

### **Nominees for the ICUU Executive Committee**

#### **President (Unopposed) Rev. Brian Kiely – for second term as President – Canada**



Brian has served as the Minister of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton since 1997. Before that he was the founding minister of South Fraser Unitarian Congregation in Surrey, British Columbia. Brian served on the Board of the Canadian Unitarian Council as that organization became the central service provider to Canadian congregations. He was CUC President from 2004-2006. Formerly a journalist and photographer, he is a past Editor of "The Canadian Unitarian". Brian is happily married and the proud father of two little girls. In his spare time he enjoys cooking, golf and Canadian Football.

#### **Treasurer (Unopposed) Rev. David Shaw – for second term as Treasurer – United Kingdom**



I became a Unitarian some thirty-five years ago after stepping into the Unitarian youth club at Altrincham, a few miles south of the city of Manchester, England. Since then I have been involved in many Unitarian activities and committees together with a keen interest in Unitarians in other countries. Acquaintances have grown through personal visits and official Unitarian work which has included being a staff member at Leadership Courses, on behalf of the ICUU, in Sri Lanka (1995) and in the Khasi Hills (2006).

Having spent thirty years in education class teaching, as a head teacher and working for local authorities, I decided to train as a Unitarian minister and qualified in June 2007. My ministry is in the centre of Britain in the small rural village of Great Hucklow - a village where the British Unitarian Holiday and Conference Centre is to be found.

I am married to Liz, who is also a Unitarian and when not involved in Unitarian activities, live quietly in the countryside, enjoying our garden and two cats.

#### **Vice-President (Unopposed) Pauline Rooney – for second term on Exec, first as VP - ANZUUA**



Born and raised in Australia, Pauline Rooney is a member of the Unitarian Church of South Australia, based in Adelaide. An active member of the church, Pauline is on the Committee of Management, the Fund Raising Committee, is the convener of the Radio Outreach Project which presents a weekly ½ hour radio Program, and runs Monthly Women's Group meetings. Before retiring to Adelaide Pauline, ran a family business with 35 staff and was recognized as Business Woman of the Year for South Australia in 1996.

Pauline completed an MBA following a degree in Social Science and has been involved for the past 30 years in Community, business and State boards in executive and leadership positions.

Pauline is married with 3 grown children and now 6 grandchildren and continues to work in business consultancy.

Through continuing community and business board involvement Pauline is currently working on the provision of Housing for Families in Need.

Pauline has been on the Executive Committee of the ICUU for the past 2 years, and energetically supports the important role that ICUU has in bringing together Unitarians internationally, to create a truly worldwide fellowship, to learn from each other and provide mutual support in our exploration for truth and justice.

#### **Secretary (Unopposed) Dávid Gyerő – first nomination- Transylvania**



He was born in 1974 in the southern part of Transylvania, Romania in a family with agricultural traditions. He graduated from a Protestant high school with ancient traditions in his native town, Sepsiszentgyorgy. He spent five years at the Unitarian Seminary in Kolozsvár. As a student, he devoted a lot of energy to finding resources

for the youth organization of the church, the Francis David Unitarian Youth Association: money, programs, and a vision for growth that includes leadership support.

Being convinced that the future of Unitarianism depends on how well its youth is being organized, he volunteered to work for the Youth Association for the next 5 years, building organizational structure, organizing projects, and developing national and local programs with his colleagues. He had built closer connections with other European liberal religious youth within an old organization, International Religious Fellowship, as well as with the Unitarian Universalist youth through the Partner Church Council. He gained some initial understanding of the possibilities for interfaith outreach and support by attending conferences and congresses of the International Association for Religious Freedom, and by visiting the United States in 1998, making youth connections and raising interest in the partner church movement.

After the graduation of the seminary in 1997, he was appointed to the position of assistant minister in his home church in Sepsiszentgyorgy, one of the largest congregations in the country with more than 3,000 members. In 2000-2001, he lived in the United States for a year working at the UUA headquarters in Boston, being the administrative assistant in the Department of International Relations. He also took classes at Harvard University in administration, organizational development and nonprofit management.

His institutional connections with the ICUU started in 2001, when he attended an international leadership training in the Khasi Hills, India. He participated in the 2005 (Barcelona) and 2007 (Oberwesel) council meetings as an observer. In 2006, he was the local organizer of the Second ICUU Theological Symposium in Kolozsvár.

Since October, 2001 he has been working at the Headquarters of the Unitarian Church of Transylvania in Kolozsvár as the councilor for church administration. In 2004-2008, he was a student of the Law School of the Babes-Bolyai University in the city, obtaining a jurist degree in 2008. Currently he is enrolled in a masters program in European law at the Law School of the Pécs University in Hungary.

### **Nominations for At Large Members (three to be elected)**

#### **Rev. Nihal Anton Attanayake**



Rev. Attanayake has been connected with the UU Church of the Philippines, Inc since the year 2000. At first, he worked as Volunteer Director of the Faith in Action Department. A year after, the Church decided to hire him in the same position to the present. This Department is in charge of the church partnership program, child sponsorship, village bank program, and ecumenical/interfaith program.

