



Pennsylvania UUs in the May 2022 PA Legislature Primary.

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Three PA UUs competed in the May 17, 2022 Primary to serve in the Pennsylvania legislature.

Paul Takac (UU Fellowship of Centre County) won his Primary race! He ran unopposed for PA House District 82 (Centre County). Paul will face Justin Behrens (R) in the November general election. Learn about Paul's campaign at www.paultakac.com. Let Paul know you support his efforts by making a contribution and volunteering for his campaign.

Tara Zrinski (UU Congregation of the Larger Fellowship) ran in a three-way race for the Democratic nomination for PA Senate District 14 (Northampton and Lehigh Counties). Tara lost by 40 votes to Nick Miller.

Primary Results: Miller-8835, Zrinski- 8795, Yamalisa Tavernas-3229.

The primary race wasn't decided until June 15, 2022 when a lawsuit surrounding 260 uncounted contested mail-in ballots were finally settled. Read more about the settlement here: [article](#)

Tara continues to serve on the Northampton County Council. It is hoped Tara will continue to run for the state legislature in future elections.

David Brown (Main Line Unitarian Church) lost his primary race for the Democratic nomination for PA House District 166 (Montgomery and Delaware Counties). He lost to incumbent Greg Vitali (D) who has served in the PA House since 1993. Primary Results: Vitali-5979, Brown-4298.

David campaigned enthusiastically. David has indicated he will run again.

Other PA UUs who have run for the PA legislature. Takac, Zrinski and Brown join an inspiring group of UUs who have recently been willing to run to become state public policy makers. They include:

Steve Snell (UU Congregation of York). Steve ran unsuccessfully in 2018 against incumbent Stan Saylor for PA House District 94 (York County). Saylor is chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. In May 2022 Saylor lost his primary race to Wendy Fink (R), who is considered more right-wing than Saylor.

Dianne Herrin (Unitarian Congregation of West Chester) won the 2020 general election race for PA House District 156 (Chester County). She chose not to run for re-election. From 2018 to 2021, Dianne served as Mayor of West Chester.

Shanna Danielson (UUs of Cumberland Valley) lost her general election race for PA Senate District 31 (Cumberland and York Counties) to Mike Regan (R).

Peter Buck (UU Fellowship of Centre County) lost his 2020 general election race against incumbent Kerry Benninghoff (R) for PA House District 171 (Centre and Mifflin Counties).

Jennifer Lugar (Unitarian Society of Germantown) ran unsuccessfully in a 6-way 2020 primary race for the Democratic nomination for PA House District 154 (Montgomery County). That race was won by Napoleon Nelson (D) who the 2020 general election.

Thanks to all these inspiring UUs! Getting seats at the public policy making tables is the most efficient way to make the world more just. Consider becoming a public policy maker.

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