Additional nominations for all elected positions may be made by petition of at least ten percent (10%) of CCUU membership. Petitions shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board at least ten (10) days prior to the business meeting convened for their election.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nominees for the Board of Trustees:

- President-elect: Alan Greenland [1-year term followed by 2-year term as President]
- Vice President: Mike Berry [1st year of second 2-year term]
- Trustee: Ed Monson [1st year of 2-year term]
- Trustee: Bailey Pierce [1st year of 2-year term]
- Trustee: Joy Simon [1st year of 2-year term]

Continuing on the Board of Trustees:

- President: Gary LaBedz [2nd year of 2-year term]
- Secretary: Pat Wydell [2nd year of 2-year term]
- Treasurer: Rick Rayborn [2nd year of 2-year term]
- Trustee: Ryan Schaeffges [2nd year of second 2-year term]
- Trustee: Elizabeth Van Orden [2nd year of 2-year term]

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

from the By-Laws, Article VII, Sec.5: The Endowment Committee shall consist of five voting members, members of the Congregation, elected at an Annual Meeting of the Congregation for five-year (5) staggered terms such that one member is elected each year and no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Nominations to the Committee shall be made in the same manner as for members of the Board of Trustees. The Parish Minister and President of the Board of Trustees shall be nonvoting members of the Committee. In the event of a vacancy, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting.

Nominees for the Endowment Committee:

1. Rene Ayo [1st year of 5-year term]

Continuing on the Endowment Committee:

2. Bob Anders [3rd year of 3-year term]
3. Linda Segall [3rd year of 4-year term]
4. Kevin Christensen [3rd yr of 5-year term]
5. Margaret Myren [2nd year of a 5-year term]

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

From the By-Laws, Article X-4: The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) to seven (7) members. Between four (4) and six (6) members shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years. Each shall be eligible for reelection to one (1) additional term. One member shall be appointed each year by the Board of Trustees to serve for a one-year term. No Nominating Committee member may serve more than four years of continuous service. Elections shall be held at the Annual Congregational Meeting each year. The Convener of the Nominating Committee shall be selected by the President from those directly elected by the Congregation to the Nominating Committee.

Nominees for the Nominating Committee:

1. Myles Olsen [1st year of a 2-year term]
2. Jeff Phillips [1st year of a 2-year term]
3. Jeanne Scown [1st year of a 2-year term]
4. Ellen Vinzani [1st year of a 1-year term]

Continuing on the Nominating Committee:

1. Hayden Pierce [2nd year of second 2-year term]
2. Joy Simon [2nd year of 2-year term]

The Nominating Committee would like to thank these members completing terms for their commitment to the work of Countryside Church:

- Peggy Simonsen, Board of Trustees
- Dan Yokas, Board of Trustees
- Ed Monson, Endowment Committee
- Linda Berry, Nominating Committee
- Margaret Myren, Nominating Committee