

Margie Manning, President

I have been a Unitarian Universalist since 1987, when my husband Mike, our daughters and I joined Eliot Chapel, a UU congregation in St. Louis. Mike and I joined Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater in 2013, and I have served as president of the Board of Trustees since June 2021.

I was elected to our Board of Trustees in June 2020. I am also a worship associate at UUC.

In January 2022, I joined the Congregational Life staff at the Unitarian Universalist Association, serving part-time as a coach for Hope for Us, a team that serves congregations in conflict.

I previously served on the UUA's Florida District board from 2013-2015. I was president of the Florida District board from 2014-2015, where I worked with other District presidents to form the Southern Region. I served as head teller in 2016-2018 at the UUA General Assembly.

I view leadership as a spiritual practice that can enrich our own lives, build covenantal relationships and strengthen Unitarian Universalism. I have:

- Attended the Southern UU Leadership Experience (SUULE) in 2015.
- Participated in Bravehart, a small group ministry for lay leaders to delve deeply into the history and theology of Unitarian Universalism, from 2016-2018.
- Served as Southern Region Adjunct Staff from 2018-2020, facilitating board retreats at congregations, consulting on growth and covenants, and representing the Region at ceremonial occasions.
- Facilitated two cohorts of Retooling for New Realities, a UUA initiative to help congregations find new paths forward in a multi-cultural world, from 2020-2021.

I retired in June 2021 after working 43 years as a journalist in radio, newspaper and digital media.

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