



Joy Collins

Nominating Committee

Why are you interested in being a member of the Nominating Committee at First Unitarian Church?

This is one of the most important committees of the church! It helps to ensure we have appropriate leadership nominated to run the church and work with existing leaders. I think it is best when this committee has a variety of members who have been actively involved in the church. I have been on several committees and think I can bring a lot to this process.

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2. What skills and strengths do you bring to develop and support the Nominating Committee?

EXPERIENCE: I have worked closely with the Board and understand some of the important skills and attributes for Board members. I continue to be active through Wellspring and attending Sunday services

FACILITATION: I am a professional facilitator which helps everyone on a committee be heard, not just the loudest and most passionate!

EXTROVERT: I am an extrovert, which means I will be able to reach out and encourage people to apply to be nominated for leadership positions.

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3. Describe your participation in this church and in any community organizations.

- ***I have been very active at First Unitarian during my 13 years as a member.***
- ***I chaired the Décor Committee in the late 90s.***
- ***I helped pilot the first High School level OWL class for our church during 2001.***
- ***I chaired the Ministerial Relations Committee during 2002-2003.***
- ***I was co-chair of the Parish Minister Search Committee that nominated Scott and Kaaren to be our parish co-ministers.***
- ***I was a facilitator for both the original “Chalice Circle” small groups and also for Soul Matters***
- ***I helped pilot and now lead the Wellspring small group for spiritual deepening at church. I was one of three chosen to lead a program on it at General Assembly as it is unique in our denomination.***

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4. Describe your experience working as a member of a team, and if you'd like, describe your experience where you represented the views of others which may have differed from your own.

As a professional facilitator, I see my job as helping groups find clarity and achieve their goals by having all voices be heard. My professional training and experience helps me remain neutral when I need to be, and to also appropriately be an ally and advocate. I try to stay very conscious of which role I am in.

For example, it was a privilege to be part of a very healthy search process and committee for our parish ministers. We had varied opinions both within our committee and the church. Through listening, weekly newsletter articles, and a trust in sharing our thoughts, we were able to unanimously select a candidate. Years later I continue to feel close to all committee members, and each of us describes our work as meaningful.

I look forward to another excellent team experience if I am selected and elected to the Nominating Committee. Thank you!

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