

All Souls Church, Unitarian Leadership Development and Nominating Committee (LDNC) Candidates

Submitted by the Church Council for vote by the Congregation at the December 10, 2017 Annual Meeting

As per the bylaws amendments approved in 2014, the role of the former Nominating Committee was expanded and renamed the Leadership Development and Nominating Committee (LDNC). It focuses on promoting leadership development in general as well as recruiting and nominating members for trustees and officers positions. The LDNC has 15 members, with 3-year staggered terms.

The following slate includes five candidates for 3-year terms, two candidates for a 2-year term and two candidates to serve a 1-year term.

Mark Matthews, Kathy Mulvey, and Mary Topolinski have previously been elected by the Congregation and will continue for one more year (2018).

Victor Branham, Kerry Reichs, and Chuck Wooldridge were previously elected and will continue for two more years (2018, 2019).

Nominated for 1 year term (2018)

Sunu Chandy has been attending All Souls since her family moved to DC in October 2014, and the family formally became members of the church one year ago. Sunu is currently the legal director at the National Women's Law Center, and prior to that she served as the Deputy Director for Civil Rights for the HHS Office for Civil Rights. Sunu founded the Social Justice Feds - federal employees support group - in November 2016 and facilitated the group for its first 10 months. She also completed the All Souls Leadership Course last spring. Her spouse Erika is an active parent as part of the RE community. Their daughter Satya sings in the Children's Choir and often helps during church services as a baby dedication assistant - with guidance from Delores. Sunu is the daughter of Indian immigrants, and her father has served as a Quaker pastor/chaplain. While living in New York City, Sunu was active with the Park Slope Methodist Church as well as Middle Collegiate Church.

Barbara Corprew started coming to All Souls as a youngster and officially joined in 1976. She retired in 2013 after a nearly 40-year legal career - 33 years at the U.S. Justice Department in the Criminal Division's Fraud Section and five years at the DC Public Defender Service. Barbara has been active at the church and at the denominational level where she served on the Joseph Priestley District (JPD) Board and on the Baltimore Washington Growth Committee led by then JPD coordinator Bob Johnson. Over the years, she has ushered, taught Sunday School, chaired the Committee on Ministry, served as a trustee and Vice President of the Board, and co-chaired the Long Range Planning Committee. Most recently, Barbara co-chaired the Comprehensive Assets Planning Team (CAPT) and has been teaching the 9:30 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class.

Nominated for 2-years (2018, 2019)

Derek Robinson is an IT Data communications engineer and business owner. The business develops technology training courses for IT vendors such as Cisco with a focus on re-inventing IT training to become engaging, fun and measurable. Derek is married with two children, ages 16 and 21. Derek has a passion for staying healthy through food and exercise and uses both to help him stay focused. Derek is a life-long learner who consumes and enjoys self-development opportunities. His hobbies include cycling and designing engaging hi-fidelity audio systems that make you hold your breath in awe when you listen. As a member of the LDNC Derek would like to explore how we can use social media and other technologies to help All Souls operate more efficiently and effectively and maintain inclusion of all age ranges.

Ben Whelan-Morin has been a member of All Souls Church since 2016, but involved as a member, leader, and even a staff member of various UU churches in Connecticut and the DC Metro area since 2001. He served as President of Young Souls during the 2016-2017 church year and is a graduate of the LDNC Leadership Course. In addition, he has served on both the Nominating Committee and Mission and Vision Task Force at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church in Alexandria as well as co-coordinating young adult events both there and at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington. Ben is a music teacher with the Fairfax County Public Schools and sings professionally when time allows. He holds an M.A. in Educational Leadership and Administration and can often be heard saying that music may be his career, but organizational leadership is his hobby!

Nominated for 3 years (2018, 2019, 2020)

Brenda Barbour is a native Washingtonian, who has been a member of All Souls since 2009. She is married to Laton O'Neal Palmer, and they have two children: Evan Palmer, 20 years old, and Lane Palmer, 18 years old. Evan was active in All Souls youth programs throughout his middle school and high school years. Brenda has contributed to All Souls in many ways, including participating in two trips to New Orleans to help rebuild after Hurricane Katrina (she was the co-coordinator of the 2013 trip), leading Weekend on the Bay creative writing workshops, mentoring a Coming of Age student, and serving on the Board from January 2012 to January 2013. Brenda has been with the World Bank for 10 years and currently serves as the manager of the Knowledge and Communications Department of the World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group. Earlier in her career, Brenda was a communications consultant, helping professionals strengthen their skills in running effective meetings and designing and delivering engaging presentations.

Mary Beth Hatem has been an All Souls member since joining the Jubilee Singers in 2009. She facilitates the Poetry/Journaling covenant group, compiles the monthly Covenant Group Theme Guide, and has led workshops for RE, Weekend on the Bay and for AS Council members. As a Connecting Soul, she presents at *Joining All Souls*, and serves on the Adult Spiritual Development Think Tank. Mary Beth has made steady progress on her goal of increasing the number of fellow Takoma Park residents and mindfulness practitioners who belong to All

Souls. Since 2004 a coach of mid-and late-career professionals in health care, academic research and international development, she previously managed publications/ communications programs for science and engineering professional associations and helped the National Institutes of Health communicate research results across disciplines and to lay audiences.

Maya Hermann is a native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is a third(ish)-generation Unitarian. She serves on the leadership committee of the Sanctuary Movement Support Committee and as the Tutoring Coordinator for the All Souls ESL program. She also recently joined a covenant group. Maya has worked on Capitol Hill for 11 years, the last nine handling environment and natural resources policy for her home-state senator. Maya and her husband Zach, who were married at All Souls in 2011, live in Arlington with their dog, Clark.

Robert McClinton is a native of West Tennessee and grew up in an African American Baptist community. After high school, Robert moved to Massachusetts where he joined an African American Methodist community. After graduating from Northeastern University with a BS in Accounting, he lived and worked in Massachusetts before relocating to Washington, DC in the early 1990's, working in accounting/auditing and real estate management. Robert is a resident of DC's Truxton Circle neighborhood and has been a member of All Souls since 1998. At All Souls, Robert has participated or volunteered for a variety of activities, including: The Caring Table, Beacon House, Sankofa Journeymen to Ghana, Ethical Dialogue, ADORE (Racial Justice Group), and the Haitian NGO Committee. In his spare time, Robert enjoys the outdoors, reading, and volunteering. He is active in the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), dance classes, and an adventure group. He looks forward to participation on the LDNC.

Paula Shoecraft joined All Souls in 2011 and served as a greeter for a number of years. She recently retired and is looking to participate more in church activities. Paula brings more than 40 years of work in the nonprofit sector that included community planning, communications, board development, and fundraising. Her primary focus has been on policies and programs helping low-income families and individuals -- beginning her career at a Community Action Agency and concluding at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. She moved to DC from Michigan in 1990 and has lived in Adams Morgan since 2000.