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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

As your new interim minister, I thought I would devote my first pastoral letter to explaining why the interim should not be a candidate for the permanent or settled position. The Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Hancock-Waldo Association, as well as several other major denominations, have a clear and specific guideline which prohibits an interim from being considered for the permanent call. You probably know that already. It is a part of the covenant that I signed upon becoming your interim.

What is not as clear in the minds of many is the rationale behind this position. Let me try to clarify. First, the interim has an advantage over other possible candidates who may desire to be considered for the position because he or she already has a presence and visibility to the congregation. This makes it unfair to others who may be interested in the position, but who will not have the same visibility.

Second, a precedent could be set which would result in pastors seeking interim positions with the sole purpose of putting themselves in a better position to be considered and called as the pastor,

thus greatly damaging the whole call process.

Third, calling the interim and refusing to consider other viable candidates is, quite frankly, the "easy way out" for the congregation. Even with a good interim, there may be more suitable candidates out there. But the congregation will not come to know them because it failed to consider a large number of potential candidates.

There are a couple of other reasons why the interim should not be a candidate for the permanent call but, for the sake of brevity, I'll stop for now. I am indebted to Roger Nicholson's book "Temporary Shepherds" for some of the above mentioned material.

And now, on a more personal note, I am eager to begin to work with you. I am glad to be here and I look forward to our spiritual journey. I look forward to meeting you soon (as I write this letter, it's only my fourth day on the job). I will endeavor to learn your names as quickly as possible and to put a face with the name. Blessed be the Holy Spirit that brings us together in mutual love, prayer, service and mission through the One who indeed makes all things new!

Keith Bowie

A Reflection on the Boston Marathon Bombings

I write as a pastor and a chaplain; and as one who ran in the 2007 Boston Marathon, whose son ran in 2009, and who has family members and friends who go to Boston each April either to run or to cheer on the thousands who make their way on the 26.2 mile course from the town of Hopkinton to the Boylston Street finish line in Boston.

May the prayerful hearts of all in the Maine Conference go out to everyone affected by the bombings – spectators, runners, race officials and volunteers, emergency responders, medical personnel, private citizens who rushed to the aid those injured – including people whom they may not even have known personally.

In particular, I invite us to hold in our hearts and to be mindful and prayerful of those who lost their lives, and those who sustained grievous injuries. This was a shocking and sad event on what otherwise is known to many as a day of fulfillment, joy, and affirmations of love and support among family members and fans of the sport of long distance running. I also invite us to be mindful and prayerful for our brothers and sisters providing care to those injured, at the many Boston area medical centers involved: physicians, nurses, therapists of many specialties, chaplains, and all those hospital employees in every capacity who sustain those centers. We add to that number the pastors and leaders of faith communities who minister now, and will continue in the days ahead, to those who suffer on account of this horrific occurrence.

In Maine, with our closeness to Boston, many of us know of members of our congregations, friends, or neighbors who have run the Boston Marathon. There were dozens of Maine runners and spectators at Monday's race. We know through press accounts that some people with Maine ties are among the injured.

I know the Boston Marathon as a gathering of people from all over the world, with runners representing the great and beautiful human mosaic of nations, cultures, languages. There is enormous good will. Spectators line the 26.2 mile course, all the way from Hopkinton to Boston – little children waving, and looking for a high 5 from a passing runner; mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers cheering on daughters and sons, granddaughters and grandsons. Many spectators hold out water bottles for passing runners as an act of kindness. Hundreds of people run in fund-raising for dozens of causes as diverse as the prevention of abuse of children; cancer treatment for children; multiple sclerosis research and treatment; lymphoma research and treatment, raising nearly 3 million dollars each year. So many runners have many individual stories – running to overcome an addiction, rehabilitation from cardiac illness, honoring someone dear to them now deceased, the recovery of health once tenuous.

So it is that I invite mindfulness, prayerfulness, a moment of silence – whatever form of attentiveness you may find to be consoling and honoring in your own way, as individuals, and as congregations.

May acrimony dissolve, may harmony abide, and – in the words of the Iona Community Prayer book – may the Goodness of God, planted more deeply than all that is wrong, prevail.

