

Dear Prospective Candidate;

It has been a wonderful 13 years serving as the minister of the UU congregation in Brevard, NC. I knew this congregation would take good care of their minister and this was indicated to me at one of the first board meetings I attended. The comment was made "It is important to us, as your congregation, that you take time for your own spiritual development". I had never heard comments like that in the former denomination I served. This congregation cares about the spiritual growth and development of their minister and they are intentional about his/her journey. I very much appreciated that.

WE have had our "ups" and "downs" our conflicts and disagreements but we have managed to work through the majority of them. There are only a few exceptions and those involved personality conflicts.

This congregation is committed to the ideals and Principles of Unitarian Universalism above and beyond any "idolizing" of leader(s).

The commitment of time, talent and treasure of the members of UUTC exceeds expectation. I have been inspired time and time again by the level of commitment and devotion on the part of UUTC members. They work hard and they are intent on creating a beloved community and bastion of religious freedom in this county.

They are a generous congregation....if the cause is right. Their commitment to social action goes the extra mile. They are a strong-will bunch. No, "sheep" here...

What has helped me the most in my ministry here is getting my ego out of the way and not trying to control but rather making a conscious effort to empower and encourage rather than dis-empower and dis-courage.

In short; UUTC is a "beloved community"...

Keep the Peace,

Ernest L. Mills, Jr.