

Dear Beacon Members and Friends,

By now you have probably received Rev. Kevin's letter announcing his resignation in June, 2019. I am guessing you were as stunned as I was. And experiencing a myriad of feelings: perhaps shock, sadness, disappointment, possibly even anger. I think all these are natural feelings that you may want to discuss.

And I am sure you have many questions that can probably be summed up by the question "What Now?" Kevin has promised to give us his all until his departure date and so, too, I know we will give our all, as a congregation. While the minister is an integral and large part of any church, and our leader, the church is not any one person. **We** are our church. We love this church, and this devotion, with hard work, will get us through the good times and the difficult times.

On Tuesday, I talked with Sarah Millspaugh, our SW District UUA representative, about the process for securing a minister. She believes that we will be able to have someone on board by the time Kevin leaves. This will require much discussion but is not something to dread. Many of our current members became members during the tenure of our last interim, Rev. Joanne Giannino.

I have no doubt that we will continue to thrive. Our Vice President, Dennis Spurlin, will serve as President beginning July 1. He served as President last year and is highly competent. He loves challenges! So we are lucky to have strong leadership at the Board level.

No doubt you are thinking "What happens to the Capital Program?" It is anticipated that the Capital program will continue to move along as planned. See related story for an update.

As Rev. Kevin noted in his letter, he will be available after services, both this coming Sunday and next, to answer any questions you may have. I encourage you to attend. Unfortunately, not knowing about this turn of events, I made plans last October to be away this next week. So, I will not be there. However, the session will be recorded for my viewing when I return

Looking to the immediate future, our services will continue as usual. In the next few months we will be asking for your thoughts and ideas to prepare for the changes to come, but Beacon will still be the loving refuge and source of peace and energy that we seek and enjoy each week. In other words, with your help, we are going to be fine. And we wish Rev. Kevin the best as he continues to explore his life's path.

Much love,

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