



**Report of the NNED Nominating Committee  
April 14, 2018**

**The NNED Nominating Committee is proud to present the following slate of officers and members for the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee for your consideration:**

**Board of Directors: Members to be elected:**

**Rev. Olav Nieuwejaar: Vice President, (FY 2019)**

Rev. Nieuwejaar has just completed a one-year term as Vice President of the NNED Board, following one year as Member-at-Large. He is a lifelong UU who grew up in north central Massachusetts, next door to a small Universalist church. His wife, Jeanne, is the daughter of that childhood minister. Olav says his longest and most satisfying ministry was 24 years serving the UU Congregation of Milford, NH. The last 12 years of that ministry were shared with Jeanne as co-ministers. They left the church in 2000, but continue to live in Milford and serve as minister emeritus there. After spending two years of interim ministry in Cambridge, England and Manhasset, NY, Olav and Jeanne returned to NH to serve as Co-District Executives for the NH-VT District until 2006. Olav has served our District in many ways, as the Board Secretary, President, Newsletter editor, and Ministerial Settlement Representative.

**Austin Farrar: Financial Officer, 2019-2020, first term (fulfilling Deb Robinson's term)**

Austin H. Farrar has a BA from Tufts University and an MBA from the University of Maine. He was a Partner at The Colony Group, LLC, a wealth management firm in Boston, until he retired in 2012. Prior to joining The Colony Group, Austin was a senior executive at L.L. Bean, a retailer of outdoor apparel and equipment in Freeport, Maine. Austin is a lifelong UU. He is a member of the First Parish in Portland Unitarian Universalist, and recently served as the Chair of its Finance Committee. He is currently an At-Large Member of the First Parish Governing Board and is the Board's Liaison with the Finance Committee. Austin was recently appointed to the Northern New England District's Board of Directors to serve as its Finance Officer through June 30, 2018, replacing Deb Robinson, who needed to resign to attend to personal needs. He also serves as Chair of the Trustees of the NNED's investment funds. Austin and his wife Eileen live in Falmouth, Maine.

**Rev. Kendra Ford: Member-at-Large, 2019-2021, second term**

Rev. Ford has been serving the congregation in Exeter, NH since the fall of 2001. She served as President of the NH/VT chapter of the UU Ministers Association during the consolidation process with the Maine chapter, following the consolidation of the two districts. She lives in Portsmouth, NH., with her husband and 5-year-old son; and looks forward to getting back to their garden and backyard blueberry bushes this spring. She is committed to serving on the Board at this time because she is interested and keenly aware of the tremendous change that is afoot in our society and in UUism, our Region and our District. She sees possibility and creativity everywhere and brings that vision to the work of the Board, along with her UUMA experience. She is interested in broadening her own connections and thinking about UUism from a broader perspective than her own (delightful) congregation.

**Anne Kinney: Member-At-Large, 2019-2021; second term**

Anne has been a UU for 23 years, starting out at the Norway, Maine, UU Church, before moving to Auburn, Maine, and becoming a member of the First Universalist Church of Auburn, Maine, UU. Anne has served the District for two years on the Nominating Committee, including a year as chair, six years on the Awards Committee, and four years as chair. She has served her congregations as President, Clerk, Denominational Affairs Rep., Ferry Beach (weekend) Retreat Coordinator, Welcoming Congregation co-chair; GA and NNED delegate; co-chair of a Bicentennial Celebration, as an R.E. teacher, and on the Membership Committee.



## **Continuing Board Members:**

### **Mary Heafy: President, first term, 2018-2020**

Mary has served the NNED Board as Vice President for the past three years, filling out the term of Dana Baron, then serving a first year of her own term. She is the former Chair of the NNED Leadership Committee and presently serves as a volunteer peer facilitator for the New England Region. Mary is a member and past president of the Keene Unitarian Universalist Church. She also serves as the registrar for Star Island's Life on a Star II conference. In her professional life, she is the CEO of a non-profit supporting individuals with disabilities and their families. She lives in Jaffrey, NH.

### **Rev. Allison Palm: Secretary, 2017-2019, first term**

Rev. Allison Palm has served as the minister of the UU Church of Nashua, NH since August 2015. She is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist and a Minnesota native. Before coming to Nashua, Allison worked for the UU Ministers Association and served congregations on Long Island and in the Boston area as a Student Minister and Religious Educator. Allison lives in Nashua and loves spending time in all the different types of nature New Hampshire has to offer. She is grateful to be able to serve Unitarian Universalism as a member of the NNED Board.

### **Carol Larson: Member-at-Large, 2018-2020, first term**

Carol is a lifelong UU, who is currently a member of the Allen Avenue UU Church in Portland, Maine. She has served as the Chair of the Social Action Committee and is the Denominational Affairs Representative. She has served as a delegate to the NNED District Annual Meeting for several years, and was also a delegate to the UUA General Assembly in Providence. Carol participates on the Healthcare and Racial Justice interest groups of MUUSAN, the Maine UU State Advocacy Network, and was a member of the original steering committee of that organization for three years. She is a former Director of Religious Education at First Parish UU in Portland and the Saco Biddeford UU Church. Her passion is social justice. Currently she is one of two A2U2 point people for Greater Portland Family Promise, an interfaith program for homeless in Portland this summer. For the past five years she has organized and facilitated discussions of the UUA Common Read selections and co-lead a group based on the book *Waking Up White*. Carol lives in Gorham Maine with her little dog Spencer. She enjoys summers at her camp on Kezar Pond in Fryeburg Maine and is a therapist in private practice.

