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Dear Prospective DRE Candidate

We look forward to meeting you and to sharing with you (and you with us) our visions of Unitarian Universalist religious education. Like any church we have had some ebbs and flows of energy and creativity in religious education over the years, and we are now in the midst of a vibrant surge of energy and focus on religious growth and learning across the lifespan. We now seek to further strengthen our programs as we welcome a new settled Director .

As the minister, I look forward to working closely with a new colleague as we sustain and create programs to nurture the spiritual and ethical growth of our children, our youth, and our adult community. During the twenty years of my ministry at Old Ship I have strived to consult closely with the professional and lay leaders of our religious education programs. And for most of those years I have convened our Adult Education Committee and each year I lead several adult classes myself or with other professional and lay leaders.

I would characterize Old Ship as a healthy mid-sized suburban congregation. Our members are spiritually and intellectually curious and engaged, and diverse in the theological and spiritual paths they walk. In this spirit the congregation supports a religious education program rooted in our VU Principles and Sources -a program which is inclusive of Jewish and Christian traditions, other world religions, and humanist approaches to life, and which has a strong social justice dimension as well.

I've entered my twenty-first year of ministry at Old Ship. Among the many fine characteristics of Old Ship, it is a congregation which takes its teaching role seriously and which strives to be supportive in every way of its professional leaders.

I look forward to a creative next chapter of religious growth and learning at Old Ship. We have fine and energetic lay leadership. We have benefited enormously from the leadership of our interim DRE, Kerrie Lirosi. We await the leadership of our new settled DRE -perhaps you!

Thanks for your interest.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Read- Brown