

Dear Colleague:

We are delighted that you are considering bringing your ministry to First Parish in Milton, a congregation with a rich and vibrant history.

The Mass Bay District chapter of the UUMA is active and large, and you'll find significant collegial support here. We sponsor four chapter meetings a year that include worship, conversation and a program on a meaningful and enriching topic. For example, the November 2015 program was led by our Good Officers, and focused on issues that can potentially derail our ministries, with the topics supplied eagerly by those in attendance! We discussed steps we took or wish we'd taken to address issues, particularly by drawing on the advice and support of colleagues. We took time in small groups to reflect, listen deeply, and pray for one another.

Each spring we also have a two-day retreat focused on nurturing our ministries and lives. There are quite a few clergy small groups that meet on a monthly or bimonthly basis, and a member of our chapter executive team can point you to them or help a new one form if that makes the most sense. One new activity, coming in fall of 2017, will be a retreat organized by and for all four chapters in our New England Region. We're excited about this opportunity to join with many more colleagues for nurture, worship and learning!

Our chapter is intentional about our spirit of radical welcome, and we support one another through programming, mentoring, friendship and pulpit exchange. You can find out more about us online at UUMA.org and clicking on our chapter's page. We would be glad to speak to you if that would be useful to your decision making process. Best of luck as you explore the possible match with First Parish in Milton.

Warmly,

Revs. Megan Lynes and Meg Soens
Co-Presidents, Mass Bay Chapter, UUMA