

# Meet Jeanne Pupke, Candidate for UUA President



In less than four months, Unitarian Universalists will elect a new President of the Unitarian Universalist Association. [The President of the UUA serves two primary functions:](#)

- the public voice for our Association
- the CEO a large non-profit organization, the UUA

I believe I bring the strongest combination of experience and passion, have a clear vision for our future as an Association, and know how to turn vision into being.

I ask that you, please, share this email with members of your congregation, and especially your leaders, so they have an opportunity to learn about my candidacy. Thank you.



Today, I'd like to tell you a little about myself to give you a sense of what I have to offer the UUA. In the coming weeks, I will lay out my vision and my concrete plans for building:

- a commonwealth of congregations and covenanting communities
- a Unitarian Universalist Association that is organized for the 21st century
- a faith that is on fire through radical inclusion

I hope that between now and election day, June 24, 2017, you'll invest in the future of the UUA by learning all you can about the candidates, about the role of the UUA President, and why it matters to you, your congregation, and our place in the world.

## Highlights of my life and experience

## *Congregational leadership*



Since I began my ministry, I have served congregations of all sizes from emerging to small to mid-size and large. I've learned that every congregation, no matter how small or how large, has an important role in spreading our values into the larger world.

## *Denominational leadership*

As a member of the UUA Board of Trustees, and as its Finance Chair, I developed an intimate knowledge of our governance and our organization that will allow me to hit the ground running as UUA President.



## *Public ministry*

As a Unitarian Universalist, I am called to do the work of justice, to protect our environment, and assure that people of all races, ethnicity, sexual orientations, gender identities, national origin, faith traditions, and abilities are afforded equity and opportunity.

## *Teaching*

I am a teaching pastor to numerous interns and student ministers, who are now serving congregations throughout the US. Identifying and nurturing the gifts of others is one of my favorite things and one that I take very seriously



## *Business experience*

Before my call to ministry, I worked as the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Office with progressive growth companies in the automotive and coffee industries. In both industries, I led or helped lead the companies through fundamental cultural changes, focused on quality, teamwork and staff development.

## ***Spiritual life***

Once a Catholic sister wishing to do pastoral ministry work, I was sustained by the contemplation and service of religious life filled with contemplation and work among the poor, sick, and lonely. Today, I begin most days with reading and contemplation...after I get my coffee, that is, because I believe that a grounded faith is essential to a growing faith.



## ***Family values***

The eldest of seven children, I encountered the world through a lens of responsibility and shared endeavor. Mine was a family rich in love. "Go, do, be" was our informal family motto. I responded to that environment with a desire to experience new things and think big thoughts.

My partner, Regina Largent, and I have since engaged in much discussion and preparation about that which ministry asks of us as a family. Her support makes my dream possible. I believe we are prepared for the emotional, temporal, and financial demands of the work of UUA President. Gina, a retired Army officer, is an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Partners, (UUMPS) and an articulate advocate for thoughtful awareness of the role of ministerial spouse and partner.

### **To Learn More About My Life and Experience**

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## Supporters

I am blessed to have support from religious professionals and lay leaders from around the country. Here's what a few of them say about my candidacy.



*Jeanne possesses a deep and grounded spirituality as well as a passionate commitment to justice. For years, she has labored on behalf of an anti-racist and multicultural Unitarian Universalism.*

[The Rev. Dr. Robert M. Hardies](#)

Senior Minister, All Souls Church,  
Unitarian, Washington, DC

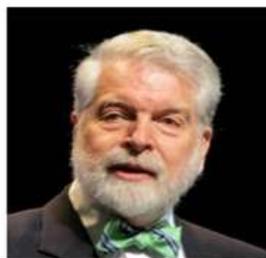
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*Jeanne has brought innovative ministry to Richmond. And I think we need that to survive in the next part of our journey.*

[The Rev. Archene Turner](#)

Community Minister

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church. Bethesda, MD



*Jeanne Pupke is more likely to produce results than the other two fine candidates. Her experience demonstrates actual executive talent. We have the capacity to harness our collective vision and resources to deepen and grow our religious community if we choose strong experienced leadership like Jeanne Pupke offers us.*

[Lawrence R. Ladd](#)

Former Financial Advisor of the UUA  
Director, National Higher Education Practice  
Grant Thornton LLP

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*I am endorsing Jeanne for president of the UUA because she is a creative thinker, a careful listener, a tireless worker, and a skillful leader.*

[The Rev. Christine Robinson](#)

Senior Minister,  
First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque  
Albuquerque, NM



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## ***Upcoming Presidential Forums***

Join me in person (or via livestream at regional gatherings) to learn more about my vision for the UUA:

- March 11 - New Orleans, LA, ([BLUU Convening](#))
- April 1 - Bethesda, Maryland ([Central East Regional Leadership Day](#));
- April 8 - Charleston, South Carolina ([Southern Region Spring Gathering](#));
- April 21 - Woburn, Massachusetts ([New England Regional Assembly](#));
- April 28 - Oak Brook, Illinois ([Mid-America Regional Assembly](#)); and
- May 6 - Walnut Creek, California ([Pacific Central District Annual Meeting](#))