

## Ana “Soledad” Vaquer

Ana Olga Vaquer Padilla was born and raised in Puerto Rico. She first migrated to Palo Alto, California where her new life began as a single mother. With the assistance of family and social services professionals, she completed her high school diploma, learned English, attended community college and transferred to the University of California- Berkeley. In her sophomore year, she took a leave of absence from her academic studies to learn more about the world; outside and within her. Her diverse work experience has been in the areas of hospitality, sales, and Spanish language education. She resumed her academic studies in Northampton, Massachusetts, earning a bachelor's degree in Drama from Smith College. She finally settled in Saint Petersburg, Florida, where she worked as a legal competency trainer, real estate agent and advocate for survivors of domestic violence. For the past twenty years, she has been an active member at UUC, working on the Hospitality, Social Justice, Welcome, Ways and Means and Worship Associate committees. She considers this spiritual community her real home and its members, her family.

