

Board of Trustees Nominees

Jody Clark

Jody began attending UUCNH over 12 years ago and during her first service found her church community. Jody has been active in various church activities and groups including Leadership Development Team, Safety Team, and Craft Group. In her personal life, Jody enjoys a variety of outdoor activities from hiking and biking to pickleball and golf. The love of outdoors is balanced with a passion for a good book- hard copy, eBook, or audio...all are welcome in my life.

Much soul searching went into the decision to offer myself for the leadership track of the board. During my reflection, I realized now is my time and turn to lean in, step up and contribute my talents to the Board of Trustees. I look at the many past members who have served on the board and am humbled by the legacy our leaders have left and will do my best to carry on our mission and vision with the help and support of all members.

As I move into this three-year commitment there will be a gap on the Safety Team. This team has a relatively light time commitment and is a good entry into involvement on a UUCNH team. If you have any interest in participating on the safety team please contact me and I will provide more detailed information.

Lynn Richards

Lynn Richards began her connection with UUCNH as a kid while living next door to founding members, Paul and Phyllis Willis. Lynn's Mom also attended Mother's Day Out here with her younger sister. Lynn was raised at First Church but chose to raise her daughter, Kate, at UUCNH and subsequently became a UUCNH member in 1988. (Kate is now serving on her own Board at Davies UU Church in Maryland.)

Lynn has served in varied capacities at UUCNH: as both Social Concerns and Committee on Ministry Chair, as a member of the Religious Education & Stewardship committees, and currently as a member of the Craft Group, the Lay Pastoral Care and Covenantal Relations Teams as well as a UUCNH Delegate at the recent UUA General Assembly.

Having previously served as a UUCNH Board member for a 3-year term, she knows what a time and energy commitment one must make. Most of all, Lynn has made many treasured friends and found her spiritual heart here in this UUCNH community.

Leadership Development Team Nominees

Janet L. McCall

Janet McCall joined UUCNH when she moved to Gibsonia in 2006. She has served in many roles in the church over the years, including Board membership, teaching classes for adults and

serving on the stewardship and caring committees. Most recently, she was a member of the capital campaign committee. She also sings in the choir and is a covenant group facilitator.

Janet L. McCall's professional background is in nonprofit leadership and arts management. She was Executive Director of Contemporary Craft in Pittsburgh from 1995 to 2021 when she retired. In that role, McCall was responsible for strategic management, artistic oversight, board relations, and fundraising for the non-profit art center that includes a gallery featuring exhibitions by national and international artists, hands-on Studio workshops, a retail Store, and outreach and education programs serving youth, seniors, and families in the community. In 2013 the organization launched a series of biennial social justice shows that bring the community together around urgent issues through the lens of art to bring about positive change related to topics including violence, mental illness, and homelessness, as well as its track record of exhibitions celebrating inclusive and diverse voices in the arts. The organization was founded in 1971 in Verona, PA, then moved to the Produce Terminal in Pittsburgh's Strip District in 1986. In 2020 Janet oversaw Contemporary Craft's purchase, renovation, and relocation to a new \$5.5 million home in Upper Lawrenceville on Butler Street.

From 1975 to 1992 Janet worked for Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh where she held several positions. She also worked briefly as a freelance art reviewer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. A Leadership Pittsburgh XIX graduate, McCall has served on numerous non-profit boards and has extensive experience in Board training and development. She was named the UPMC's Center for Inclusion's Dignity & Respect Champion in August 2013, and in 2016 received the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh's Tribute to Women Leadership Award in the Creative Arts category for her leadership in advancing the ideals of eliminating racism and empowering women in the workplace and within the community.

Becca Hovermale

Becca Hovermale began attending UUCNH in 2013 and became a member in the spring of 2018. She immediately began teaching RE (Religious Education) classes while her children were in the program. After her kids aged out of RE, Becca remained involved in teaching and eventually served as Chair of the CYFD (Children & Youth Faith Development) team. While at UUCNH, Becca has participated in covenant circles and served on the Search Team. Her longest role is that of Visual Arts Coordinator, also known as the flower-sign-up chair. Becca currently serves as the secretary of the Green Sanctuary and continues teaching RE.

Becca's professional background included work in the renewable energy field, which inspired the facilitation of UUCNH's first solar array in 2018! In December 2023, Becca graduated from Duquesne University with a Master of Science degree in Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling. She is pursuing a variety of trainings to enhance her counseling career, which include EFT (Emotional Focused Therapy), and she is currently a candidate for CSAT (Certified Sex Addiction Therapist). Becca currently works at Untethered Therapy in Bellevue.

In Becca's spare time, she loves spending time in nature with her family and traveling to new places when the opportunity arises. She also loves crafting, weeding, and spending time with friends. Her favorite form of therapy is attending live music shows every chance she gets.