



## Delegate Nominees to the 2019 General Assembly in Spokane Washington



### **Amit Mehta**

Amit was born in upstate New York to Indian immigrants who raised him Hindu. He grew up from the age of seven in the suburbs of Houston, TX. After a period of atheism, today he identifies loosely-spiritual Hindu-UU. Amit trained as a scientist, earned his PhD in Biophysics, and now works in managing machine learning efforts in banking. He commutes to work in midtown Manhattan on inline skates. Amit and his wife Marci live in Brooklyn with their mischievous twin daughters Artemis and Aranyani, now toddlers whose naming ceremony, which included Hindu and Unitarian Universalist rituals was held at First Unitarian Brooklyn, our family's spiritual home. Amit is proud to be one of this year's lay worship leaders.



### **David Reyes**

David is a 28-year-old reformed Catholic from New Jersey trying to make it big in the city. By day, he's a Community Health Partner who helps residents of the Crown Heights community coordinate their care and achieve personal goals. By night, he performs stand up and improv wherever they'll let him. David has a Bachelor's in Science in International Relations and Diplomacy with minors in French and Classical Studies. David's first language is Spanish, and he sometimes slips into it by mistake. He's been a New York resident since 2016 and recently moved to Flatbush. His greatest

accomplishment is learning ~170 digits of Pi.



## **Parrish Turner**

Parrish came to FUUB in 2015 looking to find friends and he lucked out and found so much more. Growing up Catholic outside of Atlanta, Georgia, Parrish learned a lot about diverse spiritual experiences through his peer group. He first started going to UU services in college after a class assignment pushed him to dig deeper into the local church with the rainbow flag out front. He currently works as a writer and editor but enjoys staying involved with FUUB through teaching OWL and acting as a lay worship leader.



## **Lee Pardee**

Lee has been attending First U for over 30 years and has served the congregation in many ways. She is a past chair of the the Social Action and Membership committees and currently chairs the Finance Committee. She has served on the Worship and Music, Nominating, Music Search and one of our Ministerial Search committees. She has served on the Board of Trustees three times and been president twice. She has sung in the choir almost as long as she has attended First U. Lee often offers a sumptuous tea at the annual auction (note the teacups in the background of the photo). This year Lee is trying something new by serving as a teacher and mentor to the FUUB Coming of Age class – and enjoying getting to know some of our awesome youth. Lee works as an administrator in a foster care agency and lives in Sunset Park.