



Nominees for the Leadership Development Committee

Class of 2021-2023



Cara Haft is an English teacher at a NYC public middle school. Cara has been coming to First U with her family since 2001, and has found more to love about the community and ways to be a part of its growth each year. Ethan and Charlie, Cara's two sons, grew up in our RE program, participated in the OWL and Coming of Age programs, and are now young adults. Cara began by volunteering in the RE nursery and classrooms, leading our Passover Seders, and participating in small group ministry. She chaired the Worship and Music Committee, originated the Jazz and Pie annual fundraiser, and served on the Board, including a year as Co-President. She is currently a member of the Committee on

Ministry.



Sam McKelvie has been a member of First U for 8 years and has been active in Weaving Social Justice, Small Group Ministry, Forward First, and Beloved Conversations (and jumps in wherever else she's needed). Sam is completing a three-year term on the Board of Trustees where she served as a liaison to the Stewardship Team. This is Sam's second time serving the congregation on the Leadership Development Committee. In her day jobs, Sam has had extensive experience organizing, fundraising, and building teams. Currently, Sam is self-employed as a personal

trainer. or hanging out with her dog/soulmate, Ted.