**Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee proposes the following candidates for the 2017-2018 PCD-UUA Board of Directors and PCD-UUA Nominating Committee.

**For the Board:**

The Rev. Catherine Ishida, Minister, Community Minister serving Hawai’i and Maui. Member, First Unitarian Church of Honolulu and the Church of the Larger Fellowship

Running for a first two-year term

The Rev. Dr. Roger Jones, Minister, Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento

Running for a first two-year term

Clovice A. Lewis, Jr., Member, Unitarian Universalists of Lake County

Finishing a second year of a vacated two-year term

Paul Teplitz, Member, Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church

Running for a second two-year term

**Continuing Board Members:**

Charles DuMond, Member, Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo – Second year of third term

Dusty Taylor, Member, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Tuolumne County – Second year of first term

**Youth Representative:**

According to the bylaws, the district YRUU designates one board member to represent youth. In case of a vacancy, the Board may designate a representative. As there is no YRUU currently affiliated with the district, the Board and youth community will work together to identify an appropriate representative. The Nominating Committee is assisting in this process.

**For the Nominating Committee:**

Rev. Joy Atkinson – running for a first two-year term

James (Jim) Lewis – running for a second two-year term

Millie Phillips – running for a first two-year term

**Continuing Nominating Committee Members:**

Ramon Urbano – second year of first term

The Nominating Committee could not identify a candidate for the remaining position open on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Lewis

Ramon Urbano

The Rev. Catherine Ishida (recused from the process of proposing a slate)

**Nominee Bios**

Rev. Joy Atkinson retires in June from 41 years as a Unitarian Universalist minister— 25 years as a settled minister and 16 years in interim ministry. All but two of the congregations she has served have been in California. Rev. Atkinson is Minister Emerita of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of San Mateo, where she served for 14 years. She has served on the Pacific Central District Board twice before—in the mid 1970s and again in the mid 1980s. She has also served as President of the UU Accredited Interim Minister’s Guild and President of the PCD Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, and has served on the Board of Trustees of Starr King School For the Ministry and the Board of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California. She was Ministerial Settlement Representative for the Pacific Central District for several years, and was a long-time member of the Pacific Central District Conflict Management Team.

Joy’s interests outside of ministry include choral singing, poetry, writing and amateur astronomy.

Rev. Catherine Ishida - As a minister, I coach Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist identified communities and individuals on the island of Hawai’i, where the nearest UU congregation is an airplane flight away. I believe the district can play a vital role in building and sustaining relationships among congregations, other UU institutions, and those who live UU values in the dynamic and emergent margins of our movement. I wish to serve on the board to build relationships, ask big questions, and explore what district scale initiatives might best serve our needs and dreams.

I’ve been part of the PCD for 20 years, as a member of  the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu and the Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, as a student as Starr King School for the ministry, and as an intern minister at the First Unitarian Church of Oakland. When I’m not hanging in UU circles, you’ll find me serving as the president of the Interfaith Communities in Action in East Hawaiʻi, teaching astrophysics (and a bit of history and philosophy of science) at the University of Hawaiʻi at Hilo, and swing dancing with the Hilo Hep Cats.

Rev. Dr. Roger Jones currently serves as senior minister at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento. He has served larger and smaller congregations in the Midwest, New England, and Northern California as a ministerial intern, solo parish minister, interim minister, family and associate minister, and senior minister. Prior to ministry he served the State of Illinois as a budget analyst, capital financing specialist, grants manager, and social services coordinator. He was also an active lay leader at a fellowship with a half-time minster and the board chair at a midsized urban church. He has served on Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) district boards and committees, as a Beyond Categorical Thinking facilitator, as a panel member for the UU Fund for a Just Society, and as treasurer for the UU Ministers Association. Special interests include congregational histories and systems, stewardship and fundraising, volunteer recruitment and support, and community-building across the generations in a church.

Clovice A. Lewis Jr. has served many roles at the Unitarian Universalists of Lake County for 18 years. This includes two terms as board president in the church’s formative years. During his time in the congregation, he has also worked with or led many other committees. He has worked in programming, 3D modeling, and technical documentation. He also worked with companies on business development and strategic planning.

Millie Phillips is currently retired and finishing the process to become a fellowship Unitarian Universalist minister. Work on administrative boards and committees is an area of strength for her and she brings extensive experience from both UU and organized labor. She believes that congregations would benefit from strong district leadership in terms of accessing resources and programs, keeping current with UUA recommendations, sharing resources and programming within the district, and coordinating activities with regional and other district leaderships.