

2017 BOARD NOMINEES

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UNITY SPIRITUAL CENTER

*Joan Broeckling

I have been a member of Unity for 33 years. At Seattle Unity, I served on the Board of Directors, was the Youth Education Director (as staff), facilitated Course in Miracles groups and co-founded a Family Ministries program. At the Tacoma and Rochester Unity churches, I was a YOU sponsor. At Spokane Unity, I have taught Sunday school and adult classes, sung in the choir and in Spirit Voice. I have led our Peace Team, facilitated a Sacred Family Circle and have been a member of a Spirit Group. I am an ordained minister through the Seminary of Spiritual Peacemaking.



I am a recently retired School Psychologist and currently have a private counseling practice. I am the co-Director of One Peace, Many Paths, which sponsors community events focusing on compassion and building bridges between diverse groups. I was on the Spokane Interfaith Council Board for seven years, serving as president for two years. My passion for peace, compassionate service and interfaith work continue to be central forces in my life.

I see this as a pivotal time in the life of this ministry, as we move more deeply into the transformative process, both individually and as a congregation. I am interested in exploring new ways to connect our powerful Unity message with the young adult generation in Spokane. Qualities I bring to the board include enthusiasm, creative and critical thinking, an eye for detail, a strong commitment to teamwork and most importantly, an open heart and mind.

***Jim Sledge**

After graduating from Whitworth University, I served in the Peace Corps in Sarawak on the island of Borneo; gaining valuable experience in living in another culture and beginning my love for travel. Upon returning, I worked in the pharmaceutical industry for five years before deciding to choose dentistry as my profession. I practiced in Spokane for nearly 30 years before being asked to join the faculty of the UW School of Dentistry. As a dentist, I have been privileged to help people with their health and to volunteer locally, as well as in Bangladesh and the Dominican Republic.

Along the way, I have gained experience serving on a variety of non-profit and public boards; from United Way, to Providence Medical Center Foundation, and currently serve on the Washington State Board of Health.

I have been attending Unity on a regular basis since the early 1990s and it has been the bedrock for my spiritual journey. I have learned valuable lessons from many different ministers here, but none more important than it is the people of our congregation who make Unity Spiritual Center what it is and what it will become!

My desire to serve on the USC board comes from previous experiences on the board and a desire to be part of this transformative culture. I have seen our congregation making changes that I think are so necessary if we are to have a more positive effect on our community.

*** Judi Jamison**

Finding Unity Spiritual Center 20 years ago changed my life. The life affirming message, the Unity Principles, and this loving community have transformed me in many ways.

I have been part of the youth education team for several years and currently I have the blessing of being a Youth of Unity (YOU) sponsor. Being part of this youth-led organization is truly inspiring. It challenges me to be a flexible and supportive presence for our youth and in my daily life. Taking part in YOU Sunday morning experiences and regional events have given me the opportunity to grow and expand my capacity to engage in our world as a peaceful and loving presence. I traveled to Unity Village last summer with two of our youth to attend the IYOU (International Youth of Unity) conference. Participating in that event expanded my belief that our young people are changing our world in powerful ways.

As part of my commitment to self-care, I became a prayer chaplain two years ago. Being a chaplain has strengthened my own prayer practice, expanded my experience of compassion, and the power of community.

I look forward to the opportunity to be part of Unity Spiritual Center's board of trustees.

**Governing members will be filling three vacancies on the board.*

***Karen Dunmore**

I was raised in a small town in SE Pennsylvania, called Phoenixville. There is something ironic in the fact that, at some point, I took on the persona of the Phoenix. I made lots of mistakes in my younger life, and I have had to re-create my life at least a half dozen times.



When I moved to Post Falls from Austria, I was determined to make Karen 6.0 one that I could love forever! This took work! I was recently divorced, almost 40, 2 sons at home, waitressing at a small diner, and beginning engineering classes at Gonzaga. I found I was pretty good at multi-tasking.

Shortly thereafter I walked through the doors of Fort Sherman chapel, where Unity Church of North Idaho was located. I could actually feel the building embrace me! I jumped into Unity literature and classes, and soon became a YOU sponsor. This outer work made me feel good, and it was easy and fun. The inner work came much later, not nearly as easy or fun.

After graduating GU in 1998, I bought a tiny home in Spokane within walking distance and started working as an engineer. I was feeling pretty comfortable in this new life. Then, change happened!

I transferred to another office and soon began having ethical issues with my direct supervisor. A lesson I learned here was that it's not good to deal directly with the person who is violating the ethics code! After much soul-searching and prayer, I left that job. I knew it would all work out, right? After all, I am the Phoenix!