

**ELECTION FOR 2016 UUFEC Board of Directors
Annual Voting Meeting, October 25, 2015**

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

John Holt, candidate for President

Next year will be a challenging time for the Fellowship. We need to fund and find a minister. I am a long time member of the Fellowship. I am currently chairman of the finance committee; a position I have held before. As a member of the finance committee I have been involved in the budget development process many times. This gives me a unique prospective into what is needed to establish funding for a new minister for the Fellowship.

Josh Ashley, candidate for vice-President

I have a deep and enduring love for our Fellowship and its mission - this is my family's spiritual home. Like our lives, our Fellowship is always in a constant state of change. Yet throughout that change, we always strive to be a safe place, where people from many different viewpoints come together as friends, to learn from one another, and to help each of us discover our best selves. I want to serve on our Board of Trustees to help enable all of us to continue on our journey of growth and change, while staying true to our UUFEC mission. If elected, I look forward to serving the Fellowship in this role next year to the best of my ability.

Ed Farley, candidate for Treasurer

Kennon L. Callahan once wrote: "Living is giving. We live life best as we give our strengths, gifts, and competencies... We are called to serve, not survive. Our giving makes a difference in our families, our congregation, our community, and our faith." Since I have served as the Fellowship's treasurer in past years, I know what is involved to do this job well. I possess strengths and competencies with computers and accounting programs that are needed to succeed. I have worked well with our administrator as well as with past Boards of Trustees. I have been a member of the finance committee for the past seven years. As a long term UUFEC member, I value this Fellowship and believe I can best serve it as its next treasurer.

Denny Lauer, candidate for Secretary

I volunteered to serve as Secretary because I wish to help our Fellowship continue to grow as a safe and supportive spiritual community. I've served in many roles in our Fellowship including President, and have extensive experience in documenting meetings, capturing the essence of the meetings and delivering them in a timely fashion.

Winky Sweet, candidate for member at-large

This is a democratic community. For it to work, everyone needs to get involved, everyone should vote, everyone should serve, as we can. I have previously served in the government for small groups like garden clubs and church women's groups. I will do my best to represent you, to help this community be what it can be.

Jan Mullins, candidate for member at-large

I have a master's degree in social work, teach AP Psychology at Niceville High School. I remember my pledge to the United Methodist Church, to support the church with my prayers, my presence, my gifts and my service. I still think presence, gifts and service from members are essential in crafting a healthy organization. So I have been asked to serve and I am willing, although I have no board experience.