

2020-21 Annual Meeting Ballot

The Annual Meeting for Fiscal Year 2020-21 will be held on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Unity of Phoenix Spiritual Center.

As part of that meeting, church members will be voting on the election and ratification of Board members, as well as on by-law changes proposed by the Board of Trustees.

Please make sure that the ballot is complete by filling out all the boxed areas below. Return the completed ballot to the church reception desk or complete the survey online at:

<https://forms.gle/fK8TwLf59xZegneu6>

All ballots must be received at or before the Annual Meeting.

This year we have three openings for Board positions. Following are the current candidates who are running to fill those openings.

Please vote for up to three of the following (bios are listed below):

() Connie Cross () Joel Lilliquist () John Marzolph



Connie Cross

My name is Connie Cross, and I have been a member of Unity of Phoenix for 24 years. It would be my honor to serve on the Board of

Trustees as a continuation of my service to Unity. I have served as Prayer Chaplain, Sunday Greeter, Service Angel and as a Palomino Christmas Angel.

In my personal life, I have been a foster parent, a host/mentor to a foreign exchange student and a Valley Big Sister. I currently volunteer at Hospice of the Valley two days a week.

I think I'd be an asset to the Board because I bring a wide variety of skills and a goal of fiscal responsibility. I want what's best for Unity as a whole. I have 18 years experience in business (advertising and printing), along with 15 years experience teaching elementary education.

My faith is the most important part of my life, and I am committed to being of maximum service. I am seeking a Board seat to show gratitude for all that Unity offers me and the congregation: strong connection to God, joy, inspiration and a light during difficult times. Thank you for your consideration.



Joel Lilliquist

I was raised in rural Minnesota; taught at a community college in Central North Dakota in a community of 8,000; and gave into my sense

of adventure and accepted a position to teach at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in Los Angeles. That was 37 years ago, and one of the best decisions of my life.

My parents were snowbirds who I would visit in Phoenix and, after 5-½ years in LA, decided to make Phoenix my home. I consider myself a proud Phoenician! Ready for a career change, I'm a self-taught interior designer since 1998, focusing primarily on residential design.

I'm not sure if I found Unity or if Unity found me, but a friend invited me to hear the choir perform in 2018, and I've been attending ever since. I left that service realizing that this place was different. This place made me feel welcome. This place made me feel that I belonged.

Back then, they gave visitors a CD with one of Rev. Maraj's inspirational messages. I listened to it over and over again. I even remember one of his jokes from that very first service. I became a member in 2019 and have volunteered at the hospitality center, Business Fair, Palomino School Christmas party and have been part of the 9 a.m. worship team since June of this year.

I am honored to be considered to serve on the Board of Trustees. Unity has provided so much to me spiritually, and has made me a better person ... and, at this stage of my life, I'm ready to give back. With my background in education and marketing, I believe my skills and experiences can contribute to continued growth and ministry outreach to current and future members.



John Marzolph

I am a lifelong Unity of Phoenix congregant, having come to Unity as a kid when the church was still at the Northern Avenue location.

Since then, I've been married at Unity in 2015, and had both of my children christened by Rev. Maraj.

I have served on the Unity of Phoenix Board of Trustees since 2019, and became Board Secretary in 2020. During this time, I also served as Tithing Committee chairman, Policy & Procedures Committee chairman, and co-founded the Unity XYZ group.

I am an entrepreneur, having started my digital marketing company, RedPla.net (<http://joinpredpla.net>), in 2020. Aside from growing my business and serving my spiritual community, I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, playing music, listening to audio books, and helping others not only find their passions, but make plans to pursue them.

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Over the past year, the Board of Trustees also appointed Katherine Duran and Mary Kelly to fill open Board positions.

Under Unity of Phoenix bylaws, the board fills such vacancies by majority vote at its next regular meeting, and the appointment is ratified by the active membership at the next annual meeting.

Please indicate below whether you ratify the board's appointment of Katherine Duran to serve as a trustee.

Yes No



Katherine Duran

After 30 years of selling complex telecommunications networks to Fortune 500 clients, Katherine decided to pursue a master's degree

in education, and began teaching middle school math. She loves teaching! She has spent countless hours mentoring, tutoring

and partnering with community and corporate leaders to raise funds for scholarships that encourage students to continue their education.

