



Ministry Transitions

The UUCG board of trustees voted in March 2016 to recommend to the congregation that we begin the process of finding a permanent minister. This process is called *search*, choosing this minister is referred to as *calling*, and this type of minister is a *settled* or *called* minister. At the May 2016 annual meeting, the congregation will vote on whether or not UUCG will begin searching for a settled minister. We understand that calling a settled minister is a long process and we need two years to do it well.

At the board's April meeting, in response to the news that Ann Marie will not be renewing her contract as UUCG's developmental minister, we discussed our options for ongoing ministry at UUCG. The board voted to hire an interim minister, someone with additional specific training in reviewing and revitalizing congregational operations during ministerial transitions. We anticipate an interim minister beginning at UUCG in August 2016.

The UUCG board of trustees is sad to say goodbye to Ann Marie and her family, even as we celebrate their opportunity and recognize the benefits they can bring to Unitarian Universalism outside of North Carolina. We also recognize our own opportunity for UUCG to get to know and benefit from the professional leadership of another passionate and skilled Unitarian Universalist minister. We look forward to the months and years ahead.

For more information on ministry transitions... <http://www.uua.org/careers/ministers/transitions>

If you have additional questions about UUCG's ministry transitions, or anything else related to UUCG's governance, please contact Karen Madrone, president, or Michelle Lee, vice-president.