

Board Notes 4-25-18

Those of you who were in church on Sunday to hear Rev. Capezzi preach her wonderful sermon, also heard these words from our awesome worship leader, Kim Evans:

“Over the past year, our congregation has worked hard shaping ourselves and voicing our desire to call a full-time minister. The Unitarian Universalist Association states:

“Very few things that a congregation does affect it as greatly, or are as important, as the choice of a minister. Wonderful ministerial-congregational matches provide new life and purpose to an institution and help lead both parties well into the future.”

The work that our congregation has done has led us to this day. Today, we meet our ministerial candidate, Rita Capezzi. In a few minutes Rita will lead us in worship as well as on April 29th and then the next step belongs to all of us. Next Sunday, immediately following our worship service, we will vote on calling Rita Capezzi to our church as our called minister. I am calling on every single member of this church to come forward to the altar, sign in and complete a paper ballot. Your vote is important as we continue our journey together with a called minister. After the vote, we will then adjourn downstairs and join our visitors in the fellowship hall.”

Thanks so much to Kim for putting this momentous vote in perspective. We have never done this before as a congregation. All of our former ministers were hired by the board of directors. This minister will be called by ALL of us.

Our 5th principle states that we affirm and promote:

“The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.”

Here is our chance to live out that principle. Wouldn't it be amazing to have 100 of our adult members vote unanimously to support the call of Rev. Rita Capezzi as our first settled minister?

Your ballot will state:

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE 4-29-18

Shall we call Rev. Rita Capezzi as our full-time settled minister?

YES _____

NO _____

I hope to see each and every one of you on Sunday to hear an amazing preacher and to vote on calling her to join with us in ministry to the greater Mankato area.

In Gratitude,

Nancy Cramblit
Board President