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Dear AUUC Community,

I wish to invite you to our **Annual Congregational Meeting on June 7, 2020 at 11:30** following church services. Our Congregational Meetings are important for putting into practice the democratic principles asserted by our Fifth UU Principle. Our By-laws reinforce this by requiring us to meet as a congregation yearly to elect new officers and receive information from various groups. We also use this time to review our financial status and select the social justice outreach organizations we will support.

I strongly urge you to attend to exercise your commitment to AUUC. This year, due to the current stay-at-home orders in Virginia, we will be holding our meeting virtually via Zoom. A password-protected link for the meeting will be emailed to members and friends of AUUC.

Meeting registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. (when services end) until the meeting is called to order at 11:30 a.m. You are encouraged to sign into Zoom as close to 11:00 as possible so that our Registrar can identify members and non-voting attendees, and determine whether a quorum is met.

The meeting agenda is as follows:

1. Chalice Lighting by Rev. Pippin Whitaker
2. Opening remarks by Kristina Watts, President of the Congregation
3. Voting for Election of Officers (see sample ballot and biographies)
 - a. Voting will be done through a Google Form which will be sent out during the meeting
4. Ministerial Reflection, Rev. Pippin Whitaker
5. Financial Report from Joe Tuggle, Financial Advisor
6. AUUC into the Future
7. Conclusion, Kristina Watts, President of the Congregation

Please also see the AUUC Annual Report for written reports from the Memorials committee, COOM, and Endowment, as well as other committees and groups.

On the following pages you'll find a description of the candidates for the election of our leaders. It is important that we have a quorum to elect our officers. **Please plan to attend** to elect your church leaders and to hear updates on issues important to our Church life. Should you not be able to attend the meeting on June 7, you are able to vote by proxy. Please identify someone who will be attending the meeting to be your proxy. Email vicepresident@accotinkuu.org with the name and email address of your proxy. Please remember that each individual attending can only act as the proxy for one person not attending. Thank you!

In faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Watts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kristina Watts, Congregational President
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Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church Annual Meeting
7 June 2020
Nominations and Biographies of Candidates

AUUC Bylaws identify leadership positions for election by the congregation: Board of Directors (4 to 8), Council (1), Commission on our Ministries (3 to 5), Leadership Development and Nomination Committee (3), and Endowment Committee (4 to 6). In accordance with the By-laws, the Leadership Development and Nomination Committee (LDNC) submits the following nominees for open elected positions. At the annual meeting, nominations may also be made from the floor for election by the congregation.

Board of Directors. Candidates for Election:

Jan Forsyth (President). Jan was raised in the UU Church of Fairfax and became a member of AUUC seven years ago. She has served on the Board, CSDC, and the Membership Committee. She led the Interim Minister Search Task Force four years ago and was a member of the Settled Minister Search Task Force which brought Reverend Pippin to AUUC. Several months ago, she volunteered to become the first AUUC Historian. A year and a half ago she retired after working over 40 years as an attorney in the area of civil litigation.

Elizabeth Reed (At-large member). Liz became a member of AUUC in 2009, especially attracted to AUUC's inclusive approach to religion. She soon joined the coffee set up group and is now a church greeter. She also taught RE for two summers. She recently retired from working in a private practice as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Liz is married with two young adult sons. With her husband, a retired Foreign Service Officer, they spent 16 years living overseas.

Candidates for Re-Election (Second Term):

Peter Kahle (Vice-President). Peter has been a member of AUUC for five years. He has been active with Sacred Wheel and helping with the website and technical issues. Peter is an IT contractor for the federal government. In his spare time is an avid hiker and aspiring backpacker, studies historical European sword fighting, and is active in conservation organizations. He is also trying to be more active in amateur radio which seems like the perfect hobby for social distancing. As the father of two very active children, Henry and Wren, he doesn't have much free time to allot to any of this.

Sarah Pevner (Secretary). Sarah is a high school librarian at Lake Braddock. She is passionate about anti-oppression work, inclusive young adult literature, baking, and Fairfax County parks. As Board secretary, she has found great purpose and commitment in connecting the work of the AUUC Board to the lifesaving mission of the larger church. She looks forward to another year of transformative and meaningful thinking, discussion and action.

