

Addenda to Minister's Report
Annual Meeting--June 7, 2012

As you know this is the final Minister's Report I will offer to this congregation, and I would like to add a few comments in anticipation of what the next several years hold for me as a former minister and you as a congregation.

In the Section on "Departing Ministers" of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association Guidelines the following is included:

"Congregations are especially vulnerable in periods of ministerial transition. Therefore, departing ministers should exercise particular care and minimize their influence and presence within the congregation and their interactions with members (and) staff during times of transition."

More details follow in that same Section, but these words well set the tone for the responsibilities of a departing minister with respect to the congregation s/he has served, as well as his/her responsibilities to the interim and settled ministers who follow.

After this coming July 31 I will no longer be available for ministerial services to you, the members of the UU Church of Nashua. All such services will be assumed by Rev. Olivia Holmes and those ministers who follow after her. She is the one to whom any needs or desires for ministerial services of any kind must be addressed.

I will continue to reside in Nashua for the foreseeable future, while offering short-term ministerial services to area UU congregations for some years hence. It is with these congregations that my ministerial responsibilities will lie.

Since neither I, nor my immediate family, are moving away there most likely will be settings, outside of church and congregational life, where we will see one another. I see no need to avoid one another's company in such situations. But, reflecting the guidelines cited above, nothing can happen--or be said--in such encounters that would have any impact or influence on your congregational life.

I have every confidence in Rev. Holmes leadership with you over the next one or two years, and in the settled minister who will follow the interim period. Your transition process needs to go forward without any influence on my part. I appreciate, as I know Rev. Holmes will, your understanding, cooperation, and support on this matter.

Thank you,

Rev. Stephen Edington