



2024-2025 Leadership Development Committee Nominees (2-Year Terms)



Spencer Brill has been involved with First Unitarian for over 10 years, is a regular member of the choir (he's the tall bearded guy in the center in back), Lay Worship Leader, Caring Ministry cook, and former youth mentor. As a longtime attendee involved in a wide range of yearly efforts for the church, and a recent full member, Spencer is excited to take a more active role in other facets of church life and was honored to be asked to be a part of the LDC to better serve the congregation.



Judith Sedaitis (She/her) 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.



Maxine Schulof and her husband, Bob, have been members of the congregation since 2019. They found First Unitarian to be a place that resonates with their values of community, diversity, and humanitarian programs. Maxine has served the congregation in many different ways. She has been an usher, worked on several UniFairs in different capacities and areas, served on the Share the Plate committee, worked in the gardens, attended the Passover Seders, helped collect food and clothing for the asylum seekers, and even cleaned the sanctuary in preparation for a new year of services. Maxine looks forward to and is thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Leadership Development Committee and learning about her fellow First U members.