

## **Nominees for Board of Trustees:**

### **Megan Duncan**

Megan Duncan joined JUC in 2023 with her husband Alec and children Alice and Louisa. She was not raised going to church and chose to explore her faith regardless, looking into many faith traditions, and is grateful to have found a faith that encourages and promotes curiosity and the exploration of big questions. Megan has immersed herself in the JUC community supporting the Family Ministry Team (FMT), the Moms Group, and Family Promise. She has a degree in journalism and mass communications from UNC Greeley and a professional certificate in copyediting from UCSD. Megan is an executive assistant and provides for-profit and pro-bono copyediting and proofreading services as time allows. Megan looks forward to using her skills and deepening her service to the community by joining the Board of Trustees.

### **Amy Stasch**

Amy Stasch was born and raised in rural Northern California, and has lived in Indiana, Washington, Nebraska, and Arizona. Through college and her 20s, she explored several traditions, but never felt inclined to join a church. She moved to Lakewood in 2018. Shortly after, at JUC, she found her first spiritual home. A year later, she was quite surprised to find herself actually joining a church! At JUC she has participated in several Going Deeper and Circle of Connection groups, and attended numerous classes. Amy appreciates the strong community of JUC that 'lets you in but doesn't let you off,' as she seeks greater meaning, engagement, and interdependence. Amy works in federal land management.

### **Derek Bassett**

Derek joined JUC in Nov 2017 with his wife Marla and his kids Tai and Kat. After serving on the Board from 2019 to 2022, he is returning to the Board this year. He was raised in the UU faith and his parents still attend the Unitarian Universalist Church in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. He enjoyed reliving his own previous experiences such as OWL, COA and Neighboring Faiths with RE, now being a father. Derek is a Staff Engineer at a Growth Startup working Remotely. He is a member of the JUC choir. He enjoys travel, walking and attending events with his family.

## **Nominees for Leadership Nominating Committee**

### **J Harkins**

Jellico "J" Harkins has been enthusiastically participating in church life at JUC for the last two years. In addition to supporting their gender diverse community at Transgender Center of the Rockies, J has done volunteer work with Denver Metro Tenants Union and Denver's Foods Not Bombs. They are passionate about utilizing mutual aid and direct action to foster safe spaces where all people can flourish. In their spare time you will find J dancing, singing, and rocking out to music

### **Christine Burrows**

Christine Burrows has been a member at JUC for 16 years and has held many volunteer positions in RE, and as worship coordinator. Christine has worked over 20 years as a software sales executive and currently works for Applied Systems, Inc. Christine enjoys spending time in the CO outdoors, and with family and friends. Christine is honored to be called to serve with JUC's Leadership Nominating Committee.

## **Nominees for Endowment and Memorial Gift Trust Directors**

### **Jon Hassinger**

Jon and his wife Kim are long time members of JUC. He previously served in a variety of volunteer roles at JUC including two terms on the Board of Trustees as well as the President's Council for the UUA. He is an experienced business leader, consultant and Board member. Jon was co-founder of CI International, a professional service organization focused on delivering executive coaching, leadership development training and organizational consulting solutions for the Federal Government. During this time, Jon grew the company from a start-up to one of the largest small businesses in the Federal market. He specialized in the facilitation of groups dealing with executive development, team performance improvement, continuous process improvement, strategic planning and change management. Prior to leading CI International, Jon held executive roles in the environmental services and energy industries. Jon holds a Bachelors degree in Earth Sciences and a Masters Degree in geology/geophysics.

### **Mary Overington**

Mary (MSW) retired from Denver Human Services in 2020. During her 26 years at DHS, she had the privilege of building community resources around families to strengthen their family. In 2008, Mary was invited to become one of the four founders of Clothes To Kids of Denver. The mission of CTKD is to provide 21 articles of new and gently used clothing to students from low-income or in-crisis families. To date 120,000 wardrobes have been distributed to encourage dignity and self-esteem at school. Mary joined JUC in 2019 and really appreciated "Connections" as one way to remain connected to JUC.

### **Katie Wheeler**

Katie Wheeler has been an active member of JUC since 1990, participating in many aspects of congregational life, from support to staff to leadership roles. She is looking forward to the experience of serving on EMGT.