Dear Reverend Garmon, CUUC Board of Trustees, and RE Council,

I am writing with mixed feelings to let you know that I have accepted an offer to be the Director of Faith Formation at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation in New London, CT. Although I am excited about this new position, it is with great sadness that I am resigning from my position at CUUC.

My time at CUUC has been tremendously positive and I am grateful for the heartfelt connections made in the congregation. The wonderful work we have done together has created something special at both ends of the building and the bridge between them. With enthusiastic volunteers and a strong RE Council, the Religious Education Ministry is in a strong position for the next person who comes to CUUC to lead it.

As you know, the cost of living in Westchester has been an issue for my family. Eastern CT provides a significantly lower cost of housing and we think this move will create a better quality of life for our family in the long run. It was a very difficult decision because of the positive feelings I have for the CUUC community and my satisfaction with the position at CUUC. However, Barbara and I hope this move will ease the stress of housing costs and the long commute we have been making.

I am committed to supporting CUUC through this transition in whatever way will be helpful. We can discuss my end date at CUUC and other details as we move through this transition. I look forward to working together over these next weeks to create a positive segue into the next chapter of Religious Education and Faith Development leadership at CUUC.

Thank you for your support during my time at CUUC and your thoughtful leadership. The congregation is a vibrant place and a strong Unitarian Universalist community that I have been proud to serve. I am grateful for the time we have had together in the great and meaningful endeavor of congregational life.

Sincerely, Perry Montrose