

Peoples Church 2024 Board of Trustee and Board President Nominees Bios

President

Robyn Miessler-Kubanek

Robyn has been a member since 2007 and participated in many teams from worship to ministerial search to serving on the board. She is rejoining the board to help build on our new ministry with Rev. Carin. When she is not hanging out with Peoples people, she plays games, knits, cares for her growing collection of houseplants, and entertains two high maintenance dogs.

Board Member

Bob Butikofer

I joined Peoples Church soon after my wife, Kathy Juba, and I got married, and I moved to Cedar Rapids about 15 years ago. Prior to that I was a member of The United Church of Christ Cedar Falls, a liberal Christian church.

Believing that finances are and must be a part of every church's business, I have been actively involved with the Stewardship Committee for the last 8 pledge campaigns and with the Finance Committee for slightly longer than that. For each of those years our congregation has had increasing pledges – congratulations to our congregation!

I feel that we must continue to maintain our church building and grounds and grow the programs of the church with the financial support of the current membership AND we must also commit to membership growth in the coming years.

Steve Hershner

Steve Hershner (he/him/his) has been a Peoples Church attendee and member for over 50 years. He has served the church in many different capacities from volunteering on a variety of committees to holding leadership positions on the Board. Steve looks forward to serving on the Board and helping to maintain PCUU's compassionate, open-minded presence in our local faith community.

Lu Wilcox

Lu Wilcox is a lifelong UU and has been a member at Peoples with her family since 2016. She enjoys working with the Faith Formation program, the worship associate team, and joining UU's at social justice events. On weekends she enjoys sleeping in and meandering through town at a moderate pace.

Peoples Church 2024 Nominating Team Nominees

Rose Gabe

I'm a lifelong UU and have been a member of Peoples for 45 years. I've served on the Board twice, taught Sunday School, been on the Membership and Social Justice Committees, been a Paraminister, and a member of the Van Vechten Guild. I've also helped with the Canvas Committee and played bridge with other members. I was a member of the Search Committee that called Jeremy Brigham. I consider Peoples my "home away from home" and have made many close friends during my journey.

Kathleen Mavity

I'm Kathleen Mavity (AKA Kath, AKA Mav), and I'm hoping to become part of the Nominating Committee. Despite having previously served as a Board member, Board President, worship associate, choir leader, greeter, and member of the Shared Ministry Team, I've never been brave enough to tackle Nominating until now. While I may appear indecisive about what name to go by, I'm sure that I'll bring energy and commitment to the nominating process.

Laura McGraw

Gary and I moved to Cedar Rapids from Los Angeles 30 years ago and we have been involved with Peoples Church ever since. I have served in a variety of ways over the years, including the Religious Education Committee, Membership Committee, the Ministerial Search Team, and the Installation Team. I look forward to serving on the Nominating Team as a way to encourage both old and new members to become more engaged with the mission of our beloved community.