Rev. Doug Dunlap Chaplain, Franklin Memorial Hospital Farmington, Maine

82nd Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ

Official Call of the 2013 Annual Meeting The 82nd Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ (successor to the Congregational Christian Conference of Maine; it being the 102nd Anniversary of the Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine; the 188th Anniversary of the State Conference, the 206th Anniversary of the Maine Missionary Society, the 184th Anniversary of the Maine Congregational Ministerial Relief Society, and the 46th Anniversary of the Maine Conference as a Conference of the United Church of Christ), will be held at the University of Maine, Farmington, Maine and will convene at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 31, 2013.

Items to be voted at this year's meeting will be the:

- Proposed 2014 Conference Budget
- 2014 Compensation Guidelines for Clergy
- Slate of Officers/Commissions Elect
- Resolution regarding "An Urgent Call for the Prevention of Gun Violence"
- Adoption of New Conference Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Mission Plan
- Establishment of and Appointment of Members of New Dimensions Team
- Amendment to Pilgrim Lodge Capital Campaign Finance Structure

Walter (Ted) Ruark, Conference Clerk

Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ

For additional information check the Maine Conference website: www.maineucc.org. If you are interested in attending the conference this year, you can talk with Kathy Woodside, Kathy MacCulloch or Hunter Riddell, delegates to the Maine Conference. We would love to have at least one more youth delegate and some other folks from our church attend this year...so talk with us!!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Hancock-Waldo Association Spring Gathering!!

When: Saturday-May 11th

Where: Bar Harbor Congregational Church UCC

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided)

Delegates from Congregational churches throughout Hancock and Waldo counties will be gathering for their Spring Association meeting in Bar Harbor. Associate Conference Minister, **Reverend Darren Morgan**, will be the guest speaker. This meeting is open to all so please consider attending especially since our church will be hosting the meeting. Darren will be leading the group through a discussion of Maine's Law Protecting Religious Freedom". This conversation is not intended as a redebate of the merits of the law, but rather a discussion about what the law means for churches and pastors. We will enter into this dialogue prayerfully beginning with a reading from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, followed by a prayer taken from the Order for Marriage from the UCC Book of Worship. Below you will find an outline for this conversation.

- Laying out ground rules for the day's conversation, e.g. listen carefully to others, be respectful, be willing to examine your own beliefs in light of what others say, speak your mind freely, etc.
- The law- what it says (and what it does not say).
- Wedding policies in local churches that currently exist. What is out there currently?
- Ways in which a congregational conversation can begin (as opposed to simply doing an up or down vote on whether to allow same sex marriages in the church).
- Take-a-ways: several resources on the topic
- Questions? What next?

Stay tuned for a more detailed schedule for the gathering in our church bulletin within the next few weeks. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Kathy Woodside



Spring is definitely here and things are warming up fast in Christian Education! Our Spring (and last!) trimester began on Sunday, April 14th, with a group activity of scrapbooking. Our kids spent their morning putting together a page all about them that we have shared with our new interim pastor, Keith. Everyone made their own page, some with the help of our selfless volunteers. We look forward to learning more about our new interim and getting to know him.

As the school year comes to a close, we are looking ahead to the summer and Vacation Bible Camp! This year's theme is still in the works, but it may be one with lots of animals! Stay tuned! We are still looking for help to teach our 3rd and 4th grade class. The curriculum is quite simple to follow and the kids are some of the happiest people! If you are interested in lending a hand, even a few Sundays would be of great help, please let Amanda know ASAP!! Our final months are jam packed with fun! Take a look at the calendar below to see all the exciting activities that are planned for our kids in Christian Education!

Lastly, last year's JC & Me was a huge success with lots of new and past volunteers. We are hoping that this year will bring about the same response. Look for more information soon! And remember, our kids deserve your awesome talents; won't you share your love for the fun with them?

