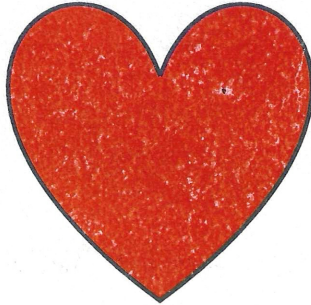


# THE HEART OF UNIVERSALISM AWARD 2026

JAY KISKEL AND HELEN BORLAND



This year's Heart of Universalism Award goes to Jay Kiskel and Helen Borland a couple who have brought Universalist Convocations into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Jay served as President and then Treasurer of Universalist Convocations and created the Convocations Website. Helen has served as a Secretary who has the great talent of keeping us on topic! Along with Rev. Richard Trudeau, Donna Simonton, and Rev. Justin Lapoint, Jay and Helen have brought about the Universalist Vesper Services which took place on the first Wednesday night of the month in 2025 and thus far in 2026. Vespers have had excellent speakers presenting different perspectives on Universalism. Jay specialized in Southern Universalism, an area often overlooked by other historians. This year, they retire and their leadership will be greatly missed. We wish them the very best!

*Justin F. Lapoint*

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Rev. Justin F. Lapoint, for the Planning Committee of Universalist Convocations

