UUCC WANTS YOU! … to be a candidate for elected office

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations! At UUCC's Annual Meeting on June 4, 2026, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for consideration. Those elected will begin their term on July 1st unless otherwise noted. **We are seeking:**

Two Nominating Committee members

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One **Endowment Board** member

This five-member board manages the UUCC Endowment Fund, a permanent, growing source of financial capital ensuring that UUCC can continue its work into the future.

UUCC Board of Trustees: 2nd vice-president, secretary, youth member, & at-large member

The UUCC Board acts on behalf of the congregation. It sees that UUCC serves its mission, adhering to congregational values with appropriate use of the congregation's resources.

One **OBIC Board** at-large director (takes office Jan 1)[1]

The OBIC Board of Directors is a policy board that works with OBIC Executive Director to ensure that our interfaith building remains viable and financially sound, while fulfilling UUCC's mission and embodying its highest values.

Interested? Have questions? Email nomcomm@uucolumbia.net.

[1] There is also a current vacancy for an at-large seat on the OBIC board. The Nominating Committee is also recruiting for this position. The seat is appointed by the UUCC Board, not elected, and the director will be seated on the board immediately.

The Details

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee's role is to recruit a slate of candidates for all offices due to become vacant. This includes seats on the Board of Trustees, the Endowment Board, the Nominating Committee, and the OBIC Board of Directors.

The Committee consists of five members, including the immediate past president of the Board of Trustees and four members elected for staggered two-year terms. The Committee interviews nominees and announces the slate at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. It also encourages awareness of its work and of the importance of volunteering to be a candidate, as well as recommending leadership training options.

Committee members are active members of UUCC. The Committee meets occasionally in the fall, and more often throughout the spring. Interviews and any other events or sessions to promote the open positions are scheduled according to availability. The Committee will have two open seats beginning July 2026. More information on the Nominating Committee can be found at https://uucolumbia.net/governance/nominating-committee/.

Endowment Board

This five-member board manages the UUCC Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund, built on donations and legacies, is a permanent, growing source of financial capital ensuring that UUCC can continue its work into the future.

The Fund, currently over $1 million, is invested via the UU Common Endowment Fund, a managed fund. Each year a percentage of the income and appreciation of the Fund is distributed to UUCC, while carefully protecting the principal.

One seat on the Board comes open for the 2026 fiscal year beginning July, and members serve 3-year terms. Joining requires common sense, not investment, financial, or accounting expertise. Members must be voting members or pledging friends of UUCC, committed to working as a team to ensure a sound financial future for the congregation.

The Board meets virtually about once a month, generally on the last Tuesday of the month. It reviews the status of the Fund; acknowledges and thanks donors; encourages congregants to contribute to the Fund; ensures the congregation is fully informed about the Fund and how they can contribute; and works with the

Executive Director to ensure the Fund runs smoothly. More information is available at https://uucolumbia.net/governance/legacy-giving/.

UUCC Board of Trustees

The UUCC Board of Trustees acts on behalf of the congregation. It sees that UUCC serves its mission, in keeping with congregational values and appropriate use of its resources.

Board members are expected to attend monthly meetings and prepare for them. They also converse by email between meetings. Individual board members may serve as liaisons to, or members of, Board committees and subcommittees. Board members attend an annual summer retreat to prepare for the year, and attend and help run the congregation's annual meeting. Members rotate responsibility for offering a welcome at Sunday services and preparing readings and spiritual practice for Board meetings.

Board members are, ideally, active and accessible members of the congregation. Terms for Board positions are three years, except for the Youth member, who serves for one year. The dates are staggered so that all positions do not turn over during the same year.

Board members (except the youth member) must have been active members of UUCC at least two years. More information about the Board of Trustees can be found at https://uucolumbia.net/governance/board/.

2nd Vice President

The 2nd Vice President serves on a presidential track: one year as 2nd Vice President, one as 1st Vice President / President-Elect, and the final year as President.

The Board President:

- Organizes and runs monthly Board meetings and the summer retreat.
- Creates the meeting agendas, which entails corresponding with other Board members, committee members, and UUCC's Executive Team to determine priorities.
- Ensures that incoming board members are trained in board processes at the beginning of their term.
- Makes decisions such as how the Board will spend their time in spiritual practice throughout the Board year.
- In the second half of the year, leads planning and preparing for the congregation's annual meeting.

- In the year following their presidency, serves on the Nominating Committee, often as its facilitator.

Vice Presidents communicate with the President in case they need to take on Presidential responsibilities. The 1st Vice President uses the year to learn the responsibilities of being President, and the 2nd Vice President is tasked with determining the winners of UUCC's annual awards.

Secretary

The Secretary's primary role is to maintain the Board's records. The Secretary takes minutes during each Board meeting and during the congregation's annual meeting. They ensure that these documents are preserved on the Board's SharePoint page. The Secretary also drafts a summary of proceedings following each Board meeting to ensure congregants can stay informed about the status of the Board's vision and initiatives.

At-Large Member

The role of an At-Large Board member can vary from year to year or person to person depending on the needs and priorities of the board and congregation as well as the skills and interests of the individual Board member. Often an At-Large Board member takes responsibility for one or two priority areas.

Examples could include liaising with a board committee, helping to plan the annual meeting, or planning and presenting tokens of appreciation for the UUCC staff.

Youth Member

The role of the Board Youth Member is identical to that of an At-Large Member, except that law prohibits minors from authorizing the disbursement of funds (so, the Youth Member sits out some votes). They serve for one year, and they must be a member of UUCC and under 25 years old when they take office.

Owen Brown Interfaith Center **Board** of Directors

OBIC, the Owen Brown Interfaith Center, is the nonprofit corporation that owns our building. OBIC's two owning congregations, both of whom worship in the building, are UUCC and the Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC).

OBIC's Mission:

OBIC supports the missions and visions of the owning congregations through strategic management of its resources and creates shared space where people of diverse faith traditions, worldviews, cultures, and races work together to serve the greater community.

OBIC's policy-based Board of Directors consists of five members of UUCC and three members of CUMC, reflecting the percentage ownership of the building (UUCC ~90%, CUMC ~10%) and a commitment to empower both owners. Directors serve three-year terms. The OBIC director elected by UUCC in June will begin serving at the beginning of the calendar year following the meeting.

Serving on the OBIC Board is one of the most crucial volunteer leadership positions for the stewardship of our congregation and the preservation of its mission. Our share of the building is, by far, our largest financial asset, and its continued viability and prospect of being financially self-supporting is a big part of how we at UUCC can continue to serve our mission to one another and to the community, and to live our values abundantly. To learn more about OBIC, contact the Nominating Committee.

The UUCC Nominating Committee, 2025-26

- Laurie Coltri (term ends June 2026)
- Lee Gelwicks (term ends June 2026)
- Frank Hazzard (term ends June 2026)
- Tina Horn (term ends June 2027)
- Elsa Spezio (term ends June 2027)

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