

To whom it may concern,

This has been a long hard road. We began together with such high hopes, such rich possibilities. All of us- leadership, laity, and myself- have worked hard to make our ministry together successful. But in conversation with the board, it has become clear that our ministries are not compatible. I was not able to serve enough of you well enough, and so it would be best for all of us if we took separate paths. I am therefore resigning as your minister, effective May 1.

I know that some of you will want to process this- a transition like this can bring up lots of different feelings and how we deal with them will shape your future and mine. Until May 1 I will be available by email to those of you who would like to talk about it.

After that, per UUA and UUMA rules, I will not be able to be in contact with members of the congregation.

There's a lot of fatigue here, and still a lot of possibility for you as a congregation. You need each other now more than ever. You need to take care of each other, process together, grieve together, heal together, and find your future together. Together.

I will be engaging in deep reflective work as I move forward, both my own and that which the denomination requires. It is my hope that you will use every tool available to you to do the same.

You can do this.

Please know that I never wanted anything but the best for you and for us together; I am sorry things didn't go better. I wish you the best of luck.

with blessings and love,

Leela