



## Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett

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Dear Colleague,

I am writing in my capacity as president of the Southeast Chapter of the UUMA (SEUUMA). Should you be called to serve the Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County, you will be welcomed into a vibrant and healthy collegial group.

Our chapter includes ministers serving in Georgia, North Carolina, the Florida panhandle, Eastern Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, and central and southern Virginia. We have clusters throughout the chapter that meet either in person and/or virtually throughout the year. SEUUMA gathers for chapter retreats twice a year, usually at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center just outside Highlands, NC. This is an hour's drive from Brevard through beautiful mountain terrain.

Our chapter retreats balance engaging programs, collegial support, and time for rest and renewal. Our programs over the last few years have included those brought to us by the UUMA as well as programs presented by esteemed professionals such as Matthew Fox, Mark Morrison-Reed, Thandeka, and John Crestwell. In our collegial time we offer structured small group conversations, professional and personal check-in time, and worship services twice a day. For those who enjoy hiking, there is usually a group or two who embark on foot to explore the abundance of beauty that surrounds us, and there is time for informal gatherings for discussions, singing, and playing games as well.

This year SEUUMA will be serving as a pilot chapter for the new Ministerial Formation Network, just one example of our commitment to collegial support and the formation of our up and coming colleagues. If you are called to serve UUTC, we hope you will be active in the chapter in our mutual support for one another as we navigate the joys and the challenges of our ministries.

Blessings in your search,

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Rev. Jan Taddeo  
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