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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with deep sadness that I announce my resignation from the position of Senior Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Vernon, UCC. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be August 23.

I cannot tell you how much I prayed and wrestled with this decision. Serving among you has been one of the great honors of my life. However, I was recently invited to return to Maui, Hawaii, to serve as a transitional minister at a remote village church I once served during a sabbatical. In addition, Dean has been offered a position with the company that hosts the Maui Invitational. Together, these provide an opportunity we don't feel we can pass up.

I am grateful to God for the gift of our time together and enormously proud of our shared ministry. I trust that God is at work in our parting as surely as God was at work in bringing us together, *"for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to God's purpose."*

Thank you for the gifts of your love and friendship; these I will carry with me.

Grace and peace,

The Reverend Meg Watson