

FIRST UNITARIAN
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Nominees for the Board of Trustees

Class of 2022



Carolyn Ellis has been an active member of the Congregation for over twenty years, serving in various capacities, including President of the Board and head of the Finance Committee. Currently, she is a member of the Committee on Ministry and the group renegotiating the shared space agreement with Imagine, the church's long-time tenant. When she had a day job, she was a lawyer with the NYS Attorney General's Office. She is looking forward to the reopening of the Sanctuary on Sundays for congregational worship and an end to the languishing that afflicts so many of us. On the bright side, over the last year, she has spent wonderful time with her children and grandchildren who inspire her to work for a better future for our world. (Carolyn is completing the term vacated by Andrew Bongiorno)

Class of 2021-2024



Mary Huhn was raised a Unitarian, having attended the Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon, Pa., with her mother. After a gap of several decades from being a member of a congregation, she discovered the joys of First Unitarian, where she has made many friends, worked at UniFairs and auctions, and participated in several discussion groups, such as “Walking and Talking with God,” a history of UU with Ethan Loewi and a discussion of “No Other Gods,” as well as one about Christian Unitarian Universalists with Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason. She is now facilitating her first small group on “Soul Matters.”. Mary has worked to make the world better — engaging in turn out the vote, participating in climate-change marches, and joining groups such as Weaving Social Justice. She is a somewhat retired journalist who spent most of the last year in the Catskills with her husband and teenage son, but returned to Brooklyn in the early spring, full of hope. Mary is the president of the PTA at her son’s middle school as well as president of Brooklyn Alliance of Neighborhood Gardens. She has experience with being on an executive

board, budgets, and working with community members. She would be honored to be on the Board of Trustees.



Judith Sedaitis joined the congregation in 2017 a few weeks after Trump's election, looking for a place of solace and solidarity. She wrestled with the ways in which the UU tradition departs from the more orthodox Christian teachings so important to her and her ethnic enclave in Chicago. Her parents' families fled the Soviet invasion of the Baltic during WWII and their Protestant church was a lynch pin for their life in the US. Judith formally joined as a member two years later in the fall of 2019. She has since been an active in our Membership Committee and in Weaving Social Justice, recently helping to lead the effort getting First Unitarian's support for Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP). She is currently a mentor to a COA youth and has also worked on UUA campaign efforts last fall and with our own congregation's phonebank to Florida. An avid participant in our adult RE program, Judith led a book discussion in the Sacred Studies Program, and is a member of an ongoing support group meeting monthly. She teaches sociology at City Tech and lives in Brooklyn with her spouse and two cats.



Jay Sheth began attending First Unitarian in November 2016, when he and his wife Andrea were searching for a new spiritual home. At First Unitarian, Jay has contributed to the efforts of the Green Team, Coming of Age, the Immigrant Solidarity Committee and Weaving Social Justice. He has spent his professional career as a software engineer and, more recently in leading the protection of healthcare data. He has volunteered as a co-op board member and values the insights he gained from that experience. Jay is an avid gardener (in search of a garden!) and enjoys documenting the wonders of nature as part of the iNaturalist community. One of his majors in college was International Business, and he maintains an active interest in sustainable investing. One of Jay's favorite things is cooking lentil soup for the congregation. Jay looks forward to the opportunity to serve as a Trustee at First Unitarian and is committed to investing his efforts and experiences in this service.