

## Qualifications of Nominees

### **District President (two-year term 2009-2011)**

#### **Ted Fetter (UU Congregation of Princeton (NJ))**

Ted has served on the District board for the past four years. He has worked on policy governance and chaired the Bylaws Committee. In his home congregation of Princeton, Ted has served as president, board member, member and chair of the Committee on Ministry, Worship Associate and chair of the Worship Committee, and other activities. He has been president of the Murray Grove Association Board and is currently assisting the UUA in historical research for a display at this year's General Assembly. Ted recently retired from a career in court management. He and his wife, Jane, have three grown sons and a grandson and live in Lawrenceville NJ.

### **Trustees at Large (two-year term 2009-2011)**

#### **Rev. Craig Hirshberg (UU Congregation of Somerset Hills (North Branch NJ))**

Craig has been a Unitarian Universalist for 26 years and a minister for 13. She served as the founding minister of the UU Congregation of Somerset Hills for nine years. Before that she was a member of the Unitarian Church of Montclair where she served as board chair. She has served on the District Growth and Outreach Committee, District Search Committee, and the UUA Trauma Response Team. She has also served as Good Offices, Program chair, and Nominating Committee chair for the UUMA Metro NY Chapter. Most recently, she has co-authored a couple's communication curriculum for the UUA. Craig is currently serving as the District's Ministerial Settlement Representative and has a private practice in Spiritual Direction and retreat facilitation. Craig brings to the District board 30 years of not-for-profit organization experience including training, planning, and program development. Craig is completely a two-year term as trustee at large on the District board. She lives in Califon NJ with her husband, Dominick De Pinto, and her children, Kent, Cassie, and Nick.

#### **Ron Roel (UU Congregation at Shelter Rock (Manhasset NY))**

Ron Roel has served as president, vice president and board member of his congregation. He helped several Shelter Rock committees and members of other congregations to create a one-day forum on peace making for District congregations in February 2009. He is a member of the Steering Committee of the Long Island Leadership Institute, an inter-congregational leadership-training program, and leads a conversational Spanish class in Shelter Rock's adult education program. Ron was a reporter and editor at Newsday for almost 20 years, including posts as Deputy Business Editor, Deputy National Editor, Real Estate and Act Two Retirement Editor. Ron is currently president of Roel Resources, an independent editorial consulting and conference production firm. He and his wife, Betty Ann, an attorney, have 12-year-old fraternal twin boys and live in Glen Cove NY.

#### **Rev. Tracy Sprowls-Jenks (Unitarian Society of Ridgewood (NJ))**

Tracy has been the Religious Education Minister for the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood since 2005. She has previously served Community Church of New York UU as an Associate Minister and the UU Fellowship in Montgomery as Minister. She is chair of the UU Women's Federation Margaret Fuller Awards Committee. She is the secretary of the Liberal Religious Educators Association Metro NY District Chapter. Tracy also is a member of the Greenfield Group (a minister's study group) and the UU Ministers Association. Currently she is attending New York Theological Seminary for a Doctor of Ministry degree. Tracy is interested in living "faith in action" and recently traveled to Guatemala to build a school with other team members of The Sienna Project. Tracy is completely a two-year term as Secretary of the District board. She lives in Ridgewood with her husband, David, her son, Izaak, and three cats.

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**Jennifer Stevens (First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn (NY))**

Jennifer previously served on the District board from 2003-2005 and served as District Treasurer for the second year of her term. In her home congregation, Jennifer has served as president, board member, and treasurer as well as chair of the Weaving the Fabric of Diversity, Staff Relations, Nominating and Denominational Action committees. She has also chaired a number of large fundraising events. Jennifer currently serves her congregation as chair of the Flatbush Fund and as Online Fundraising Coordinator. Since 2005 she has been a member of the District's Anti-Racism and Diversity Committee, and since 2006 she has served as a Director and Treasurer of Unilead Leadership School. A Certified eBay Business Consultant, Jennifer works with individuals, businesses, and non-profits to assist them in utilizing the Internet to build additional revenue streams. She lives with her partner, Isabelle, in Brooklyn NY.

**Nominating Committee (two-year term 2009-2011)**

**Claudia Cohen (Unitarian Church in Summit (NJ))**

Claudia has been a member of the Unitarian Church in Summit for almost 20 years. She has served on the Religious Education Committee and as its chair, on the board, and as president and vice president. Claudia led a process to help the congregation envision a five-year planning horizon, culminating in a weekend workshop attended by more than 60 members and using a Future Search methodology. She has also designed and led board retreats for Murray Grove and for other UU congregations. Claudia is the Associate Director of the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution at Teachers College, Columbia University. She and her husband Rick have two amazing grown daughters and live in Westfield NJ

**Chelsea Vaughn (Unitarian Church of All Souls (Manhattan))**

Chelsea has been a member of the Unitarian Church of All Souls for nine years. She is currently second vice president on the board, co-leader of the Coming of Age class, and a member of the Community Task Force within the Strategic Planning process. She founded the All Souls Bible Study group in spring 2006 and has been involved with the Young Adults planning team and the Girl Scouts as Brownie co-leader. Raised at All Souls Tulsa, she is also a former member of the UU Church of Berkeley (Kensington) and First UU in Philadelphia. She is director of business development for Random House Books in their corporate online marketing and sales group and lives in Brooklyn NY.