Katherine has attended Unity of Phoenix Spiritual Center for approximately 16 years, and became a member in 2018. She has volunteered at the Hospitality Counter for many years, and that's where you'll still find her every Sunday morning, serving as the lead volunteer there. Prior to the pandemic, she also served as a Room Angel for classes, and served at Burning

Bowl and Christmas Eve Candlelighting events.

"I made the commitment to become a member because I have found that Unity is my home and my family, and this is where I obtain my strength," Katherine said. "It's the people here who bring me back week after week. I volunteered to become a Board Member because I believe my life experiences would help Unity to be even more successful."

Please indicate below whether you ratify the board's appointment of Mary Kelly to to serve as a trustee.

Yes No



Mary Kelly

Mary is the CEO of Stratatech Education Group, an education company that specializes in skilled trades education. She first became aware of Unity in 1998,

when friends in a recovery community introduced her to Unity of Albany in Albany, New York, where she was living at

the time. She also attended New Thought Unity in Cincinnati.

After moving to Phoenix, Mary's family and she started attending Unity of Phoenix Spiritual Center. She became an official member in 2019, as did her partner, Clare. She has volunteered at Business Fairs; for the Palomino Angels program; helped decorate for Christmas; and has been a Tithing Committee member since November 2019.

Mary said, "Unity has allowed me to strengthen my relationship with God and

feel the power of being connected to all living things. I want to serve on the Unity Board to give back to the organization that has had such a profound impact on my spiritual life. I believe my very imperfect life and God's abundant grace given to me during those times (and all times) makes me an asset to the Board. I have served on several other nonprofit boards and can bring a variety of skills to the table -- i.e., financial acumen and organizing skills -- as well."

This year, the Board of Trustees is also recommending two changes to our by-laws.

Under Unity of Phoenix bylaws, all proposed changes must be voted on by members at the annual meeting.

Do you approve of the proposed change to Section 3.05 - Meetings and Quorum?

() Yes () No

SECTION 3.05 - MEETINGS AND QUORUM

ORIGINAL TEXT BELOW:

(a) Annual Membership Meeting. The annual membership meeting of the Church shall be held at its principal office in January for the purpose of electing Trustees and transacting such business that may come before the meeting.

PROPOSED TEXT BELOW:

(a) Annual Membership Meeting. The annual membership meeting of the Church shall be held at its principal office in **November** for the purpose of electing Trustees and transacting such business that may come before the meeting.

REASON FOR CHANGE:

Unity of Phoenix operates on a fiscal calendar that ends on June 30th, and financial statements for the prior year are usually finalized by August/September. The Board of Trustees and Unity of Phoenix management team would like to move the annual meeting to November to share financial information with the congregation sooner, as well as give the congregation a better understanding of the church's financial position heading into the holidays.

Do you approve of the proposed change to Section 5.01 - Committees?

() Yes () No

SECTION 5.01 - COMMITTEES

ORIGINAL TEXT BELOW:

Committee members shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board. The following committees shall be Standing Committees:

(a) Executive Committee - chaired by the President and consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall consider matters of a sensitive nature and make recommendations to the full Board for approval.

(b) Nominating Committee - chaired by the Vice President and consisting of the Vice President, an additional Board member, the Senior Minister or his/her designee, and three (3) Active Members-at-large selected by those present and voting at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall meet at least four (4) months prior to the annual membership meeting to initiate a search for at least three (3) qualified candidates for the Board.

(c) Finance Committee - chaired by the Treasurer and consisting of the Treasurer, at least one (1) other Board member, the Executive Director or designee, and any other person(s) deemed necessary or desirable by the Board.

(d) Policy and Practice Committee - chaired by the Secretary and consisting of at least two (2) other Board members.

(e) Endowment Committee - chaired by the Secretary and consisting of at least two (2) other Board members.

All committee members serve at least a one (1) year term.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT,
ADDING THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE AS AN OFFICIAL STANDING COMMITTEE LIST:**

(f) Tithing Committee - chaired by a Board member, includes a minimum of two(2) congregants.

REASON FOR CHANGE:

Unity of Phoenix is a tithing ministry and is firmly committed to the practice of tithing. The Discretionary Tithing Committee is currently an "ad hoc" committee, and the Board of Trustees would like to include the "Tithing Committee" as a permanent Standing Committee.

In order for this ballot to be counted, the form below must be filled out:

Please print clearly!

Dated this _____ day of _____ 202_____

Signature: _____

Name (print please): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Phone Number : _____ Please circle which: Cell Landline

Date you became a member of Unity of Phoenix: _____

