

Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) Members 2023-24

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Durango



Allison Andersen, MSC Co-chair

Allison is a long time Durango resident and has been a member of UUFD since 2000. She worked professionally in the executive training & development field for 26 years serving clients world-wide. A second career included a personal financial coaching and education training business and the creation of the non-profit Know Your Dough that provides financial literacy skills to youth in the region.

UUFD roles include board member, Leadership & Development & Nominating Committee Chair, Frolic Chair, and member of the Leadership Task Force (2013), Ministerial Review Task Force member (2018) and Targeted Minister Task Force member (2022). Over the years Allison has served on a number of community non-profit boards & committees. She has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Marketing from San Diego State University. Retired since 2020, Allison enjoys the great outdoors as often as possible.



Sheryl Guy, MSC Co-chair

Sheryl Guy has been a UU for 20 years and a member at UUFD for 6. She retired in 2017 after 39 years in education, working as Even Start, Head Start, and high school administrators; as well as theatre arts administrator and director in the nonprofit world. She's served 3 UU congregations, including the roles of pulpit guest, Vice President and Board member, and Membership and Worship Team leaders. She also enjoys singing in and occasionally accompanying the choir.

Sheryl and her husband Stephen moved to Durango as newlyweds six years ago. Their children and grandchildren live in the Northwest, California, and Hawaii.



Connie Jacobs

Connie A. Jacobs is the author of *The Novels of Louise Erdrich: Stories of Her People* and a co-editor of an MLA volume of *Approaches to Teaching the Novels of Louise Erdrich*. She has also published an Oxford Bibliograph Online entry on Erdrich as well as numerous articles and book chapters. Her most recent Erdrich work is a co-edited book of essays on Erdrich's Justice Trilogy, *The Plague of Doves, The Round House, and LaRose*. Her most recent co-edited publications include *Postindian Aesthetics: Affirming Indigenous Literary Sovereignty* and *The Diné Reader: An Anthology of Navajo Literature*.

Connie was an adjunct professor at Fort Lewis College from 1994 – 2000 as well as teaching at San Juan College for 15 years where she retired as Professor Emerita. She has been a member of UUFD since 2010 and has served on the Board and is serving now on the Caring Committee and participates in two Covenant Groups.



Lisa McCorry

On the heels of many years of work experience in both community building and food-related industries, Lisa is thrilled to join the Ministerial Search Committee. Lisa brings years of diverse and relevant professional experience and deep-rooted passion for this work. She is a creative, driven and collaborative leader. In her role as Director of Faith Formation at UUFD, she wrote curriculum, coordinated programming, co-created worship and received training in multicultural education, justice, compassionate conflict resolution and youth chaplaincy. She's excited about the potential for change in the congregation, and the faith at large. Lisa is willing to educate herself and listen to the voices and ideas of others. She currently works as a landscape supervisor and mom of three. With an infectious laugh and an ever-ready smile, she loves to be silly. As a chef, Lisa believes food is a form of spiritual practice and a window into cultures and traditions. She values relationships and has a desire to make the world a better place.



Bonnie Miller

Bonnie has lived in Durango for 12 years and been a member of UUFD for just as long. She retired in 2006 from a career in education, working as a school counselor, middle school assistant principal, elementary principal, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Executive Director of Elementary Education, and Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services. She's served in multiple leadership roles in UUFD, including Board Treasurer, Board President, Social Responsibility and Justice Coordinating Team leader, and Faith Formation Coordinating Team leader. She also enjoys singing in the choir and participating with the Spirit Movers.

Bonnie and husband Tom have two children who, with their spouses and children, also live in Durango. Bonnie enjoys being a Grammy to six wonderful grandkids.

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Tim Miller

Tim has been a UU for 32 years, the first 22 as a member of First UU Church Houston and the past decade at UUFD. His current roles include Chair of the Finance Committee for the last 8 years, Legacy Fund Committee chair, on-again off-again Treasurer when the need arises, Worship Associate, and choir member. He retired from his career as a natural gas trader and deal structurer in 2010.

In addition to his roles at the church, Tim volunteers as a GED tutor, county finance committee member, Trout Unlimited board member, and water sampler/lab tech for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. In his “spare” time, he enjoys hiking, fly fishing, golf, cycling, traveling, and (especially) visiting his grandchildren in Calgary and Austin.



Liz Volz

Liz became a member of UUFD in 2017. Currently, in addition to being a member of the Ministerial Search Committee, she is on the Membership Committee, Spirit Movers, Chancel Guild, and leads the Covid Advisory Team. Liz grew up going to the U/U in New Jersey and has been a member of four different fellowships in the Boston and Cape Cod area as an adult.

Liz is a retired Physician Assistant who practiced family medicine and was active in women’s health, working for Family Planning and Planned Parenthood. She also taught at two Boston Universities. Locally, Liz has been involved with the Women’s Resource Center, No Kid Hungry, and the Manna Soup Kitchen. She is passionate about progressive movements, especially women's issues and income inequality.