

## Candidates for Board of Trustees



**Bob Brown**

My wife Cheryl and I started attending ERUUF in December 2015. Having moved from California a few months prior, we were looking for a place to share our passion for community, equality, and service. In my short time here I've served as a Greeter, Visitor Host and currently serve on the Membership Team. My goals in each of these positions have been to welcome each newcomer and new member with the same spirit of enthusiasm

and inclusiveness that we experienced the first time we walked in the door. I have also co-chaired the auction and managed the IT portion of the event, and prepared and served meals at Urban Ministries in Durham. Service to the Fellowship and community are very important to me. Professionally, I have 25+ years of experience in the Information Technology industry. The past 8 years I've worked as a Project Manager for Blue Shield of CA and Cisco Systems Inc. My hobbies include gardening, woodworking and experiencing the outdoors; hiking, kayaking, and four-wheeling. Cheryl and I live in a quiet area of Bahama with our fur son, Tyler.



**Julie Edmunds**

My partner, Sara Terry and I joined ERUUF in the mid-1990s in search of a spiritual community in which to begin raising our family. We believed that the world's different religious traditions had wisdom to share and appreciated that UUism draws from many sources. My involvement in ERUUF has taken various forms over the years, with much of it centered on religious education. I have been a Youth Group Advisor, R.E. teacher, a

member of the RE Committee and a member of the R.E. Vision Quest Team. I have been on the Committee for the Evaluation of Ministry for the past four years and was elected to the Board in 2016. I live with Sara, our three children (Sam, Jake, and Emma), and our dog (Dingo) in Durham. My paying job is as an education researcher and program evaluator at UNC Greensboro where I study the impact of high school and college level programs. I also serve as co-chair of Durham Public Schools' Budget Advisory Committee. As a family, we love traveling and eating good food together. I am honored to serve on the Board. One of my personal goals for my work is to apply my program evaluation skills in thinking about how the Board can better fulfill its monitoring and accountability roles.

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**Ed Hoefle**

Although I am not a longtime UU member, my interest in ERUUF is well-founded: It was one reason that my wife and I chose Durham. Having read of ERUUF's many groups, activities, and vibrant membership, we saw the community that we sought. ERUUF has become central to our lives here.

We enjoy supporting the Pastoral Care team, helping at special events, serving as back-up Visitor Hosts, and lending a hand as able. I hope that my experience, skills, and beliefs will prove helpful in supporting the ERUUF Board. My career spanned over 40 years in the behavioral healthcare, educational, and not-for-profit arena, including developing outpatient and inpatient programs supported with 100-400 staff and overseeing 400k square feet of facility construction. That experience, and a turn away from the dogma of a Catholic upbringing, align my beliefs with UU humanism and inclusiveness. I am honored to serve on our Board.



**Carolyn Lekavich**

I began attending ERUUF in 2011. I was in search of a welcoming and diverse community that would foster growth and development for my growing family. With an Italian and Catholic background growing up and experience as a practicing Buddhist, I felt that ERUUF embodied an authentic and vibrant community, consistent

with my values. My involvement with ERUUF has included assisting with religious education for the 3/4yrs olds and most recently serving with the RE Ministry Group. I live in Durham with my daughter (Venia), our dog (Guido), and our two cats, (Bella and Rocky). I work at Duke Medical Center on faculty as a nurse researcher and practicing nurse practitioner in cardiology. For fun, we enjoy everything outdoors and especially time with friends and family. I am honored to be considered for this role on the Board of Trustees. My goal is to serve by engaging with this community to foster growth and diversity that leads to deepening connections.

## Candidates for Healthy Congregation Committee



**Sarah Sanchez**

Sarah Jacobs Sanchez is a native North Carolinian. She graduated from Furman University (BA), the University of South Carolina (MA + 30) and Nova Southeastern University (Ed D). She also studied at the University of Strasbourg, France for four years, where she met her future husband. Her field of study is psychology. She worked as a school psychologist, family counselor and school administrator in the public schools of

Columbia, SC, for 35 years. She and her husband moved here in the fall of 2016. She was active in the United Methodist Church prior to moving here. She was the SC chairperson of the UMC Native American Committee for 10 years. She also has much experience with Latino cultures. She joined ERUUF in the spring of 2017 after both she and her husband decided that they had found a home here. Her daughter and family also attend here.

## Candidates for Nominating Committee



**Bob Hetes**

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 at 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.



**Heather Ladd**

Heather Ladd has lived in Durham since 2015. She works as a Statistician for the University of California, Irvine in the field of health services research. She became involved at ERUUF through Clicking for a Cause. She has co-coordinated that group for over 3 years. In 2017, in large part due to ERUUF's commitment to social justice and the dismantling racism work, she became a member and soon after got involved with the Durham CAN Action Team. She has co-coordinated that action team since the beginning of 2018. When not at ERUUF, she can be found hiking with her dogs at Duke Forest, browsing The Scrap Exchange, volunteering in the Clothing Closet at Urban Ministries of Durham, gardening, or relaxing at home with her husband, 2 dogs, 2 cats, and a pile of yarn and knitting needles or crochet hooks.