**The Nominating Committee would like to extend our profound thanks to departing Board Financial Officer, Deb Robinson, and departing Member-at-Large, Paul Tierney, for their dedicated service to the District while on the Board, especially through the on-going challenging work of our UUA's transition to regional organization. We also want to thank the continuing Board members who have so generously given (and will continue to give) their time and talents to the Board, our NNED District and their home congregations.**

**Nominating Committee: Members to be elected**

**Rev. Margaret Beckman (Castine, Maine) (2019-2020)**

Rev. Margaret Beckman is the settled minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine, Maine. Prior to being called to Castine, she was minister of The First Universalist Church of Pittsfield, Maine (now the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House of Pittsfield) for over twelve years. Rev. Beckman has served our denomination in leadership roles with the Northeast and now Northern New England chapter of the UU Ministers Association, and she has served previously on the Board of Directors of the NNED. Committed to the Justice and Faith principles and values of Unitarian Universalism, she is a founding member and still on the on the Steering Committee of the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network.

**Mark Beal (Peterborough, NH.) (2019-2020)**

Mark Beal and his wife, Sarah, and their two sons, Taymon and Kelton, came to the Monadnock region and the Peterborough UU Church over 20 years ago. Both boys went through the RE program there right through activity in the Youth Group. Volunteering in RE has been one of Mark's strongest commitments to the church. That said, he has also served as congregational President, Vice President, Trustee, Standing Committee Member, Committee on Ministry, Personnel Committee Chair, Religious Education Committee Chair, Membership Committee, Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee, Interim Minister Search Committee (twice) and the Settled Minister Search Committee, among other things.

**Rev. Abigail Stockman (Barre, Vermont) (2019-2020)**

Rev. Abigail Stockman is in her third year as the Developmental Minister with First Church in Barre, VT. She has served congregations in New Hampshire, New York, and Maryland. She currently serves on the Ethics Committee of North Country Hospital and on the Reparative Panel of the Orleans County Restorative Justice Center and participates in the Community Conversation on Racism in Barre. In years past she has served as Chair of the Ballou Channing District Planning Committee, on the staff of the Northeastern Leadership School, and participated in anti-racism and interfaith work. In her spare time Abigail is the harpist with the Vermont Philharmonic (Community) Orchestra.



## **Continuing Nominating Committee Members**

### **Rev. Kali Fyre (Manchester, NH.) (2018-2019)**

Kali's home congregation is the UU Church of Manchester, NH. As a lay leader in Manchester, Kali taught classes for youth and adults in the RE program, served on the Worship and Music Committee, chaired the Holiday Faire, and chaired the Membership Committee. During her internship in Milford, she has participated in meetings of most committees within the congregation, mostly active with the WITT (women in transition team) prison ministry program, and Worship Committee, and frequently participates with the HS Youth Group and the Council.

This year, Kali has served as the Acting Religious Education Coordinator at the Peterborough, NH congregation. Her interest in NNED participation is to serve the UUA denomination through district and regional service and to develop new friendships and relationships in the area.

Kali was ordained into the Unitarian Universalist ministry on Sunday, April 8 at 4pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Manchester, NH. (669 Union St.)

### **Kathy Kellison (Augusta, ME.) (2018-2019)**

Kathy is an experienced leader in Unitarian Universalism. She has served in various capacities including President of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta, Maine, Ministerial Settlement Representative, District Board President and Northern New England Healthy Congregations Consultant. Kathy was the recipient of the District Leadership award for her many contributions to the district. In addition to her work within Unitarian Universalism, Kathy practiced clinical social work, working with individuals and families. Kathy brings to this position a passion for justice, an understanding of collaborative leadership and a vast knowledge of our shared faith.

### **Marty Shaw (West Brattleboro, VT.) (2018-2019)**

Marty began dabbling with UUism in late 98-99, when she lived in the area of the Norwich, VT., congregation. When she moved to the Portland, ME., area in 2001 she became active in the Allen Avenue congregation, including serving on the Welcoming Congregation Committee and the Small Group Ministry Committee. In 2009 she moved back to the Norwich, VT, area and became an active member of UUCUV (Norwich), becoming Worship Chair. Three years ago, she moved to the Brattleboro, VT, area, where she joined All Souls UU Church. She facilitates their Small Group Ministry. She serves on the RE and Rental Ambassadors Committees, and chairs the Social Action Committee. Marty is a retired 6th grade teacher. Her wife is a computer programmer. Her hobbies include fabric art, wall hangings, and quilting.

**The Nominating Committee would like to thank departing Nominating Committee members Sue Buckholz, Donna Dolham, and Rev. Olivia Holmes, for their dedicated work on the Nominating Committee in service to our NNED District these past two years; and to the continuing members of the Committee as well. Thank you.**

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Dolham, Chair, First Universalist Church UU Auburn, ME., Chair

Sue Buckholz, First Universalist Church of Hartland, VT.

Kali Fyre, Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester, NH.

Rev. Olivia Holmes, Keene Unitarian Universalist Church, NH.

Kathy Kellison, First Universalist Church, Auburn, ME.

Marty Shaw, Unitarian Universalist Church of the Upper Valley, Norwich, VT.