

February 11th, 2018

Dear Members and Friends of Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano

It is with a profound mix of sorrow, gratitude and hope that I announce my resignation as your Called Minister of the Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano, as of July 31st, 2018. After nearly eleven years of service to this fine congregation, I realize that my time serving with you as your Called Minister has come to an end. I feel that we have accomplished much together, however it is time for a renewal of our respective ministries in service of our UU Faith.

My wife, the Rev. Jennifer Innis, who serves currently as the Interim Director of Education for Community UU Church, completes her contract on July 31st, 2018, also. Consequently, Jennifer and I are presently in the midst of our Unitarian Universalist Association's Ministerial Search process. At this point in our process, no specific ministries are yet determined. We decided to announce my resignation this early in the search process so that the congregation can engage with the important issues of your ministerial and religious educator transitions during the upcoming stewardship drive. This also allows the congregation more notice to initiate the interim/consulting ministry process with our Association's Transitions Office. Interim ministers generally begin their duties on August 1st of a given year.

Leaving here has been a difficult decision for me to make because of the strong ties I have with our congregation and personally to my larger family in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Deep grief rises up in me as I think of leaving this congregation which supported Jennifer and me as we started our own family. Your many kindnesses will never be forgotten, and your wisdoms will be cherished always. I will miss you and this place which I have called my home longer than anywhere else in my life, to date.

Yet, I am heartened by the possibility of exploring new ministries with Jennifer, each of us and together; deepening our call to our ministry, discovering where we might next be of best service to our Unitarian Universalist faith. In turn, I believe that the Community UU Church of Plano and UUism in North Texas are at crucial cross roads, and will benefit from the interim and/or consulting ministry process and a renewed ministerial leadership.

Our remaining ministries together now consist of saying goodbye and there will be many opportunities to do so. I will provide my service to this congregation during this transition in whatever ways are helpful and appropriate.

With blessings, sincerely,

The Reverend Patrick David Price