

# LIVING WATER ASSOCIATION OHIO NORTHEAST, UCC

## Biographical Information for 2024 Nominees

**Andrew Behm** is a former Accountant and Information Technology Analyst, who has recently served as Search Team co-chair and Executive Team secretary for Community of Faith UCC in Elyria. He is currently serving as their Endowment/Investment Team chair. He is the youngest of six children of Rev. Russell C Behm, who's last called service was with Saint Peter's UCC in Amherst, Ohio.

**Tina Davis** is a member of Mount Olivet United Church of Christ in North Lima, OH. She has served in the past as the President of Mt Olivet and as a delegate to Synod for the Heartland Conference and is currently serving on the Mt Olivet Consistory, the board for our Community Day Camp of North Lima, and on the board of the Mt Olivet Mission Team. The Mission Team recently traveled to Embreeville, TN to provide hot meals to the victims and volunteers of Hurricane Helene relief.

**Sue Ferbrache** has been a member of St. John's UCC in Dover for the past 50 years and have served as an Elder off and on for the past 30 years. Currently, she serves as Elder, teach Sunday School, sing in the choir, serve as chairperson of their scholarship committee, and is active in our landscaping and parish visitor groups. Sue is just one of those ubiquitous "church ladies." She has previously served two terms on the Committee on Ministry and is excited to become involved again

**Kelly Gerstenberger** lives in Cuyahoga Falls with her husband Danny (Dan) and two dogs Bubba and Oliver. She is a parent of four family units with eight grandchildren. At one time, Kelly was part of the Northeast Ohio School of Ministry (NEOSOM) taking part in educational classes and then part of the oversight board. She left both when her eldest daughter passed from Synovial Sarcoma. She has been a member of six United Church of Christ congregations since May 1973. At the present time, she a member and the secretary for The Pilgrim UCC of Cuyahoga Falls. In her down time, Kelly likes to sew, crochet, read, garden, bike, hike, kayak and travel to England to see her daughter and her young family.

**Rev. Halldor Gudmundsson** is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, and serves at Church of the Redeemer UMC in Cleveland Heights, Ohio in a part-time position. Halldor also serves as the General Secretary/CEO of the Icelandic Bible Society. Halldor is an experienced specialist in church development and theological discussion addressing congregational life and leadership. He earned his Master of Arts in Lay Ministry from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 2008 and Master of Sacred Theology with focus on congregational leadership from the same school in 2010.

**Diana Julien** is a member of Richfield UCC. She is married to Gail Kuglar with whom she has enjoyed 31 wonderful years. They share two daughters and two beautiful granddaughters who have both Grammys wrapped around their little fingers. Her professional life offered experience in various fields including real estate, mortgage banking, and human resources. However, the jobs that fulfilled her the most were at the Summit County Chapter of the American Red Cross where she served as the Safety Services Director and as the Disaster Services Director. Since joining Richfield UCC, she has served on the Worship and Parish Ministry Board and as the Council Moderator. Her 3-year term as Moderator ends in January 2025. With the extra time she hopes to have, she wants to join the choir and travel with the church's mission group.

**Rev. Andy Lang** is the retired executive director of the Open and Affirming Coalition. A professional journalist, he was the theology reporter for United Church News and developer of the UCC's first national website at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org). He is editor of *The Ancient Hours of Prayer: An Inclusive Breviary for the Ecumenical Church*, scheduled for publication in 2026. Andy is a member of Plymouth United Church of Christ in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and the Order of Corpus Christi.

**Anne McKarn** is a member at Bethel UCC in Beloit, Ohio. She is married and has two grown children with families of their own. They have belonged to Bethel UCC for 39 years. During that time, she has been a VBS music director, Adult Sunday School teacher, Treasurer, Council President, Elder, Confirmation teacher and on many committees. Anne's larger church commitments have included, Church and Ministry committee, EOA moderator, and attending two General Synods. And, she probably forgotten some!! Anne looks forward to serving on the Committee on Ministry.