

Dear FCC Family,

I and my family have come to love you deeply. I am so thankful for the opportunity to have served you this year and to be welcomed into your homes and hearts. I have completed the discernment I was brought here to do and have shared those conclusions with the board. You are welcome to speak with them directly as the congregation.

On Friday I gave notice of my resignation to our staff and board. My last day serving as your associate minister will be December 31, 2022. Though this chapter ends, I will continue to cheer for you as you strive to be who you say you are. Because of our love for you, and because of your heart for service, I bless you with these words:

Church, hear the Good News: there is enough for All! May you do your part to distribute your abundance equitably and compassionately, so that the needs of our world may be no more. Our siblings are counting on you. Go today, into a world that is waiting for all you have to give. May you be transformed by generosity, as you live between the now and the not yet.

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