



Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro

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Dear Members and Friends,

By the end of July, I will have been with you for three years. It is with both joy and sorrow that I am writing to let you know that these three years will be the end of my time as your Developmental Minister. My joy is that this is taking place because my beloved, The Rev. Robin Tanner, has been selected by the search committee of The Unitarian Church in Summit, New Jersey to be their final candidate for the called position of Minister of Worship and Outreach. I have no doubt that she will receive the entire congregation's unanimous vote on Sunday, May 22. It will be my great joy to be there with her, along with Kirk and Ella, for the weekend leading up to what I am sure will be an amazing confirmation of her ministry.

Robin has already negotiated a delayed start in Summit so that she might transition the justice work she has going in North Carolina onto new leadership. She will remain with the Piedmont UU's until Christmas Day. I have been clear with the UUCG board that I expect them to do what is best for UUCG. It seems clear at this point that your greatest opportunity to bring in a full-time interim is to seek one soon who can start their ministry with you this August. Bringing in an interim will give you the two-year period you will need to do what is laid out as best practice for calling the next right minister for UUCG.

So, it is with sadness, nearly equal to my joy, that I give my intention not to accept an extension of my current contract, which ends on July 31. We may be saying our goodbyes to each other in late June, as my plan is to take my remaining vacation and study leave after General Assembly in order to see where the road ahead of me leads in the state of New Jersey.

I certainly wish UUCG all the best! I have grown to love you. And know you will continue to move forward in healthy relationship with each other and with the ministers that will come after me and that you will go into the future with a renewed sense of mission and purpose. It is my great hope that you will take what the next UU ministers offer you in full measure and continue to learn and grow and be a witness for this liberating faith in all that you do.

In freeing faith,

Rev. Ann Marie

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