

## **Nominees for Board of Trustees**

### **AnnMarie Oien**

AnnMarie retired five years ago as a “Technical Fellow” in Systems Engineering, proving your career can indeed take you all the way to a new gender. Along the way she has collected pieces of paper that say she is qualified to do: classical piano, the culinary arts, physics research, lean six sigma process improvement, agile program engineering, meeting facilitation...and manual typewriting. Today she enjoys being part of the JUC Choir, Chalice Choir, Welcome Team, and Pastoral Care Coordinating Team. As well as music, she enjoys skiing, tennis, golf, hiking, camping, and travelling to faraway lands with her husband Mark. Beginning life in a nonreligious family, AnnMarie has now become a committed UU mid-lifer and seeker. She finds spirituality both in beholding the beautiful physics of the universe, and in brightening people’s days with humor and compassion.

### **Laura Lundin**

Laura joined JUC in 2017 and enjoys singing with the JUC Choir and Chalice Singers. She maintains one of the church gardens and is part of a team that prepares a monthly meal for The Rising homeless shelter. Although not a UU in early childhood, Laura's parents became UUs when she was in high school, and were active members at Unity Temple in Oak Park, IL. In 2000, Laura was one of the founding members of Prairie UU Church in Parker. Laura has lived in Colorado since 1985 and enjoys hiking, gardening, and spending time with her three children and four grandchildren.

### **Brian Fawns**

Brian has been part of the JUC community since 2016, following his transition from the Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. His commitment to maintaining a connection with a liberal community that embodies their shared values has been instrumental in supporting both his and his family's growth. As an active participant at JUC, Brian and his family have engaged in various groups and activities, including Nature’s Keepers, Our Whole Lives (OWL), and community retreats. He has served as an adult OWL instructor, contributed to the JUC Connectors group by making and delivering occasional meals, and most recently participating in the WOMBATS men’s group. Brian is known for his empathy and thoughtfulness, along with a passion for teaching. Professionally, he is a nurse with extensive experience in emergency medicine and surgical care. Upon completing his graduate degree, Brian transitioned into healthcare IT, where he leads and facilitates projects, implementations, and educational initiatives. In his personal life, Brian enjoys cooking and taking walks with his wife and dogs, often greeting neighbors in the Applewood Village community.

## **Nominees for Leadership Nominating Committee**

### **Tara McKinster**

Tara found her spiritual home at JUC/Common Flame in 2020, and since joining she has embraced this community with open arms and a giving heart. In just a few years, Tara has made a meaningful impact through a wide range of volunteer roles including serving as Ordination Chair for Michael DeSantis, co-leading the Moms Group, contributing to the Naming Committee, and much more. She brings the same dedication to every role she takes on, approaching each with thoughtfulness, care, and a genuine commitment to the people around her. A former professional seamstress and now a work-from-home mother of triplets, Tara knows firsthand the value of community and the importance of showing up for one another. Her passions for reading, art, and creating beauty in the world around her reflect a spirit that is both creative and intentional — always looking for ways to enrich the lives of those in her community.

### **Jeff Rathmann**

Jeff Rathmann was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, where he attended Lutheran school and church from preschool through ninth grade. Even at a young age, Jeff felt drawn to explore new perspectives, which led him toward science and technology during his high school and college years. He has spent more than 25 years building a career in medical diagnostics and blood testing and currently leads a technical service team at a small biotech startup, supporting a novel test for the early detection of sepsis. Jeff met his wife, Karen, while in college, and they were married in 2000. Since then, they have lived in four states and are proud parents to two sons, Byrne (16) and Hawken (11). The family has called Colorado home for the past ten years. Jeff and Karen first investigated Jefferson Unitarian Church when exploring ways to develop more community. Upon learning that JUC had an OWL program they enrolled both of their kids. After attending as guests for some time, they became members in 2024, having found the meaningful connections and likeminded community they had been seeking.

### **Cheryl Barr**

Bill and Cheryl moved to Arvada in 2017 from Oklahoma City. They were members of First Unitarian Church in OKC for over 30 years before moving to CO. They joined JUC very soon after moving here. Cheryl hasn't had to edit out portions of sermons or go home and recover from church for 40+ years! Bill calls Cheryl a "socialized introvert" but despite that she has been involved in Greeters, Family Promise, Pastoral Care, cooking for Rising and various classes led by Reverends Wendy and Jen. Cheryl joined the Leadership Nominating Committee as a Board-approved replacement. She appreciates

how important the LNC is and welcomes the opportunity to continue after formal congregational approval.

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

### **Lisa Doelger**

Lisa and her family have been members of [Jefferson Unitarian] since 2019. Lisa and her husband Eric both grew up in religious communities, Lisa in a close-knit Presbyterian church and Eric in a small town Catholic church. As parents of young children, they spent years seeking out a church community that aligned with their values as they no longer identified with the beliefs they were taught growing up. It was especially important to them to find a liberal church that accepted everyone no matter their background. Friends recommended they try [JUC] and within 9 months they were completing the New Here classes to become members. As a family, they have benefitted from being involved in so many of the activities offered at [JUC] including Going Deeper groups, Mom's group, Mom & Dad retreats, We Are Family, Children's choir, youth faith exploration, OWL, Friday Open Mic nights, Family Camping, and Chalice Singers. Lisa is grateful for services that remind her of her humanity, connection to others, and her abilities to offer support. Lisa looks forward to offering her talents and skills to give back to her church community that has given her so much.

### **Barbara Munson**

Barbara has been a member for about ten years. She joined the church because of the strong message of love and respect for everyone combined with a commitment of service to make things better. She was a member of two going deeper groups and the new members committee. She currently serves on Pat's Thursday cook team for the Arvada Mission and volunteers for Family Promise weeks. Barbara is a retired Jeffco teacher and continues in that field by tutoring GED students at the Community Table. She enjoys a lot of outdoor activities and being with her grandchildren. She looks forward to serving this congregation on the Endowment and Memorial Trust committee.