

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON

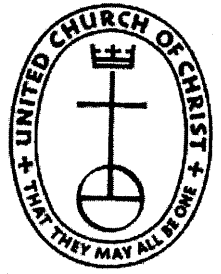
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October 10, 2012

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been my pleasure to serve this church for more than 21 years as your Associate Pastor. I have had the honor to minister with you and in this extraordinary community through various highs and lows, through times of discernment and times of celebration as God has continued to call us to work together to share the Gospel with the world.

Earlier this year I felt called to submit my profile to the Senior Pastor Search Committee for consideration in their search for your new Senior Pastor. The Search Committee has made their decision and has selected an external candidate to recommend to the congregation as your next Senior Pastor. A mailing with information about the new candidate went out earlier this week.

It is recommended and common practice for churches that, when an internal candidate applies for a position at a church and is not selected, he or she is expected to resign their position and leave the church. This allows the congregation and the new pastor the opportunity to begin their relationship on fresh ground and face a new chapter of the church's life together. When I submitted my profile I knew this was the recommended policy, and I agreed to abide by it.

Therefore, I have submitted my letter of resignation to the Board of Deacons effective December 31, 2012.

I will continue to pray for you as your journey continues with your new pastor. Together may you continue to hear God's call into service in Vernon, the larger community, and in the world.

In Christ,

The Rev. Cynthia J. Carr

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October 8, 2012

Dear Friends and Members of the FCCV,

As you know by reading the enclosed letter, the Board of Deacons has recently learned the news that, after over twenty-one years of service here at the First Congregational Church of Vernon, the Rev. Cindy Carr will be leaving us in the upcoming days. While we are saddened by her decision to resign and seek a new call, we are also very grateful for her faithful ministry and friendship over the past two decades.

In the days to come, members of the Board of Deacons will be meeting to discuss some ways we can honor Cindy's ministry here and time with us. There is much to remember and celebrate and we will seek to do this in a variety of ways. Look for some announcements related to that in the days to come and it's our hope that everyone will have the chance to speak with Cindy and let her know how much her ministry has blessed us.

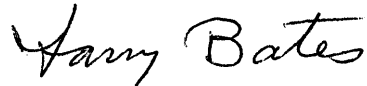
Cindy has been a model for faithful living in all the years she has served here. We are hopeful that as she seeks a new call to ministry, she will be blessed in her search and in her service.

Sincerely,



The Rev. David Minnick

Interim Senior Pastor



Mr. Larry Bates

Chair, Board of Deacons