



SALTWATER CHURCH,
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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Dear Saltwater Community,

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I am so grateful for the time we have journeyed together. It has been a privilege to serve as your settled Minister for the last five years.

Together we have created beautiful and inspiring worship services, discerned our mission, deepened our commitment to our covenant, leaned more deeply into justice work, and invested in partnerships with the communities that share our church campus. And we did all of this while supporting and caring for one another through a pandemic. Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you in this meaningful ministry.

I am writing to let you know that my time with you is ending. I am resigning from my position as your Minister as of July 2023. I accepted a position in another congregation this week that will begin in August 2023. I will be able to share more details soon.

I know this may come as a surprise and will likely bring up many different feelings. Transitions are hard. And we have been through so many of them. We will have space in worship and meetings to name and honor this transition. And I am also available if you would like to set up a meeting with me. This is an opportunity to practice the spiritual work of saying goodbye.

My last worship service with you will be on Sunday, June 18. In the remainder of June, I will be finishing up work with different teams and passing along information that will support the next phase of ministry. The first few weeks of July I will be packing my office and home, preparing to move. I will be available to leaders and staff for questions during this time but will not be attending meetings or leading worship. My time with the congregation will be completed by July 14, 2023.

I love you and I believe in you as a congregation. You are creative, resilient, mission-driven, justice-oriented, caring, and eager to learn and grow. I will be cheering for you from afar! And you will not need to do it alone. Regional Staff of the UUA will be meeting with the Board to discern next steps and support the congregation through the transition.

Thank you for inviting me to be part of your journey as a congregation.

Blessings,
Rev. Kristen Kuriga