

The following UEL members are candidates for the election on Sunday, March 17 to fill three (3) seats on the Board and one alternate position: **Ellen Clements, Carol Cloud, Nina Fulkerson, Kristin Kelly, Nathan Lynch, Cinda Stearns and Elaine Wood.**

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## 1. Ellen Clements



I've been a grateful member of Unity of East Louisville for 8 years. The Spiritual Principles I've learned have helped me in numerous ways through the smooth times and the challenging ones. The books, classes, talks, and music have meant the world to me. But most of all, the absolute, loving, accepting, Spirit-filled experience of Sunday Celebration have been the most transformative.

I've retired from Public Health Nursing. I've worked in the bookstore, served on the leadership committee, and served as usher/greeter.

## 2. Carol Cloud



I was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, however, I never lived there. My father worked in Venezuela, so that is where I grew up. After the Revolution of 1957 we moved to Florida. I lived there for about 40 years. This is where I started attending Unity churches - first in Clearwater as a teenager, then in Tampa for over 30 years.

I was an RN and worked in the hospital for 35 years. After that I drove a semi with my husband for 14 years. We traveled in all the lower 48 states and visited Alaska and Hawaii. I have also enjoyed travels to Europe, Central America, Cuba and Asia. Since retiring from truck driving, I have worked part time at Kohls and volunteered at Dare to Care. I've also done volunteer work at church as a chaplain and working in the bookstore.

## 3. Nina Fulkerson



I have been a member of Unity since 1989 and was married in the Unity on Brook Street that year.

I have had the privilege to attend many courses, including Unity Basics, Edwena Gaines Prosperity Course, Eric Butterworth Meditation book discussion group, Mahatma Gandhi Nonviolent training and book group.

Because of my love for Unity, I would like to apply to be on the Board of Directors. I have to admit that I do not know exactly what that role will require. I want to give back. I would like to use my maturity and life experiences to assist in the continued support of this Church home. **(Continued on next page)**

In the past, I have volunteered to teach Sunday School, sang in the Choir, participated in Reiki Healing service and most recently I served as a Prayer Chaplain for two years. My work commitment takes me away from Unity every other weekend as I am a Full Time Family Nurse Practitioner. My vision for service is to see Unity remain active and viable.

#### 4. Kristin Kelly



After leaving my Catholic roots and discovering the beauty of Unity of East Louisville, I joined our community 3 ½ years ago. As a volunteer at UEL, I have served as Sacred Grounds Coordinator, Prayer Chaplain and Co-Chair of the 2016 Fun Fest. I also volunteered for over a year in the office on a weekly basis and am familiar with a lot of the administration of the church. I currently love teaching and offering A Course in Miracles on a weekly basis.

I received my B.S. in Accounting from Miami University in 1989 and went on to work in the accounting field as a C.P.A for the next 7 years. When my first child was born I had the privilege of choosing to work from home instead. Over the next 17 years, I had numerous volunteer positions outside of the home such as Vice President of the Anchorage School APTA, Chair of the School's Outreach Committee, Homeroom Mom, Girl Scout leader, Anchorage Children's Theatre Board member and Lead Coordinator of the First Eucharist Program at the Church of the Epiphany, working with hundreds of children and families over the course of six years.

As my children grew and I began searching for a meaningful career again, I was led to become an ADHD Coach and eventually a Nutritional Health Coach. I received my training from IIN and AADCA, where I studied a variety of dietary theories and practical lifestyle coaching methods. I am also a certified parent to parent (P2P) educator for CHADD. I currently work part-time and in partnership with Myron Hardesty, medical herbalist and PA-C at Weeds of Eden.

In addition, in 2017 I felt called to open Kentucky Grace Inner Peace Retreat Center located in Simpsonville, Kentucky. I am the sole proprietor and manager of the facility and offer both Wellness and ACIM retreats. I also rent the property to various organizations and spiritual groups.

I enjoy reading, gardening, cooking, nutrition, biking, skiing, teaching, spending time with family and friends, and most of all prayer, meditation and a conscious awareness of my loving divine Source!

#### 5. Nathan Lynch



My family and I found Unity of East Louisville purely by accident. Of course, there are no accidents. It was meant that I find my way to this wonderful spiritual community. Although most of my family doesn't attend Unity of East Louisville, I still love this small congregation and feel that I must give back.

