

Bio for Judith Ottoson

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Date you joined UUSF: My husband, Larry, and I joined UUSF in 2016. We were married in 1982 by a Unitarian minister at the Harvard Chapel and have participated in UU fellowships in the other cities in which we have lived, including Houston, Vancouver BC, and Atlanta.

Church activities, committees or group involvement: Small Group Ministry; Minister's Book Group; UUSF-sponsored marches; UUSF auction fundraiser; Nominating Committee.

Profession/career: I have Master's in Public Health Education and a doctorate in education. I held various academic positions at the University of British Columbia, Georgia State University, and San Francisco State University. Prior to becoming an academic, I worked as a consultant to various governmental agencies, for-profit corporations, and non-profit organizations with a focus on program and policy implementation and evaluation.

Other community, volunteer, or personal/professional experience: Fund raising; political action; NERT; Training; Playback improv theatre; various neighborhood board and committees.

Why I would like to serve again on the Nominating Committee, and how it will benefit our church community and/or the denomination: After learning the ropes of the Committee over the last couple of years, I worked to help strengthen church leadership through a focus on involving new and existing members in finding their interest and passions at UUSF. I hope to continue this engagement.