

CLF Board of Directors and Nominating Committee

Candidates for Board of Directors

Adam Gerhardstein, 3-year term (term ends 2015)

I was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, where I was a member of the First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati. After high school, I spent the following fall in Western Kenya as a Global Routes intern and taught in a local school. Upon my return to Cincinnati, I founded Ugali, an organization that supports communities and students in Western Kenya. I graduated from Xavier University in 2004.



In 2006, I moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the Unitarian Universalist Association's Washington Office for Advocacy. For two years, I served as the Legislative Assistant for International Issues, advocating for an end to the Iraq War, comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention programs, and substantial action to end the genocide in Darfur. In 2008, for one year, I served as the Acting Director of the Washington Office, where I oversaw the office's advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender equality, comprehensive sexuality education, immigration reform, and more.

In June 2009, I became the founding Campaign Manager of the Standing on the Side of Love Campaign (SSL). SSL is a public advocacy campaign sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association that harnesses love's power to stop oppression. Modeled after a political campaign, SSL uses online and on-the-ground organizing, policy advocacy, prayer and public witness to stand up to identity-based exclusion, oppression and violence. I organized over 1000 people to join the March for LGBT Equality, walked the Trail of Dreams to bring attention to the road to nowhere that undocumented immigrant youth face, mobilized over 150 congregations to re-imagine Valentine's Day as International Standing on the Side of Love Day, and played a central role in bringing marriage equality to our nation's capitol. When SSL turned one-year old it was firmly rooted throughout the country and I decided to step down from my position to attend law school in Minneapolis. By learning the law, I am expanding my capacity to work for justice as I understand the foundations of power.

I am passionate about Unitarian Universalism and I believe the CLF is at the leading edge of making our faith relevant, accessible, and powerful in this rapidly changing world. I plan on helping the CLF continue to push that envelope by lending my experience building movements within Unitarian Universalism that challenge and expand our faith.

Arif Mamdani, 3-year term (term ends 2015)



Arif has worked in nonprofit organizations for more than twelve years. Most recently he held posts at Progressive Technology Project (PTP) as its Executive Director and, prior to that, as its Capacity Building Program Director. At PTP, he created and led the organization's signature training and technology programs. Though his work has been technology driven, it has focused on supporting non-profit organizations in realizing their aspirations, with technology as a tool in the service of social change. For the last six years, he has been on a

path of personal transformation and spiritual practice. He is also a graduate of the Year-Long Fellowship program at Rockwood Leadership Institute.

Arif is an active member of the First Universalist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ken Gross, 3-year term (term ends 2015)



Ken comes to the CLF Board with many years of church and non-profit experience as: Board member and President of the Main Line Unitarian Church, Board member and Treasurer of the Delaware County (PA) Domestic Abuse Project and the Unitarian Universalist House (senior care facility in the Joseph Priestly District), member for 8 years of the UUA Endowment Committee, and Board member of the Church of the Larger Fellowship (2003-2007).

Mark Gibbons, 1-year term (term ends in 2013)

Mark came to the CLF Board with a tremendous variety of experience serving UU congregations, Districts, and Committees. Mark is an IT manager with AT&T, and he has a long history of bringing his technical expertise to church. He is currently a member of the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis and serves on the Prairie Star District Technical Communications Committee. He was one of the original members of the UUA's Electronic Communications Committee; he created the first website for the Central Midwest District; and Mark has worked with the General Assembly Web Team for many years as technical support.



Mark was a founding member of the Accotink UU Church, the former President of the Greater Washington (D.C.) Area UU Council, Board member and treasurer of the Chicago Area UU Council, and Board member of the Joseph Priestly and Central Midwest Districts.

Mark is married to the Rev. Kendyl Gibbons. He enjoys biking, coffee, cooking, crossword puzzles, and baseball.

Rebecca Scott, 1-year term, (term ends 2013)



Rebecca is the Director of the Gift Planning Office at Tufts University. Previously, she was on the staff of the Stewardship and Development Dept. of the Unitarian Universalist Association. She lives in Medford MA with her husband, a Unitarian Universalist minister, and her two daughters.

Clerk (1 yr term ends 2013)

Lucia Santini Field (term ends 2013)

Had the internet and the Church of the Larger Fellowship been accessible to me in my youth, I might have found my spiritual home more than a decade earlier. The search for truth in life, within the framework of interdependence and in the embrace of diversity, is compelling, fundamental and pervasive in Unitarian Universalism. Although as a teenager I was powerfully drawn to the spiritual, religious and political views of Ralph Waldo Emerson, I was unable to make the connection to the religious community that has been



my home for many years.

In some small way I would like to help the CLF, which has a powerful opportunity to shed light and the warmth of embrace, many truths and the strength of diversity. My enthusiasm and energy are great. I am well versed in matters of finance and investment through much formal education and a quarter century of professional experience. I hope that my affinity for matters of equations may contribute to the development and impact of the CLF.

My lifelong passions include foreign languages, literature, horses, tennis and, more recently, yoga. I am enlivened, encouraged, supported by and dedicated to my husband Bruce (who brought me to Unitarian Universalism) and my children, Sam and Bianca.

Treasurer (1 yr term ends 2013)

Ken Gross (term ends 2013) See bio above.

