



**Expression of Interest by**  
**Candidate for Board of Trustees**

**Cathy Reda-Cheplowitz**

- 1. Why are you interested in being a member of the Board of Trustees at First Unitarian Church?**
  - I joined the Church about 15 years ago, it has been a life changing experience for me. The small groups and committees I have belonged to have allowed me to open my heart to my deeper self and to the needs of others.
  - I am interested in serving on the board to give back to the community that has given me so much.
- 2. What part of the work of the Board are you most passionate about and hope to be involved in?**
  - I am excited to be part of the board and to identify where my talents will be the most useful.
- 3. Describe your experience working to consensus, representing and helping to implement policies which may differ from your own original concepts.**
  - Over the years I have served on boards for the Winton Road Nursery School as the fundraiser chair and the Genesee Valley Oncology Nurses Society. At Winton road I was the co chair of the fundraising committee for two years. For GVONS I served as program

chair, secretary, president elect and president. I served on the Nominating committee for First Unitarian as well as holding leadership positions in my career as a nurse.

- All of these experiences have helped me develop the skill of listening to others, verbalizing the varied opinions and coming to a consensus. I would say I am open to having my mind changed after hearing the perspectives of others.
- 4. First Unitarian uses a policy governance model of management to support its work on the mission and values of our congregation. The model defines the board's authority and responsibilities. Written policies, including outcome expectations, determine board conduct, expectations of staff, board delegation and monitoring. Please address your ideas about working within such a framework.**
- I have read thru the bylaws. I believe policy governance is the right fit for our church and I am happy to work within that framework.
- 5. Describe your participation in this church (past and present) and other relevant community or work organization.**
- I am currently in and co facilitate a soul matters group.
  - I have done all the Wellspring curriculums and am now active in a group of Wellspring alumni. We are using our time to work on Spiritual growth and antiracism work. We just finished the workbook "Me and White Supremacy."
  - I am the treasurer for the School Partnership team and was reading in the host program until in person school halted.
  - I was helping to organize Memorial Service receptions along with Linda Hazel,. Again I am looking forward to the time when we can meet to grieve and honor those we have lost together in person.
  - I am a RAIHN volunteer and served on the coordination team for 5 years.
  - I am also on the hospitality team and served on the nominating committee.
- 6. Which service do you regularly attend?**
- Like everyone else the 10 AM virtual service, but I use to attend 9:30 most of the time and I am looking forward to the day when that is possible again.