

Dear Future Minister,

On behalf of VUU I am privileged to provide you this letter of welcome.

Inside this packet you will discover a plethora of information that describes the inner workings of Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation. We hope you find it useful as you acquaint yourself with our structure of governance, our mission, and our purpose.

What I want most to convey in this letter is the culture of compassion that pervades our congregation; to help you hear the voices of VUU members who live their truths every day collectively and individually.

The voices of the choir who lead our congregation in songs of love, justice and unity such as “Blue Boat Home”, one of our favorites.

The voices of the many Social Justice Committees who augment the voices of the voiceless and most vulnerable.

The voices of the children who grow up learning diversity is an asset and have so many opportunities to learn through our Faith Formation program.

The voices of the new Partners in Education Committee who **are dedicated to equity in education and are directly serving students and school administrators.**

The voices of the Leadership Development Committee who nurture in others the ability to lead and drive change when the opportunity arises.

The voices of the Pastoral Care Team who listen with compassion and care to anyone in need of emotional support every Sunday, and indeed every day.

The voices of the Stewardship Committee who share our stories, our vision and our passion with members and non-members to solicit their financial support which allows us to worship together, coalesce on common objectives and ultimately make our corner of the world a better place.

None of this happens without strong leadership from the Senior Minister. I hope you can hear, in the context of this letter, my reverence for all the amazing people who make up our congregation, those who are driven by spiritual strength and grounded in the firm belief that love is love and social justice is our calling.

If this sounds like a chorus of UU energy to you, we invite you to join us on our song-making.

Yours in faith,

Mary Wolf-Francis

President of the Board of Trustees