

Eno River UU Fellowship

Leadership Nominations

The Nominating Committee is pleased to report that the following ERUUF members have agreed to be placed on a ballot for elected positions of the Fellowship. A brief bio and photo is included as well.

An election will be held on June 3, 2018 at the Annual Business Meeting.

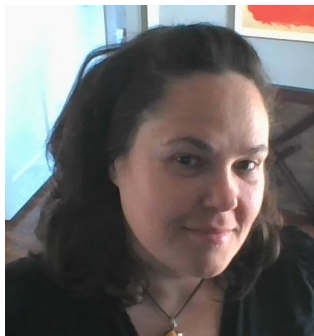
Lenora Harris-Field: Board of Trustees



I am honored and humbled by the nomination to serve on the Board of Trustees at ERUUF. I have been a Unitarian Universalist for over 35 years. I have found my niches here at ERUUF via the ERUUF Singers, teaching on the Grade 2-3 RE team, serving on the Steering Team for the Covenant Group/Chalice Circle program, participating in a Chalice Circle, and weekly tutoring at El Centro.

My professional career encompassed sales, marketing, communications, account management, and strategic planning roles in the healthcare arena. I am most proud of being Mom to two adult children—Evan and Elizabeth. Evan is a recent University of Michigan engineering graduate and Elizabeth is a PhD candidate in mathematics at the University of Illinois where she is an active member of the UU Church of Urbana Champaign. My other joy is being married to Michael Field—we celebrated 31 years of marriage this May. And of course I am Dog Mom to our adorable labradoodle, Bella.

Bonnie LaCroix: Board of Trustees



We moved to Durham from Chicago four years ago for a change of scenery and a job. Minnesota born and raised, I lived primarily in the Midwest before moving to Durham but have come to love the Southern speed of life and amazing weather. Professionally, my work is in cancer research with a focus on racial health disparities. Outside of my work I do my best to embody my values with a car-free lifestyle, front yard food garden, and commitment to the continual practice of racial justice.

Finding ERUUF was an unexpected wonder that has transformed my life in uncountable ways. I am passionate about the future of our community and helping it live in to its promise. I believe that working towards racial, economic, and environmental justice is our only way forward, and that it is spiritual work.

Joan Tilghman: Board of Trustees



About 12 years ago, I was looking for a short-cut from my house to Mark Jacobson Toyota on 15-501. I turned down Garrett Road and saw a timid, wooden sign for the Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Having come the next Sunday, I left the service thinking there was nothing I needed to change about myself to join this congregation. I have come here ever since.

The greatest challenges in living my faith are to accord every individual -- no matter that person's views -- the same humanity that I see in my own eyes when I look in a mirror; to hold up the inextinguishable Infinite Fire of Hope; to honor the suffering and joy of the ancestors who bestowed on me the gift of life as an opportunity to do good in the world; and to aspire, for my life, to love everyone.

Melissa L. Godwin: Healthy Congregation Committee



I joined ERUUF in 2014 after a period of exploring how consistent UU values were with my own. As a mom of a then, 5 year old, I was particularly tuned into what was being taught in the Religious Education (RE) classes and was so impressed with the lessons on being a good human being. Since becoming a member, I have taught in RE and also become a member of the Religious Education Ministry (REM) Team. I've been able to live much of my values through my work as a clinical social worker for the past 20 years, learning from other humans in all their permutations, on their own journeys. I've been in Durham for the past 14 years and am

originally from Silver Spring, MD.

Susan Hayman: Nominating Committee



Susan has been an ERUUF member for ten years. Currently she is CEO of Hayman Engineering, a professional business she and her late husband started in 2008. She participates in a covenant group, choir, and is one of the "coffee makers." Susan has a varied background, having served in the Army, and holds a master's degree in counseling. She enjoyed working as a professional counselor for ten years. She is interested in many art forms. Music has been a large part of her life and she and her husband play ukuleles and sing in UUkes in Chapel Hill. She enjoys writing, storytelling, and poetry. Dancing, particularly Argentine Tango, has been a focus with her

husband Marc, and she earnestly applies herself to clay sculpting. She paints and draws in all formats as is evidenced by the many pieces around her home. Currently she is married to Marc Silling and has two daughters and seven grandchildren. Her mottos is "live every day because we are not promised tomorrow." Also "we are all stardust" which embodies her personal theology.

Bob Hetes: Nominating Committee



More than 11 years ago I found my spiritual home at ERUUF when we were looking for somewhere to give our children a broad understanding of religious diversity. Over the years, I have taught RE classes at various age levels and served as advisor for the Middle School Youth Group. As my children have aged out of RE, I want to expand my engagement in ERUUF. I look forward to bringing my professional experience in establishing scientific and technical panels to the nominating committee so that we can promote organizational leadership that reflects a broad diversity of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives to ensure a vibrant organization.

Kendall Morgan: Nominating Committee



I'm a science writer with a background in evolutionary biology. I'm also a mother of two. Growing up in Wheeling, WV, my best friend was a Unitarian Universalist and I went with her a couple times. My parents, though spiritually inclined, had given up on organized religion. They wanted my sister and I to sort things out on our own. I see ERUUF as a community and place to assist and support in that process rather than leaving my kids (and me) to figure it all out alone. I also see ERUUF as a force for "good" in a world that seems to have too much "bad" in

it. I've been involved for years in roles geared to kids and RE and less so in roles geared to the congregation as a whole. So, I'm looking forward to serving in this new role and getting new folks (including parents!) more involved via the Nominating Committee.

Sam Wohns: Nominating Committee



I first attended a UU service after seeing a "Standing on the Side of Love" banner outside of First Parish, across the street from my freshman dorm. I'd been raised by a Jewish father and a Presbyterian mother who taught me to stand up for justice and value the truth, and I was happy to find a community that celebrated both of my parent's faith traditions. After moving to Durham four years ago, finding a UU congregation was a top priority. I came to ERUUF the day after I moved, and I knew I'd found my spiritual home. I work as a union organizer, supporting workers in

the struggle for dignity and respect on the job. Through that work, I train workers on identifying and recruiting leaders to build their organizations. I'm very excited about the possibility of joining the Nominating Committee to help do just that at ERUUF.