

**UUCJ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2017
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES**

The UUCJ Board of Directors will have three open seats as of December 31, 2017. The congregation, at the December 10, 2017 Congregational Meeting, will be voting to elect three candidates to fill the open seats. The Leadership Development Council (LDC), in collaboration with the Board, presents the following slate of candidates.

Carol Fields – One Year Term, January 2018 – December 2018

Carol joined UUCJ in September 2015. While she has not been a member of other UU churches, she has attended Buckman Bridge and a UU church in Boston, MA. She volunteers in the Office, the Kitchen, and the Nursery, and serves as a Sunday greeter and a member of the Finance Committee. Carol is a full time Religious Studies major at UNF, minoring in Sociology. For her capstone project she made an ethnographic study of UUCJ entitled, "UUCJ: Why Are We So White?" She is also a personal chef, specializing in gluten-free vegan and vegetarian world cuisines.

Laurie Mai – Three Year Term, January 2018 – December 2020

Laurie joined UUCJ in January 2016 after being a member of the UU Church in Dallas, TX since 1991. At UUCJ, she volunteers on the Mission Funding Team, Nursery and as a Worship Associate, and participates in the Playing with Ideas group. Outside of UUC she volunteers with the American Diabetes Association and Volunteers in Medicine. Laurie is a Registered Nurse, Diabetes Educator and Nurse Educator. She has been married to Martin for 32 years, and has a daughter in Chicago and a son in Washington, DC.

Penny Reid – Three Year Term, January 2018 – December 2020

Penny Reid is a retired physical therapist who moved to Fernandina Beach four years ago from Eastern Washington State (Spokane) to be near family, and to get away from snow! She immediately became active in the East Nassau Branch of UUCJ. While in Spokane, Penny was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane for over 28 years. She served on the Board of Trustees two different times, and as Board President during each of those times. She also sang in the church choir and served as chair of Adult Religious Education for a number of years, chair of the annual pledge drive on two different occasions, and on a ministerial search committee. Penny is delighted to have a UU presence in Fernandina Beach, and to be able to serve this small group and the larger UUCJ community as a board member.

John White – Three Year Term, January 2018 – December 2020

John is an Associate Professor at UNF in the English Language Arts department and the Policy Director for UNF's Center for Urban Education and Policy. He was a member of UUCJ in 2009, then lapsed and has now been a member since early 2017. John is married to Ginny who is also a UUCJ member, and they have Desi, who at five years of age already loves coming to church each Sunday. John is very pleased to be part of our community and is eager to be of service on the Board.