

Walter Axsmith

I would like the opportunity to serve on the First Unitarian Church of Berks County's (FUUBC) Board of Directors. I feel our congregation has an important role in representing a liberal and accepting attitude of all ideas to the community. MY background and experience will go a long way in promoting the church's mission.

My experience I is as follows:

1. The board of Berks Women in Crisis which was an organization devoted to reducing violence against women. I volunteered on the organization's hot line which gave me a realistic view on how the organization functioned.
2. The chairman and board member of the Pa One Call system which was formed by all the utilities in PA as a way to prevent damaging dig ins to their underground facilities. This organization involved, sometimes competing, companies working together in solving a common problem
3. Chairman and member of the township planning commission whose responsibility was to review proposed land use to ensure that it conformed to the overall regulations of the township.
4. Chairman and member of Northern Berks Recreation commission. This group was formed to coordinate the recreation plans and activities of this part of the county. One important task was to facilitate rather than duplicate existing and proposed ideas on the types of recreation needed in this area.
5. I was the supervisor of a 40-person engineering department whose responsibility was to design and improve the systems needed to serve our customers. Our construction budget was \$3 million to \$4 Million dollars.
6. Coordinator of the church's food pantry involves ordering the food, staying within budget, organizing the 17 volunteers, making sure the church facilities are the same before and after we have finished and reporting the statistics to the Berks County Food Bank (new name" Berks Schuylkill Helping Harvest').

My social and community philosophy is in tune with our denomination as evidenced by my life long membership and support of:

1. The Sothern Poverty Law Center- a national organization devoted to defending the rights of disadvantaged (poor and minorities) people
2. The American Civil Liberties Union. As you well know it holds our government and society accountable for their actions