

**All Souls Church, Unitarian
Leadership Development and Nominating Committee
Candidates for 3-year terms**

**Submitted by the Church Council for vote
by the Congregation at the December 4, 2016 Annual Meeting**

As per the bylaws amendments approved in 2014, the role of the former Nominating Committee was expanded and renamed the Leadership Development and Nominating Committee (LDNC). It focuses on promoting leadership development in general as well as recruiting and nominating members for trustees and officers positions. The LDNC has 15 members, with 3-year staggered terms. The following slate includes four candidates for 3-year terms.

Morgan Duncan (who deferred his term in 2016) Jennifer Ambrose, Jen Bolick, Jennifer DuMond Tom Fox, and Will Hays have previously been elected by the Congregation and will continue for one more year. Valerie Briggs, Mark Matthews, Kathy Mulvey, and Mary Topolinski were previously elected and continue for two more years.

For 3-year terms – 2017-2019

Victor Branham

I have found my spiritual home at All Souls and have been a member since 2006. My first involvement in the church was with Roots & Wings. That experience inspired my spouse and I to join All Souls. I have co-facilitated Roots & Wings 6 times. Next, we went on the first trip to New Orleans. I have been involved with covenant groups, co-facilitating for one year. I co-chaired Rob's 10 year anniversary dance and party. Also, I attended many adult education courses at All Souls. I served as chair on the nominating committee in 2010, which led to serving on the Board of Trustees from 2011-2014. Currently I am serving as Greeter Coordinator and a member of the Connecting Souls Committee. I look forward to continuing my service to the All Souls community.

Kerry Reichs

I am a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, and a graduate of Oberlin College, Duke University School of Law, and Sanford Institute of Public Policy. I practiced law in Washington, D.C. for six years prior to taking a sabbatical to write a novel. After discovering sabbaticals agree with me, I focused on writing full time. Mother to an active six-year old and one-year old, I have become adept at typing with one hand, or working so intently I will jump a mile if you sneak up behind me. My books published by Harper Collins include *The Best Day of Someone Else's Life*, *Leaving Unknown*, and *What You Wish For*. I also write for the television show *Bones* on FOX, and review local theater for *K Street Magazine*. I'm currently working on my fourth book. In my free time I run a non-profit fundraising in support of the Cheyenne River Youth Project, a teen center offering a

bright spot among bleak circumstances in the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota. I have served as a Worship Associate at All Souls Church since 2011.

Chuck Wooldridge

I served All Souls on the Board of Trustees from 2002-2005, including a stint as President. I have also served the denomination as a member of the UUA Board of Trustees from 2007-11. Other roles at All Souls have included service on the A. Powell Davies Committee, the Committee on Ministry, and the Third Century Challenge Campaign. I currently serve as Co-Chair of the Hiroshima Children's Drawings/Heiwa Peace Project and as a member of the Right Relations Committee.

I have a nearly 30-year career at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), currently serving as Director, International and Interagency Affairs of NOAA's Satellite and Information Service. I earned a Master of Public Administration in Comparative and International Affairs and a BA in Political Science and French from Indiana University.

Sophia Fisher

I grew up in Groton, Massachusetts, where I attended the First Parish Church of Groton, a Unitarian Universalist congregation. I was a member of the children's choir and the youth group. Something must have stuck, because when I walked through the doors of All Souls in 2008 it felt like home to me. I've been a member of Young Souls since 2011, and I served in leadership roles from 2012 to 2013. One of my great joys is singing with the All Souls Choir. I hold a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning, and I work for the Arlington County Planning Division. I also serve as an adjunct professor at George Washington University, where I teach an urban planning class in the Geography Department.