Before coming to the Philippines as a Master of Theology student at Southeast Asian Graduate School of Theology Silliman University Campus, Rev. Attanayake was a Priest of the Anglican Church in Colombo, Sri Lanka for 10 years. His father is a Buddhist, while his mother is a Roman Catholic. As a youth, he joined the Anglican seminary as a Novice of the Order of the Transfiguration. At the age of 24 yrs, he was ordained as Priest. The multi-religiosity in the family helped respect and accept one another's faith tradition.

During the June 2008 UUA General Assembly, Rev. Attanayake was requested by the International Office of the UUA to make a presentation on global theology in Philippine perspective. The other two presenters were from Transylvania. He attended the UUMA Ministers Days and the UU Partner Church Council General Assembly. After the General Assembly, Rev. Attanayake made a presentation about the UU Church of the Philippines to eight (8) UUA congregations & two (2) UU seminaries: Meadville/Lombard Theological School and Starr King School of Ministry. He also went to visit other 12 UU churches in America.

Rev. Attanayake's eight (8) year experience in International partnership will be an excellent contribution that he could bring to the ICUU. He has excellent communication skills, and has intensive exposure to Philippine culture, traditions and spiritualities (having live in the Philippines for 20 years) will definitely bring this experiences to the ICUU.

### **Rev. Harrison Kingsley, India**



My grandfather Rev.Nathaniel Samuel served as a minister of the church in Chennai, India for 40 years and my father Rev.Michael Gabriel served as a minister in church for 32 years. I have served as Minister for the past 15 years.

My qualification is M.A.in religion M.com,M.ed,M.Phil in education. Our church has nearly 150 families with good number of Sunday class children. Our church is doing social work in a village which is nearly 40 miles from Chennai. We offer a night school for the village children, and also a sewing school were nearly 15 ladies are learning Tailoring and Embroidery. Our church is a partner with Edinburgh and Glasgow.

### **Olufemi Olaniyi Matimoju, Nigeria**



I was born 39 years ago to the Unitarian family of late Rev. Olatunji B. Matimoju (founder of First Unitarian Church and former council member of International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) and late Mrs. Taiwo Matimoju (a business tycoon) who has equally participated and attended IARF activities. I am married to Mrs. Abiola Matimoju for almost ten years with four kids (Eniola (M) 7yrs, Oyinkansola (f) 5yrs, Olasubomi (f) 3yrs and Bibiola (f) seven months).

I've been for almost sixteen years the General Secretary as well as the choir master of First Unitarian Church with ability to play couple of musical instruments. I am the main contact and coordinator of Unitarian congregations in Nigeria and have participated in several activities of both ICUU and UUA. I am a master's degree holder in Social Works and presently work with the Lagos State Government in the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Social Development as a Principal Social Welfare Officer of almost ten (10) years.

### **Rev. Celia Midgley- United Kingdom**



A Unitarian from birth, I have been involved, as member and leader, at every level of our Movement, culminating in the Presidency of the British General Assembly, 2007-8. Having recently completed 20 years full time ministry with my present congregations in Manchester I am now embarking on my final year, half-time, which will give me more time for other things, including ICUU.

My ICUU experience includes three weeks' ministry to the Prague congregation in exile in 1998 and some further visits there (undertaken jointly with my husband Rev. John Midgley), responsibility for the worship at the 2001 Oxford Symposium and attendance as a delegate at the 2005 and 2007 ICUU Council Meetings. Other international experience includes attendance at a number of IARF Congresses and secretaryship of the International Association of Liberal Religious Women from 1987 - 1993 and I have attended meetings and conducted worship in Canada, the USA and South Africa. Last year I was privileged to visit Transylvania on behalf of the British General Assembly and to preach the Pentecost sermon in First Church Kolozsvár. If elected I would hope to extend and increase these contacts in order to get a wider and better experience of our global community. For me, the building of bridges of understanding between our liberal religious communities is

a delicate yet urgent matter in a world that is often narrow and intolerant.

**Candidates for Nominating Committee (three to be elected)**

**Gevene Hertz**

Gevene has been a member of EEU for over 20 years. She served several terms as president, and has also served on nominating committee and as member-at-large of the coordinating council (board).

She served two terms as Vice-President of ICUU and has previously served on ICUU nominating committee. She represented EEU at the founding meeting of ICUU and has attended all council meetings since, as EEU representative, as ICUU officer and as friend of ICUU. Gevene is active on ICUU communications committee and is founder and list manager of email list about international Unitarianism/Universalism.

**Pearl Green Marbaniang**

Pearl Green is retiring from the Executive Committee of the ICUU this year after several years of service. He is a veteran of several ICUU meetings and is an active church leader in the Khasi Hills of India. Pearl Green brings years of UU international experience to the Nominating Committee and a deep understanding of the needs and practices of the Executive's goals and operations.

**Rev. Gordon Oliver**

Gordon is also stepping down from the Executive after serving two year terms as President and Vice-President. He is the retired minister of the Unitarian Church of Cape Town South Africa and a former Mayor of that City. Gordon brings a wide network of contacts and a strong knowledge of the needs and workings of the ICUU.