

## **UUA Board of Trustees**

### **Overview of the Role of the UUA Board**

### **For UUA Presidential Candidates**

The following is a brief summary of the role of the UUA Board, and its relationship to the UUA President.

- The Board is accountable to our congregations through the General Assembly and to other UU communities, including identity and professional groups
  - We report to the General Assembly annually
  - We hold public meetings to inform congregational leaders and other stakeholders of important issues and on the Board's work
- The Board's role is to serve as fiduciary for the Unitarian Universalist Association
  - We make decisions based on our mission and UU values, including decisions about allocation of financial resources and program priorities
  - We ensure that the budget is prudent, and consistent with requirements in the UUA Bylaws for a balanced budget
- The Board works with the President and their staff to ensure that the Association is working toward its mission, consistent with our UU values
  - We review the "dashboard" of mission indicators annually
- The Board follows a policy-based system of governance. That is,
  - The Board's role is to set high-level policies for the Association
  - The Administration's role is to implement those policies, and to make programmatic decisions
  - The Board, and the President and their staff, engage in collaborative conversations on high-level strategy, priorities and emerging issues
- The Board's relationship with the President is collaborative and collegial
- The Board provides continuity between one UUA Presidency and the next. The Board is committed to
  - Implementing the direction set by the General Assembly, including
    - Rewriting the UUA Bylaws to make our governance system less complicated, and to make opportunities for leadership more widely available
    - Implementing GA resolutions related to anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multi-culturalism
  - Implementing the recommendations of the Commission on Institutional Change report, *Widening the Circle of Concern*
- The Board's covenant includes the President, Executive Vice President, and Treasurer as well as the elected, voting members of the Board
- The *UUA Governance Manual* is being rewritten to reflect the Board's decision to no longer use the Carver Policy Governance<sup>(c)</sup> model.