I have been a member of Unity of East Louisville since 2006. During this time I have been an active prayer chaplain since 2016. This has been a fulfilling experience, that I hope has brought comfort and peace to others. **(Continued on next page)**

During the last few years, I have been in charge and assisted in Church Outreach (Repair Affair). A fulfilling and rewarding endeavor that has taught me so much about the human spirit. I have volunteered as webmaster since 2016 and within the last year the church's social media. With my guidance, we have enhanced our public presence and shown to the world how great Unity of East Louisville is.

I currently have my own web design and promotion company and assist my partner Dawn Middleton with her Creations, website, photography, social media, selling at art shows, and various other duties.

## **6. Cinda Stearns**



Fern Creek, Kentucky is the place I grew up and where my four children also had their initial life experiences. I now am the blessed grandmother of nine grandchildren. I have always loved being involved with people and early on, I set my life goal to make a positive difference in this world.

Educationally, I earned a Rank I in Education, Bachelor of Science, which allowed me the freedom to serve as: a teacher to students, a consultant for various school districts across the state including an Educational Cooperative, an administrator at the Kentucky Department of Education and at Bardstown Independent Schools, and a speaker nationally at various conferences. To continue to grow in my career, I served as a manager at Humana, training leadership development skills to various groups and led a communications team and leadership team that served our clinical organization. Upon my retirement, I was recruited to serve as a part-time consultant for a school district.

At Unity of East Louisville I have served as an usher, a leader of the ushers and greeters, a chaplain for two years, and volunteered to weekly pick up “donated bakery goods, arrange them for the congregational service, and then deliver the remaining pastries to a church which prepares food for people who are homeless. I have attended most congregational meetings, verbally asked questions to gain clarity, have attended our yearly potluck dinners, and have participated in most workshops that occur after our Sunday service.

My strengths involve being a team player who is open-minded, who “thinks out of the box,” provides input, and treasures connectedness. I am a listener, a partner in problem-solving, an encourager, an arranger, an achiever, and assist in maximizing the final decisions. Working as a team to serve “others” is an honor, a blessing, and results in giving us great, fulfilling joy!

Unity classes I have taken are as follows: The Course of Miracles, The Unity Basic Principles, The Twelve Powers, and Breaking the Ten Commandments. Workshops I have attended are Radical Forgiveness, The Christ in Me (Gerry Boylan), and Anger Management (LaVena Wilkin). I often remain after our congregational service to attend guest speaker workshops.

This partial list of books/authors which provide me insight: Talks on Truth, Lesson in Truth, The Prophet, The Handbook of Prayer, The Four Agreements/ Marianne Williamson, Deepak Chopra, Wayne Dyer, Louise Hay, The Dalai Lama, Unity of East Louisville is a treasured place of spirituality. We truly embrace the differences in all people, knowing we are all one, and that love, kindness and, friendship are the overriding acts of humankind. We all are here for a mission and purpose and to gain knowledge and wisdom as we encounter life experiences.

To serve on the Unity Board of Trustees is an honor. Whomever you select will serve us well!! Thanks greatly for your consideration.

## 7. Elaine Wood



A student of Unity Truth since 1994, Elaine Wood (and Bruce) was very active in Unity of Louisville before moving to Unity of Middletown/East Louisville in 2005. Downtown, she led the Strategic Planning process and facilitated multiple Leadership Development training programs for the Board of Trustees and volunteer ministry team leaders, as well as orchestrated the marketing and communication endeavors. Elaine has served on the UEL “Council” and is the LIA volunteer coordinator, in addition to providing a myriad of other organizational development, marketing and communication services. She has also developed and facilitated several classes at UEL, including prosperity, science/spirituality, “Something Greater” and visioning/manifestation.

Professionally, Elaine brings an extensive business background as corporate executive, consultant to CEOs/executive management teams and as a business owner. She has served as president of numerous professional organizations (200-400+ members) and on the boards of several non-profits. She brings a comprehensive, working expertise of management, process/system design and organizational development.

Her vision for the UEL Board of Trustees is:

- 1) to operate with the utmost transparency and accessibility;
- 2) to embrace accepted strategic planning methodologies and move forward in establishing and implementing short-term goals and objectives for church growth and financial viability (a new minister will initiate a long-term planning process); and 3) to create an evolving spiritual community organization where all are safe and welcome to share their talents, gifts and ideas.

Elaine has a bachelor of science degree in communication from Spalding University. She is the author of [Divine Discontent: The Call to Something Greater](#).