



## 2022 Leadership Development Committee Nominees



**Michele Weisman** is the Founder and Executive Director of Meet the Writers, Inc. ([www.meetthewriters.org](http://www.meetthewriters.org)), an education nonprofit that supports literacy and fosters a love of reading in New York City students by bringing diverse authors and artists to their schools. Prior to Meet the Writers, Michele worked in product development with some of the most respected names in children's publishing, including Sesame Workshop, Time for Kids, and Highlights for Children. Michele serves on Bank Street College Children's Book Committee and is the incoming President at Bryant Park Toastmasters. Michele lives with her husband Paul Freitag in Brooklyn where they raised three children, now ages 27, 25, and 19.



**Colleen Olson**, inspired by UU principles and innate curiosity has participated as an active member of the Women's Leadership Alliance, Green Team activities, and social/racial justice initiatives. Colleen is finishing a 3-year term on the Board of Trustees including serving as the 2020-21 co-president.



**Dawn Elane Reed** has been a member at First Unitarian since 2008. Throughout that time she has been involved with the First U community in many ways. Most regularly as a member of the choir and at other times service on the RE Council, teaching RE and OWL classes, being a mentor for Coming of Age, serving on the Committee on Ministry, the Board of Trustees and the Covid Response Team. Dawn looks forward to the opportunity to serve the congregation by encouraging others to participate in the leadership of this wonderful community, especially those who may not yet realize just how much they can contribute, and how rewarding that can be.