

Nominating Committee

The UUA Nominating Committee met in Morristown, New Jersey, at the Xavier Center of St. Elizabeth College from September 29 through October 1. Present were:

Helen Bishop, Chair
Dick Creswell
Rev. Hope Johnson
Mandy Keithan
Kok Heong McNaughton
Rev. Joan Montagnes
Megan Selby

James Coomes was unable to be present due to travel restrictions but participated in the deliberations of the Committee by speaker-phone. Because of physical limitations resulting from his automobile accident last spring, Rev. Bob Shaibly submitted his resignation from the Nominating Committee, effective September 30.

The Committee members met Friday through Sunday to consider applications for nomination to the elected positions on the UUA's Commission on Appraisal, Commission on Social Witness, General Assembly Planning Committee, Nominating Committee, Board of Review, and at-large positions on the Board of Trustees.

The Nominating Committee began by reviewing its mission, covenant and decision-making processes. We then considered the status of each of the commissions, committees and board for which nominations were to be made, reviewing the number of positions to be elected, any applicable by-law requirements for nominees, and what constellations of skills, knowledge, experience, and competencies were desired to advance the work of the commission, committee or board.

There are four nominations to be made for the Commission on Appraisal (three six-year terms and one four-year term), two nominations to be made for the Commission on Social Witness, five nominations for G.A. Planning Committee (four four-year terms and one two-year term), four nominations for the Nominating Committee (three six-year terms and one four-year term), two nominations for the Board of Review (one minister in final fellowship for at least seven years and one lay person who has served at least three years as an officer or trustee of a congregation), and two nominations for At-Large Trustee (one of whom must be of 14 to 20 years old at the time of election).

After full discussion of each of the applicants' qualifications, experience, and potential for Association leadership, including attention to all materials submitted in application and reference letters and calls, the Nominating Committee agreed upon the selection of some nominees and agreed to assign responsibility among Committee members to secure additional information that would assist the Committee in making the remaining nominations by conference call at a later date prior to the deadline for submission of the slate of candidates. On or before

December 10, 2006, the Nominating Committee will file its report and slate of nominees with the Secretary of the Association for mailing to all member congregations, associate member organizations and trustees.