Ruth Christie Bio

I grew up in Boston. I graduated from Tufts University. The day after graduating Tufts, I married my college sweetheart. We moved to the Buffalo, NY area where I taught 2nd grade for four months until I left to give birth to my first son. We had three other sons within the next four years. We found a small UU church/fellowship in East Aurora, NY which reflected our values and became the source of long-term friendships.

For the next 15 years, I raised our sons and engaged in several community activities including a five-year term on the school board. I would have enjoyed making the School Board my career. However, divorce necessitated I find a paying job. I retrained to become a paralegal.

In 2001, I married my 2nd husband, David Christie. I also found a job as an intake paralegal in the Family Unit of Neighborhood Legal Services which was very satisfying; working to empower victims of domestic violence, etc.

In January 1999, Dave declared he couldn't take another Buffalo winter and asked me to move south. I was so happy to find that Asheville had a thriving UU church. I Immediately found a warm welcome at UU Asheville, joined the Women's breakfast group and the social action committee. Rather than seeking a new job, I decided to return to volunteering in a wide range of activities at UU Asheville and around the greater community.

I am motivated to be on the Ministerial Search Committee because UU Asheville has been central to my life for the past 24 years. I want to help it become a truly inclusive congregation.