**Now is the time!**

October 26, 2021

Dear Rindge UCC church members and friends,

The time has come for us to boldly move forward, with faith, and step into the church’s future. We have been in conversation with many churches over the last six months about collaborating and sharing a pastor. Two Sundays ago, we shared a wonderful worship service with the Ashburnham Community Church where we all expressed interest in moving toward a commitment to share a pastor and collaborate. This past Sunday, our church held an additional conversation and the message was clear…it’s time to move ahead!

Therefore, on **Sunday, November 7th**, we will travel to the Ashburnham Community Church for their 10:00am service to hear Rev. Liz Magill preach, and to have another opportunity to engage in conversations of interest, share ideas and ask questions. Members from the Fitzwilliam Community Church will be there and other churches may join with us. It is important that as many people as possible attend this service to learn more about Pastor Liz and the Ashburnham Church. Details about carpooling and directions will be forthcoming. In addition we may be able to “simulcast” the service into the Rindge sanctuary; contact the church if that is something you might be interested in. The service will also be recorded and a link made available.

On **Sunday, November 14th** you are encouraged to attend an all-church meeting after the service, to hear additional details and to vote on committing to this collaboration. If we commit to the collaborative we will work together to figure out the finer details of how it will operate. It is very important to have as many members as possible at this November 14th meeting so we can move forward together as a congregation! While only church members and associate members can vote, everyone is invited! A Zoom option will be available. Please contact the church at 603.899.5722 to request that link.

The warrant for our special meeting will be posted shortly at the church and will include the following:

1. Discuss: What is a collaborative?
2. Vote to join with the Ashburnham Community Church through a collaboration and shared minister
3. Vote to authorize the Ministries Assembly to finalize the specific details of that agreement with the Ashburnham collaborative
4. Any other business that may come before the church membership.

We hope everyone will join us for these two very exciting opportunities to frame the future of the First Congregational Church and Society.

**Come and be an active participant in shaping our church’s future!**

Yours in faith, on behalf on the Ministries Assembly,

Marcie Miller, Moderator