Warmly,
Amanda Beals
CE Coordinator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY			1	2	3 Parent's Night Out! 5-9 pm	4
5 Family Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 SS Class #4	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 SS Class #5 Teacher Recognition CE Board Meeting	20 Teacher Appreciation Party	21	22	23	24	25
26 SS Class #6 Memorial Service	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

ASCENSION CRAFT



Use this craft to remember where Jesus is now and the promise of his return.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4 cotton balls
- Blue plastic cup
- Glue
- Scissors
- White paper
- Markers or crayons
- Fishing line (about 14")
- Paper clip

What you do:

1. Set the cup upside down. Pull apart the cotton balls, forming cloud shapes, and glue them around the cup.
2. With an adult's help, poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
3. On the paper, draw and cut out a Jesus figure. Color both sides.
4. Poke a hole atop Jesus, string fishing line through the hole and tie a knot.
5. String the other end through the hole in the cup. Tie the end to a paper clip.
6. Pull up the paper clip to take Jesus into the clouds.



LOOKING INTO THE SKY

As Jesus ascended into heaven, two angels had a message for his disciples.

Directions: Underline the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write it on the line below to complete the angels' message in Acts 1:11, NIV.

1. strange same odd	2. Lazarus Jesus Martha	3. who then there	4. pear been apple	5. taken cat dog
6. sky from earth	7. you work toil	8. desk chair into	9. house hallway heaven	10. can't will won't
11. breakfast come lunch	12. nose back mouth	13. see the hear	14. oval round same	15. way girl boy
16. his her you	17. white have black	18. one seen two	19. go low high	20. sea heaven ocean

"This _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ has _____ 4 _____
 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____
 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____ in _____ 13 _____
 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____
 _____ 18 _____ him _____ 19 _____ into _____ 20 _____."

Acts 1:11, *niv*

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11, NIV



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1	2 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	3 Parent's Night Out 5:00-9:00	4 Music Rehearsals 10:00am-4:00pm
5 Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Family Sunday</i> Music Rehearsals 10:00am-4:00pm	6 Cancer Support Group 5:00pm-6:30pm	7	8	9 Trustees 5:30 Choir 7:00	10	11 Hancock/Waldo Association Meeting 9:30am-1:00pm
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> Worship Service 10:00 AM	13 Called to Care 7:00pm	14 Outreach 7:00pm	15 Deacons 7:00pm	16 Choir rehearsal 7:00	17	18 Music Rehearsals 10:00am - 4:00pm
19 Worship Service 10:00 AM Sonogee Service 10:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Teacher Recognition</i> C.E.Board 6:00pm Music rehearsals 1:00-4:00pm	20 Teacher Appreciation Party	21	22 Church Council 7:00pm	23 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	24	25 Music Rehearsals 10:00am – 3:30pm
26 Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Memorial Service</i> Whitener Recital 12:00pm-4:00pm	27	28	29	30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	31	



MAY

Birthdays this Month

4 Aubrie Boyce
4 George Mitchell
7 Kevin Langley
9 Susan Greenleaf
11 Elise Craighead
14 Alisha Rechholtz
14 Scott Riddell
15 Patty Benore
15 Tim Smith
15 Sheridan Steele
16 Jane Sanderson
17 Alice Hobbs
18 Richard Collier
18 Sandra Reed
19 Leslie Spurling
20 Coady Modeen
20 Olivia Modeen
21 Faith Reece
21 Dean DiMauro
21 Lou Ingrisano
21 Ezekiel Valleau
23 Sandy Boyce
24 Christopher Booher
25 Crystal Hobbs
28 Heidi Turner O'Connor

Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – Lindsay Shopland
Assistant Deacon – Mimi Dickson

Liturgists-

5
12 Debbie Dyer
19
26

Flowers –

5 Dotti Robins and Florence Ames
12 Ruth Rossi
19 Jane and Gerard Haraden
26 Norma and Les Spurling

Coffee Hosts -

5
12
19
26

Lectionary -

5 Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

12 Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21
John 17:20-26

19 Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17

26 Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-15
John 16:12-15

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Special dates;

- National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2013
- Christian Family Week, May 6-12, 2013
- Ascension of the Lord, May 9, 2013
- Mother's Day, May 12, 2013
- Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2013
- Pentecost, May 19, 2013
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 20, 2013
- Memorial Day, May 27, 2013

A mother's prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen
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The price of freedom

In "What Did He Die For?" Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day — and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America's freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world.

The chorus offers this challenge:

"What did he die for when he died for you and me,
Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?
I believe we will answer each to heaven
For the way we spend a priceless liberty.
Look inside and ask the question, What did he die for?"

Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we're challenged to live so as to honor Jesus' supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our "priceless liberty" using our blessings to bless others.