### Rev. Kím's Sabbatical of Rediscovery

# FAQs



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## When?

- Rev. Kim will be in the pulpit for the Christmas Eve Services.
- Her sabbatical starts Christmas Day and ends May 2, 2020.
- She returns to the pulpit Sunday, May 3, 2020.
- Please save the date, Sunday,
   December 15, for the Sabbatical
   Send-off Party in the Crossings Room after the 10 a.m. service!

## What?

The tradition of sabbatical began in the universities when they were a part of the church. It was understood that professors needed to become students again. It occurred every seven years. While the sabbatical tradition is more commonly known in secular and church-related universities, it's also important for clergy and their congregations.

# Why?

Ministers need to become students again. To strongly serve a vibrant congregation, a minister needs to expand, explore and deepen their spiritual, and intellectual life. Specifically, a sabbatical allows time for study, research, reflection, practice, and travel.

The sabbatical theme Rev. Kim has chosen is Rediscovery. Please read her sabbatical letter (available at uucwc.org) for more information about her plans.

While a sabbatical may seem to be minister-focused, the sabbatical experience is a time of growth and centering within the congregation.

## Where?

Rev. Kim will be studying locally and traveling to conferences and training sessions in the NY Metro & Mid-Atlantic Region, as well as visiting family in Nebraska.

## Who?

Rev. Sue Goodwin will be preaching and providing pastoral care 20 hrs. each week.

The Sabbatical Team (six members/ leaders and staff), the Board of Trustees and area Unitarian Universalist clergy will serve as additional support in all other areas.

Representing different aspects of the congregation, the Sabbatical Team, listed alphabetically by role, is

- Board of Trustee Liaison, Jeff Lang
- Church Administrator, Susan Irgang
- Member/Leader-at-Large, Marilyn Cichowski
- Personnel Committee, Scott Drew
- Right Relations Co-Chair, Susan Colket
- Worship Associates Co-Chair, Scott Cullen

We ask everyone to follow the sabbatical guidelines regarding no contact with Rev. Kim during the sabbatical period.

To contact us, please email sabbatical@uucwc.org with your questions.

## How?

UUCWC values the purpose and practice of sabbatical by carefully planning and budgeting for it.

In committing for sabbaticals, we support the responsible care and reciprocity of our ministerial/ congregational relationship.

> Here's how to reach out to the Sabbatical Team: sabbatical@uucwc.org

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