



Are you ready to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees at Unity Church of Ames?

Serving as a Board member is a privilege and responsibility. When you are asked to have your name placed in nomination, you are being recognized as a leader in the church. Serving as a leader will place you in front of the congregation as a living example of Unity's truth principles and as a decision maker for the church's business.

Nominees to the Board of Trustees are asked to consider prayerfully the contributions they can make to the Board and church as a whole.

Please consider the following list of responsibilities:

- I will hold the church, the church ministries, staff, congregants and other Board members in prayer affirming divine order.
- I have attended or will attend a minimum of one course on Unity truth principles at Unity Church of Ames.
- I will attend at least 75% of Board meetings (held monthly), committee meetings, and special events.

- I will tithe of my time, talent, and treasure to Unity Church of Ames.
- I will actively participate or chair a minimum of one committee or ministry team.
- I will act in the best interests of the organization, and excuse myself from discussions and votes where I have a conflict of interest.
- I will stay informed and at a minimum assist in one youth education activity within the church.
- I will review written reports, ask questions and request additional information as needed to fully understand the business operations of the church.
- I will participate in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies and Board matters.
- I will work in good faith with the ministerial team, staff and other Board members towards achievement of the Unity Church of Ames goals.

In turn, Unity Church of Ames will support my Board membership by being responsible to me in several ways:

- I will be sent, without request, monthly financial reports and an update of organizational activities that allow me to meet the "prudent person" standards.
- I will be given opportunity to personally meet with the spiritual leadership and Board president about the churches' ministries, goals, activities, and status.

- The church will support me in performing my duties by keeping me informed of church business issues and by offering me opportunities for professional development as a Board member.
- The church leadership, staff and other Board members will respond in a straightforward fashion to my questions that I feel are necessary to carry out my fiscal, legal and moral responsibilities to the church.
- If the organization does not fulfill its commitments to me, I can call on the church's spiritual leadership and Board president to discuss the organization's responsibilities to me.

You may have questions about Board membership and the nomination process. Unity Church of Ames elects Board members once each year at the annual membership meeting held in January at the beginning of the church's fiscal year.

There is a nominating committee that identifies leaders within the church for potential Board of Trustee membership. Each person identified is surveyed regarding their interest and willingness to have their name entered into nomination at the annual membership meeting.

The names of all eligible and willing candidates are placed on the ballot in alphabetical order according to their last name. Each Unity Church of Ames member is allowed to cast one ballot. The ballots follow the written secret ballot process. Ballots are cast and counted during the annual membership meeting. Questions about Board member service may be directed to the spiritual leader or current Board President.



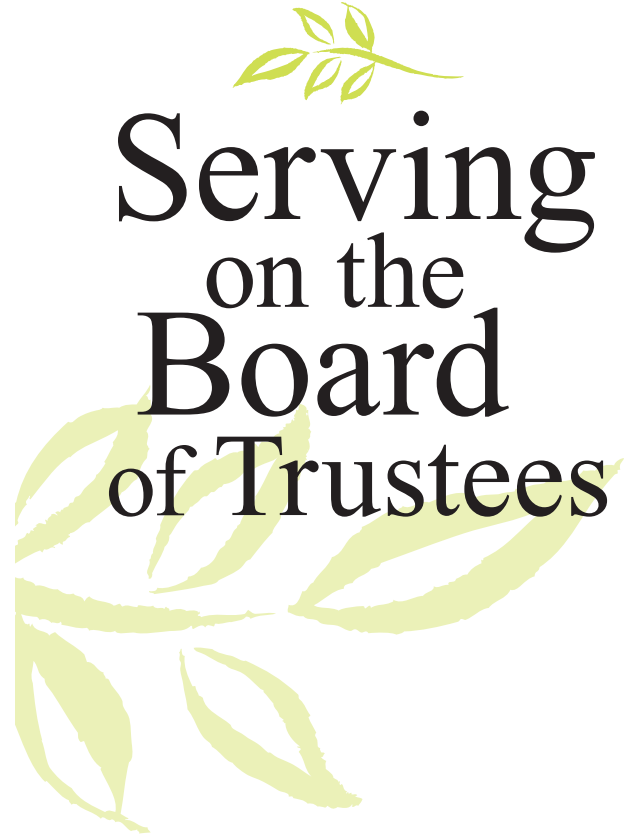
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