



Ben Gale (Nominating Committee) I was attracted to UUSF after viewing some online Sunday services, particularly ones featuring Vanessa's sermons. Her humility and warmth struck me as perfect for a UU minister, and the service itself was hypnotic, particularly the music. I had been volunteering at Tenderloin Tessie's holiday dinners at UUSF for many years before then but had never gone to a service there. I have been attending UUSF for approximately 2 years. I have served on the nominating committee for the Marin County UU church, as well as twice serving as its vice president and on several other committees. The important people in my life include my wife Kristina; my brother Peter, who lives in NH; several friends; and every world leader genuinely committed to democratic values. I helped in Jimmy Carter's 1976 presidential campaign; I am a huge fan of Sherrod Brown, whom I wish would run for president, and Volodymyr Zelenskyy. In my spare time, I am a member of the UUSF choir and the Marin County Bridge Club, and I hang out with obsessive trivia nuts. My wish or hope for UUSF is that we keep spreading the word outside of our bubble. It takes great patience to keep at it, but a few people eventually will listen and agree.