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Arnold Bradburd (term ends 2015)

My father-in-law was a charter member of a "mail order" church, the Church of the Larger Fellowship, since hearing Sunday broadcasts by a Unitarian minister in St. Paul, Minnesota, which reached his small town in

Wisconsin. About 25 years ago, I began receiving the CLF publications, which both supplemented and enriched my own UU experience.



I have served in many congregational leadership roles, and have been an officer or Trustee of a long list of UU organizations, including Treasurer of the Delaware Valley Area Council and the UU Mid-Atlantic Community, Trustee on the Joseph Priestly District Board, the UUA Board as a Trustee and Financial Advisor, Trustee and Treasurer of the UU Service

Committee and Meadville Lombard Theological School, Financial Advisor to the Pennsylvania Universalist Convention, Treasurer of UU House in Pennsylvania, member of the UU Properties and Loan Commission, and member of the UU President's Council. I have attended 4 IARF Congresses.

Board of Directors members who continue to serve

Arnold Bradburd (term ends 2013) See bio above.

Stefan Jonasson, Co-Chair (term ends 2014)

"The Unitarian church of my youth was a direct outgrowth of the work of the Post Office Mission," says Stefan Jonasson, "which distributed tracts and cared for isolated Unitarians across North America in the 19th century. Church of the Larger Fellowship is the modern heir of this historic movement -- even more relevant and meaningful to people in a technological age than it was in the frontier era!"

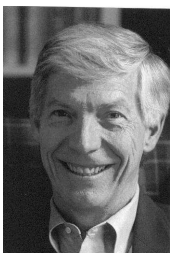


Rev. Stefan Jonasson is a Unitarian Universalist minister, historian and organizational development consultant based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. After a career in business, where he worked as a purchasing manager and personnel officer, Stefan joined the staff of the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1991 as District Executive for Western Canada. Since 1999, he has been Director for Large Congregations at the UUA. He is widely regarded as one of our denomination's

leading authorities on governance and congregational life. "Since my ministry involves frequent travel," he observes, "CLF has been the church I can tuck into my briefcase and carry with me, giving me a sense of connection and spiritual grounding wherever I happen to find myself."

Stefan has served as a district president, district treasurer, member of the UU Denominational Grants Panel (now the UU Funding Program), and president of Friends of Religious Humanism (now HUUmanists).

Stefan and Cindy (née Nagamori), his wife of twenty-seven years, live in Winnipeg with their two daughters, Brandis and Heather. Beyond CLF's traditional mission to serve as a congregation for isolated religious liberals, Stefan is excited about our prospects to lead the denomination in multicultural, multigenerational ministries.



Brad Greeley (term ends 2014)

The Rev. Brad Greeley is a retired UU minister living in New Castle, NH with his wife, Catherine. They have a grown son and daughter. Brad is from a UU family, served churches in Maine and Ohio and was senior minister of the Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon, PA for the last 22 years of his ministry. He has served on several UUA committees, the Star Island Corporation Board, and the CLF Board almost a decade ago. Brad likes to do jigsaw puzzles during conference calls and is a devoted reader of *Quest* and has been for 45 years.

Alison Miller (term ends 2014)

The Reverend Alison B. Miller has been serving as Minister of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship in Morristown, NJ since the fall of 2005. Alison has been very involved over the years in congregations, in our association, and in the communities in which she served in the areas of youth ministry, young adult and campus ministry. She has served in many capacities, including the spokesperson for a national campaign for these ministries. She has worked as a local and district wide Youth Minister and as a local, district, and continental Young Adult and Campus Minister and trainer for the UUA. She is currently serving as the Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association representative to the UUA's Youth Ministry Implementation Working Group.



Nominating Committee members who continue to serve

Laurel Amabile (term ends 2013)

Laurel Amabile is a fourth generation Unitarian Universalist and native of Yarmouth, Maine. Laurel has served as the Director of the Annual Program Fund in the UUA's Office of Stewardship and Development since 2005. Laurel and her husband Fred Amabile are living back in Yarmouth, Maine after 12 years in Asheville, NC. Together they raised two grown daughters, Christine and Nicole, who still reside in North Carolina.



Laurel began her years of service in 1989, as the Director of Religious Education at the First Universalist Church of Yarmouth, ME, and later as the DRE at the UU Church of Asheville, NC. From 2000-2004, Laurel was co-employed by the Mountain's Learning Center for Leadership and the Thomas Jefferson District, UUA, active in lay and professional leadership development and program consultation. She served as the Southeast Lifespan Program Consultant for the Thomas Jefferson, MidSouth, and Florida Districts,

then as the Interim District Executive for the Thomas Jefferson District, before relocating north in 2006 for her current position. Laurel served on the CLF Board of Directors from 2001-2005.

Wendy Wooden (term ends 2014)



Wendy literally married Unitarian Universalism in 1976, when she married Meadville student Fred Wooden. Since then she has reared two sons, taught scores of UU kids in Sunday school, enjoyed participation in the UU Ministers' Partners organization, and made lots of food for church suppers. She has degrees from Goucher and Smith Colleges and has training and experience as a teacher of children with special needs. She has also been a teacher at an Episcopal preschool and a den mother for a Catholic Cub Scout pack. She has sent her sons to public, Quaker, and Catholic schools and led parent support organizations in all of them,

receiving an award for service to Catholic Education as a volunteer.

Wendy grew up Methodist, has been part of five UU congregations, and attended over 20 General Assemblies.

She and Fred have been CLF members since 2005 and look forward to staffing the CLF booth at GA every year.