



Nancy Eckerson Fitts

Nominating Committee

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

I agreed to do this as I do know how important it is!

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

I feel that I may be able to add to the discussion of why it is necessary to seek good candidates.

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- ***Caring Community Group***
- ***Membership Group***
- ***Energy Issues Task Force***
- ***Nuclear Arms Issues Task Force***
- ***AIDS Awareness Task Force***
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 - ***Energy Issues Task Force***
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 - ***GLB (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual) Concerns Task Force later adding the ‘T’ for Transgender. We helped educate the Congregation for 2 years. The vote to become a “Welcoming Congregation” was in 1993.***
 - ***UUAID Task Force (Unitarian Universalists Against Intoxicated Driving) – inspired by the fact that one of our church members was seriously injured by a drunk driver***
 - ***The Memorial Receptions***
 - ***Coordinator for the Grants Processes for the Social Justice Outreach Grants; the Paul Wenger Fund for Peace Through International Understanding; and the Helen L Morris Foundation***
 - ***Member of previous Nominating Committees***

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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.

I especially enjoy working “interfaith” and feel that it is important for us to know about each other.

I was one of the founding members 16 years ago of ‘Interfaith Advocates for LGBT People.’ It includes different faith communities “seeking increased awareness, understanding and inclusion by our individual congregations and by the larger community.” (not easy for most of them!)

Some of us started “The Genesee Valley Nuclear Arms Issues” which included many different faith communities working together. We met in the Williams Gallery.

Interfaith Impact of NY State is an organization that some of us in First Unitarian have been working with us for several years. (Dick Gilbert has been a “mainstay.”) It includes Reformed Jews, UU’s and some Protestant congregations (but not any that are not “pro choice”). One goal is to keep in touch with our NYS representatives and let them know our views.