

BOARD

- Patty Notch – filled partial term, **Incumbent** full term (2022-2025)
- McKenna Revel – filled partial term, **Incumbent** full term (2022-2025)
- David Jackoway – filled partial term, **Incumbent** full term (2022-2024)
- One vacancy

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Jim Wilber (2022-2025)
- Dr. Mary Shelden (2022-2023)

MUUC BOARD

- Two vacancies

Board Nominees

Patty Notch (term 2022-2025)



Patty Notch is a member of First Unitarian Church in Des Moines, Iowa. She currently serves as President of First Unitarian's Board of Trustees. Prior to joining the board, Patty chaired the Ministerial Search Committee. Patty has served her church in many ways over the years – she has taught RE, volunteered with Family Promise, served on a variety of committees, and planned many social events.

Patty is a graduate of Drake University and Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. She has been a practicing attorney since 1992. Patty has six children, and married her wife Meg, in 2010.

Together they have a total of nine children. Only the youngest, 12, is still at home.

Patty has primarily practiced in the area of criminal and juvenile law, but has extensive experience in navigating the children's mental health system in the state of Iowa, having served as a family peer support specialist for several years. In her spare time, Patty likes to read, travel, and look for treasures at thrift shops and consignment stores.

McKenna Revel (term 2022-2025)



McKenna Revel joined the MidAmerica Board of Trustees in 2021. McKenna is from Eastern Kentucky, and is currently a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington. She is a Soul Matters facilitator there, and also participated in the Social Justice Book Club and the Cooking Club. Previously, she was a member of the lay-led Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Madison County, having become a UU at 19. There she served as both Secretary and interim President of the Board, as well as on the Covenant of Right Relations committee.

Professionally she is a criminal defense investigator, and holds a B.S in Social Justice Studies and an M.S in Justice, Policy, and Leadership. She also volunteers with the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, and with the Church of the Larger Fellowship's Worthy Now Prison Ministry program. She enjoys creative writing and her dog, and is thrilled to join the Board.

David Jackoway (partial term 2022-2024)



David Jackoway has been a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis for 19 years. Prior to that he was a member of the UU Church West in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for 7 years. From 2011-2013 he served as the Heartland District Trustee on the UUA Board of Trustees. During his term he helped draft revisions to the UUA bylaws to formally recognize regions, and specifically the newly created MidAmerica Region, as part of the UUA.

David has twice served as President of his congregation's Board of Trustees. He has served in several other capacities including Newsletter Editor, Adult Religious Education chair, Stewardship Campaign co-chair, Denominational Affairs chair, and on a Ministerial Search Committee. At the Milwaukee congregation David served as Vice President of the Board of Trustees, on the Religious Education Council and in other capacities.

David has spent his whole life in MidAmerica having lived in St. Louis for his first 35 years. He works as a computer programmer at a national insurance company. David is recently widowed and has a grown son who is about to complete his first year of grad school at Indiana University. He also has three cats.

Nominating Committee Nominees

Jim Wilber (term 2022-2025)

Jim Wilber has been a member of the Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church of Racine, Wisconsin for 30 years. Prior to that he was a member of the Mainline Unitarian Church in suburban Philadelphia for three years. Jim has twice served on his congregation's Board of Trustees, including three years as Secretary and one as President. He has served in several other capacities including chair of the Interim Minister Search Committee, chair of the Policy Governance Task Force, member of the Committee on the Ministry (chair the third year), and chair of the Personnel Committee for several years.



A lawyer by training, Jim practiced law for 14 years and has been a principal of a national management consultancy since 1990 that provides its services exclusively to legal organizations (i.e., law firms and the law departments of non-profit and for-profit companies and government legal agencies). He has many years of experience advising these organizations on, among other things, financial responsibility, governance, decision-making, human resources and personnel matters. Additionally, he has done executive search work

for law firms for the past 32 years and has considerable experience recruiting and vetting candidates, and hiring. For many years Jim provided legal representation to incarcerated people. This started when he worked for a prison legal aid clinic in law school, and continued during seven years as the executive director of Prison Legal Services of Michigan. After leaving that organization, while he spent seven years working as a lawyer for the United Auto Workers union in Michigan, Jim did *pro bono* work with the National Prison Project of the ACLU, prosecuting federal civil rights class action cases challenging the conditions of confinement against eight different state-wide prison systems in the U.S.

Jim is married and he and his spouse have a daughter and two grandsons. Their current dog is a beagle.

Dr. Mary Shelden

(term 2022-2023) Mary Shelden, a white, cisgender, bi woman of size, serves as Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration at Countryside Church UU in Palatine, IL — the same congregation her family attended when she was a child. She lives with her beloved same-sex partner/spouse of nearly 24 years. They have a beloved daughter, Marjorie, and son-in-law, Jake, and a beautiful beagle grandpuppy, Apple, who has magnificent velvet ears.