Joe Tuggle (Financial Advisor). Joe has attended AUUC since October 2014. He is a particle physicist by training but now works as an operations research analyst for the Department of Defense. His work involves matching dollars to desired capabilities. Joe cares deeply about the AUUC community and wishes to apply his talents wherever they may have the greatest impact. Joe has also served on the Pastoral Care Team, the A/V and Setup Crew, and as an OWL teacher. He lives with his wife and two children in Alexandria.

Lindsay Muirhead (At-large member). Lindsay has been a member of AUUC since 2017 and a Board member since 2018, She also helps lead the AUUC covenant group/small ministry program. Lindsay and her family (Dave, Maggie, Carrie) enjoy participating in social justice, RE, and other AUUC fellowship events throughout the year.

Continuing: Kate Heilig

Candidates for Youth Representatives:

Elizabeth (Lizzy) Breckenridge. Lizzy is a current student of the graduating class of 2021 at West Springfield High School. She and her family started attending AUUC in 2009. She is an active member of the Senior Youth group and True Accotink Colors. Also active in her community, Lizzy is a Girl Scout volunteer and Ambassador as well as a volunteer in the National, German, and Science Honor Society.

Jackson Tomasco. Jackson has enjoyed every second of his family's time at AUUC. As a member of the church, he has been a part of numerous activities, fundraisers, and groups. He is an active participant in our RE program and a counselor with the AUUC Summer Camp. He hosted his Eagle Scout Project at AUUC where he organized the building of a retaining wall and the planting of new beautiful plants in our native garden. As a member of the Board for this past year, he has represented the youth of AUUC and willingly seeks a second term.

Council Chair.

Continuing: Vanessa Hall

Commission on our Ministries (COOM). Candidates for Election:

Susan Brown. Susan has been active in AUUC leadership since she and her husband, Steve, signed the book 20 years ago. She has twice served on the Board and as president, chaired the Worship and the Leadership and Nominating Committees, served on several other committees, and helped draft church mission and covenant statements. More recently she has volunteered in the nursery and served on the Memorial Gardens Committee. Her daughter, Wren, participated in religious education through high school and served as a youth Board member. Susan has more than 30 years' experience as a professional communicator.

Moe Moser. Moe has been active in AUUC since its founding. In the early years of the church his work included: Program Chair; member of the search committee that identified our first settled minister; and Board member and later Chair. In the following years, he paid the bills for the church; performed basic personnel duties for the church; served on a task force to develop security plans; appointed to serve a short term on the Board; and elected to serve as a member of COOM. He has completed one term on this committee and is a willing candidate for a second term.

Julie Schuck. Julie joined AUUC in 2002. She has been an active teacher in our religious education program for many years and has held several church leadership positions including chair of the former Lifespan Education Committee, Program Council, and LDNC. The care and function of this church is carried out by many wonderful people, and Julie is happy to support them in their development and strategic plans. In her day-to-day life, she is a program officer at the National Academy of Sciences and manages the education, athletic pursuits, and a little down time of three teen/adult daughters.

Continuing: Christine Fuller, Connie Diamant

Leadership Development and Nomination Committee (LDNC). Candidates for election:

Michelle Kahle. Michelle has been a member of AUUC since 2016 and is mom to Wren and Henry. She is a current member of the Music Committee, has taught RE, and served on the Children's Spiritual Development Committee. Michelle loves getting lost in the woods and does lots of yoga.

Judy Robison. Judy and her husband Dick have been active members of AUUC since they moved to this area just over 20 years ago. Formerly a military family, they are enjoying retirement while remaining busy volunteers for AUUC and for LLI (Lifetime Learning Institute). Over the years, Judy has served on the Board and the Council and participates with Sacred Wheel ceremonies. You can see her these days as a worship associate and she looks forward to when she can teach the preschoolers again downstairs in the RE program. In her working days, Judy was a reporter/editor at several community newspapers as the family moved around. Her main activity now is participating in sacred circle dance and leading a circle dance program at the Arlington UU church.

Continuing: Mary Kringer

Endowment and Bequests Committee. None up for election

Continuing: Herb Bartlett, Steve Brown, Jim Girard, John Hall, Dick Robison

Appointed by Board: Joe Tuggle