Special Board Meeting FRS UU April 6, 2026

Present: Bob Higgins, Tom Himmel, Leslie Lawrence, Jim Supple, Andy Lobb, Renee Wolf Foster, Lori Clark, Julie Menen, Kathy Desilets

Call to Order: Bob called the meeting to order at 6:34. He shared a reading discussing hopes for justice, recognition of interdependence, the diversity and uniqueness of all and the recognition that we can do more together.

Rev Laurel – Bob informed the Board that Rev.Laurel will not return after this church year. She has accepted a position at another church. Specifics will not be available until her new church announces her coming.

Bob spoke about what Rev. Lauren had contributed to the church – her energy, her deep commitment to young church. Her fellow staff members love her. Rev. Lauren said that there were a variety of reasons for her departure, and she entered the UUA search process relatively late.

Final plans for timing and other specifics of Rev. Laurel's leaving are being worked out. She has a variety of contracted leave due to her that includes study leave and vacation. Her contract runs through July. She is willing to work on the Annual Report, participate in pastoral care, etc.

There will be an announcement to the congregation by the end of the week.

Lori raised the issue that we need to have a minister available during the time both Rev. Rebecca and Rev. Laurel will have left and August when the Interim Minister will be with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Desilets, Church Clerk