

Reverend Kathleen C. Rolenz

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Resume

Ministry Experience

Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Senior Interim Minister, 2016 - 2017

Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Senior Co-Transitional Minister, 2015 – 2016

West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

Senior Co-Minister, 2000 – 2016

Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland

Interim Minister, 2005 - 2006

When the UU Society of Cleveland could not find an interim minister, I agreed to serve as their half time minister while they were in search for their settled minister.

Glen Allen Unitarian Universalist Church

Interim Minister, 1999 – 2000

University of Virginia Medical Center

Chaplain Resident, 1998 – 1999

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church

Parish Minister, Knoxville, TN, 1994 – 1998

West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

Ministerial Intern, 1992

“Ministry is all that we do together” writes Rev. Dr. Gordon McKeeman. Indeed, all that happens within a religious and spiritual community is ministry. Whether worshipping together, learning from one another, leading in social justice, living out the mission of the church through clear governance practices or providing support and comfort during hard times; ministry is all that we can do together.

I bring 25 years of experienced ministry, with a passion for ministry, our congregations and our faith. I am looking forward to meeting you!

Education

Iliff School of Theology

Denver, CO

Master of Divinity, graduated with distinction

1989 – 1993

Kent State University

Bachelor of Arts in Speech & Communications

1979 – 1983

Additional Certifications

As a minister, I've taken literally dozens of workshops, classes and programs as part of my professional education. In particular, I've studied worship and liturgy, policy governance, pedagogical methods for education and teaching, and fundamentals of community organizing. The work I've been most excited about has been in Spiritual Direction, a practice I have continued since receiving dual certification for both one-on-one and group direction from the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Direction. My earliest teachers were Tilden Edwards and Gerald May.

Shalem Institute for Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction - with individuals

2001

Shalem Institute for Spiritual Director

Spiritual Direction – with groups

2003

Spiritual Director

Member of Spiritual Directors International

2005 – 2016

Publications

Writing has always been a passion of mine. I understand writing the writing I do to be a form of denominational service and an important part of my ministry.

Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism

Editor and Contributor, Skinner House, 2006

Worship that Works

Co-Author, Skinner House, 2009

Second edition due to be published Summer 2017

Sources of our Faith

Editor, Skinner House, 2012

Restored to Sanity: Essays on the Twelve Steps by Unitarian Universalists

Co-editor and Contributor, Skinner House, 2014

The Free Thinker's Bible: A Guide for the Curious, the Contemptuous and the Already Convinced.

Author, Skinner House

Publication date: Fall 2017

Worship, Liturgy & Preaching

Co-author, Skinner House

Publication date: Fall 2018

Denominational Service

Beyond the Call

Co-Dean of a three-year teaching program, Excellence in Worship (2012 – 2014), sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association for its members

Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association

Chapter President & Vice President (2006 - 2009)
Good Offices (2010 – 2015)

Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship

President, Vice President & Editor, Good News Journal Publication (2000 – 2015)

Keynote preacher/speaker

Annual Women's Conference

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Tulsa, OK, March 2013

Distinguished Guest Lecturer

All Souls Community Church, West Michigan, Grand Rapids, MI 2009

Opening Prayer, Ohio House of Representatives, State House, Columbus, OH

Ordinations, Installations, District Assembly, UU Christian Fellowship

Frequently requested speaker, preacher, liturgist

Regional Subcommittee on Candidacy

Co-founder & Chair, Southeast Region, 1995-1999

Social Justice and Community Service

Women of Faith: Voices Against Violence

Lead organizer and liturgist

September 2013

I was one of the leaders who organized a community wide coalition of women to protest recent abuses of women worldwide; we created a worship service with community members and women from a wide variety of faith traditions across the Greater Cleveland Area.

West Shore Allies Against Human Trafficking

Leader and Chair 2011 - 2016

I started one of the earliest Anti-Human Trafficking Groups in Cleveland, OH. We partnered with other anti-human trafficking groups as they emerged and are now recognized as an important leader in social justice for women, girls and boys who are victims of human trafficking.

Beloved Conversations

Co-Facilitator, 2012, 2014

I've co-facilitated two sessions of Beloved Conversations on Race and Ethnicity, authored by Mark Hicks. I will be co-facilitating another eight-week session of Beloved Conversations beginning January 2017.

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

Certified All Options Counselor
Counselor

Trained as an all-options counselor, I have counseled with women about their choices regarding adoption, raising a child or seeking an abortion.

Spiritual Leaders Group

BGLTQ Clergy and Laity for awareness of BGLTQ issue
2003 – 2015

This group was started out of the community's GLBTQ center as a place where GLBTQ clergy and allies could exert political, moral and spiritual influence on issues of marriage equality and transgender rights. For ten years we held an annual worship service during Pride Weekend, held press conferences, wrote op-ed pieces and sponsored retreats for GLBTQ clergy.

Honors and Awards

Alumni Award for Outstanding Contribution to Parish Ministry: Iliff Theological School 2011

Interviewed for and featured in ESPN film "Catching Hell" written and directed
by Alex Gibney, 2011

Richard C. Borden Preaching Prize 2003

Beacon Press Preaching Award 2004

UU Men's Network Sermon award 1999

Interests

Running (achieved 1st & 2nd place respectively, Bay Village Run, 5K & 10K); have run ½ marathon
Biking & Swimming

Film festivals, particularly international films, independent films and all the films of Alfred
Hitchcock

Music – adult learner of piano; re-learning the violin

Singer

Reading novels, history, The Atlantic, New Yorker, New York Times

References

Mr. John Duffin, Transitions Team, Chair

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Mr. Duffin was chair of the Transition team that interviewed, but was initially unable to find an interim minister for the 2015-2016 year. In June 2015, my co-minister, The Reverend Wayne Arnason and I agreed to be the Co-Senior transitional ministers, each working ½ time for the Fellowship and ½ time at our settled ministry at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church. In December 2015, the offer was extended to me to serve as Senior solo minister at the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for the 2016-2017 fellowship year.

Mr. Tim Smith

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Mr. Smith was on the executive team during the last year of our ministry at West Shore, becoming President of the congregation in June 2015.

Rev. Nan Hobart

Retired, Minister Emerita
First Unitarian Society of Denver
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Rev. Hobart has known me since my days at Iliff School of Theology, when I was a seminary student and served as their church administrator, and who has been long-time mentor and friend in ministry, co-ministry and life.