



I'd like to express my gratitude to Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Sellers, and to the Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ for the opportunity to be a part of the ministry of the Conference. I'll be the first to acknowledge that it came during an interesting time in my personal journey. Although I did not plan my transition to happen at this time, I feel fortunate that when I needed finally to face my transition, I was in a place where I received so much support from my employer. Many people who face this same issue lose their jobs, their families, their church, their friends, and their community. All of these support systems are still in place for my family and me.

It has not been an easy time for me, and there are parts of my ministry that I have not been able to fulfill as I would have liked or as the job required. I approached the Conference Minister with my concerns and she and I agreed that my position description needed to be changed and my hours reduced. This has given me time to deal with other issues in my life that have been pressing on me. I am very pleased with this accommodation made available by Conference.

Along with this new agreement regarding my employment I have agreed that my current position will end in October. Karen has let me know that I am free to apply for the new position that may be created out of the consultation that Kaleidoscope, Inc. is performing with the Pilgrim Point Camp Committee. I am not planning to apply for the position. This will give the Pilgrim Point Camp Committee, the Minnesota Conference and Karen the opportunity to find someone that can better fulfill the duties of the new position.

Once again I would like to thank Karen and the Minnesota Conference for allowing me to minister among and with you all. I am looking forward to a wonderful summer at Pilgrim Point Camp!

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