

UCSA 2011 Board of Trustees Nominees

- recommended by the Nominating Team to fill two full board positions and two alternate board positions.

UCSA members: Please take this home and read about each nominee to get to know him or her better and then attend the Annual Meeting, March 20th and vote.



Jeannine Martin

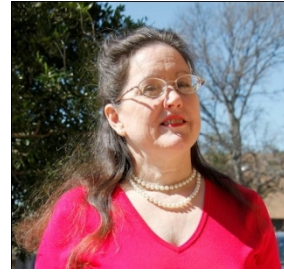
(Full board member nominee, having served the past year two years on the board as treasurer)

In Jeannine's words:

My background is in the construction industry with over 28 years experience in design, estimating and building residential homes, residential remodeling, and light commercial construction. I am a get-it-done-with-quality-and-on-budget kind of person who is always looking for the best solutions.

It is my pleasure to be of service anyway I can to our Unity community. I willingly give many hours of my time and talent to help transform Unity Church of San Antonio into a comfortable, appealing, and vibrant spiritual campus.

We are all well aware of the many, many hours and dedicated work Jeannine has given to make our interior spaces what they are today.



Katy Cox

(Member-at-large nominee)

In Katy's words:

My journey to Unity started as I attended Catholic churches with my parents and sisters. I felt some support there through catechism classes and Sunday services. I knew I felt GOD in my heart. But something was missing. Later I tried Baptist and Methodist churches as an adult but did not feel at home there either. My mom, such an amazing person, had chosen some years ago to look beyond the Catholic beliefs for answers. She found metaphysics and introduced me to these new ideas about GOD! Wow! Unity Church in Houston was sharing this information! The first time I experienced Unity that Sunday, I cried through the whole service – I was home! Such a blessing to me when I moved back to Houston. So, as soon as I came to San Antonio in 2008, I had to find Unity here. Such love and support is felt here that I want us to grow and share this with others for years to come. And so it is in my life, thank GOD!

Unity Church of San Antonio is a very vital part of our present and future. So many changes are taking place in our lives that we need support and love on a daily basis. Unity's *Daily Word* provides this! I feel that so many of us would be helped by making time in our busy schedules for connecting with ourselves and God. Our next generation, our beautiful children, need this wonderful enlightenment too. My vision for Unity is to expand our Unity family and our children's ministry. The dream is to have several vans to go pick up children whose parents are not able to bring them. This would create more opportunities to share our love and support with our community.

This is just the beginning and the possibilities are endless!



Flavio Vilches
(Alternate nominee)

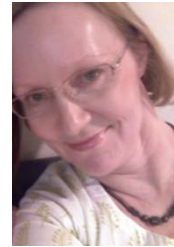
In Flavio's words:

I was born and raised in Mexico City. I married and moved to California and have been living in San Antonio for 14 years. My wife Ana Maria and I have four children: Karen, Erick, Oliver and Giovanna.

I studied Physics and Energy Engineering. For the last 26 years, I have been working on computers. Currently, I work by myself in my own computer service company (where I wear many caps).

After many years of searching for answers that would make sense to me, I discovered Unity Church of San Antonio through some dear friends, who shared similar spiritual interests, about 13 years back. Since then, I decided to become a member and continue my spiritual development through UCSA. Long story made short, my spiritual evolution has been exponential compared to the many years of searching that I did before.

Flavio willingly gives many hours of his time to providing computer support for our church office and media room computers.



Lisa Pineau
(Alternate nominee)

In Lisa's words:

I've always felt a nearer spark of divine Presence although not quite traditionally. My father was an Air Force chaplain ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to minister in the military. When I was three, I asked him if he could remember his past lives, and suddenly a very strange look came into his eyes...I did not ask again.

Then ten years later, my Protestant Dad responded to the calling I felt to be a nun by saying, "You can't be a nun. We don't have nuns. You can be a minister if you want, but we don't have nuns."

This too came with an odd look from him and I thought, *Of course, WE don't have them but someone does, and anyway, how could I be a minister? Girls aren't ministers - hasn't he noticed I am a girl!?* Furthermore, there were no female military chaplains when I grew up. Obviously, some institutional chaplain's kids find life theologically confusing.

Serving years later, as an Air Force chaplain for 22 years, I settled most things for myself but not all. Spirit retains for me an element of mystery as well as a Source of love, power, peace, patience, strength and wisdom—all that I value most.

Because of a Powerful peace, when I was 17, I realized one Sunday while visiting my grandparents in Oregon, that I felt a call to serve Spirit with my whole heart. Both my parents were surprised that I made the choice just then, but they emphasized a focus of unity among all who hold life accountable to Spirit, encouraging me to discover my own treasure of truth at my own pace.

My personal theology is still evolving from fully ecumenical (while a student at Vanderbilt Div School) to a more Spirit-centered interfaith focus with UCSA's lovely, lively, loving faith family. I am grateful for the learning and growing at UCSA. I am also grateful for the understanding my daughter has found, that she's noticed similar spiritually communing kindness and strength while learning and growing at UCSA

A leap of soul toward Spirit's joy has characterized our lives since we began coming a few years ago. We feel more wisdom, too, and a deep loyalty and love toward Rev. Linda and her ministry leadership, because we experience Spirit's authentic truth and wisdom in her life of unselfish devotion.