

Presidential Search Team Profiles



Rev. Glenn C. Farley, Chair

SKSM Master of Divinity, 2010

Minister, Sedona, AZ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Treasurer, SKSM Board of Trustees

"A mighty, little school for 110 years... Starr King's distinctive pedagogy is a blessing to the world. It truly prepares people for the deep work of spiritual/religious leadership... may the blessings continue!"



Rev. Sofia Betancourt

SKSM Master of Divinity, 2003

Yale University MA, MPhil, 2013

SKSM Regular Adjunct Faculty

SKSM Board of Trustees

Interim Minister, UU Church of Fresno, CA.

"I am excited for Starr King to take its prophetic, liberatory pedagogical model into the future of progressive theological education. Our school plays a unique role in training ministers and scholars for world-shaping leadership, and its next President will have the privilege of building on a visionary foundation that is boldly student centered, multi-religious, and counter-oppressive."



Abbey Tennis

UMass Boston Masters of Business Administration, 2009

SKSM Masters of Divinity, (expected) 2014

SKSM Board of Trustees, Student Trustee

"I first came to Starr King for its brilliant and devoted faculty and staff, dynamic and creative student body, mature commitments to counter-oppressive work, and its inspiring and transformative vision of a just and sustainable future for Unitarian Universalism and society. I come back day after day because the love embodied in this community gives me hope for our world."



Dr. Jo Sanzgiri

MBA Tulane University, 1973

Ph.D. Business Administration, University of Pittsburgh, 1977

SKSM Core Faculty, Associate Professor of Organizational Development and Leadership Education

"Discerning new leadership is an energizing opportunity to build new resources to further Starr King's commitments to counter oppressions and build just and sustainable communities; to deepen its UU/multi-religious identities; and to re-affirm intensive student-centered learning."



Jiwon Chung

SKSM Regular Adjunct Faculty

Past President, Pedagogy & Theatre of the Oppressed, Inc.

Board President, Community Health for Asian Americans

Artistic Director of the Kairos Theater Ensemble

"In critical times, progressive institutions serve critical functions in transforming society. Starr King has been on the forefront of change, in counter oppressive education, progressive politics, engaged spirituality for over a century. My commitment is to serving this community to find a leader who will continue--with love, compassion and justice--to create and catalyze historical transformation at this critical moment in time."



Rev. Gary Smith

Vanderbilt Divinity School, Master of Divinity, 1972

Starr King Honorary Doctorate (Sacrae Theologiae Doctor), 2012

Minister Emeritus, First Parish Concord

Lecturer in Ministry, Harvard Divinity School

UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee

Board Chair, UU Partner Church Council, Chair

"Small school birthing amazing leaders, living the future of progressive theological education into being."



Rev. Jay Leach

SKSM Master of Divinity, 2003

Senior Minister, UU Church of Charlotte, NC

"This is an exciting opportunity; the leadership of Starr King has the potential to re-imagine and revitalize progressive religion in the 21st century."



Dr. Dan McKanan

University of Chicago, Ph.D, 1998

Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist Association Senior Lecturer in Divinity, Harvard Divinity School

"For decades, Starr King's innovations have inspired all of us who work in Unitarian Universalist theological education. We look forward to choosing a leader who will continue this legacy."

Search Committee Liaisons



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Partner, Hyatt-Fennell

Twenty years of experience in executive search

Expertise in faith based higher education