

June 3, 2018

Dear UU Nashua Friends,

I am thrilled that you are voting today on naming Rev. Steve Edington as a Minister Emeritus. Though I am not able to be with you today, I wanted you to know that this resolution has my full support.

According to our UUA, “The title Minister Emeritus is granted to honor long and meritorious service to a congregation where the minister has given devoted and competent ministerial leadership.”

In my mind, when a congregation names a Minister Emeritus, it signals a number of things. First, it shows that the congregation has a respect for the work of professional ministry. You understand the impact and importance of having an ordained professional serve the congregation. Second, it shows that the congregation recognizes and appreciates when a particular minister has offered many years of faithful service. The title carries with it the gratitude of the congregation for the work of that minister.

Steve served this congregation faithfully for 24 years, and his ministry had a profound impact on many of you, and on the life of this congregation. Giving him the title of Minister Emeritus is a fitting way to recognize his work and impact, and to honor his ministry.

Blessings,
Rev. Allison