

A REPORT TO THE **CONGREGATION**  
on the work of  
**The Church of Christ at Dartmouth College**  
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## Report of the Board of Elders

It's been a productive year for the CCDC Board of Elders. As you know, the Elders are comprised of representatives from our Boards of Deacons, along with "at large" members representing the wider congregation. We meet monthly to hear reports from the Boards of Deacons and from our several committees, to discuss and pass on important matters before the church, as governed by our bylaws, to provide critical support and guidance to our church staff as needed, and of course to set the direction and priorities for the church as guided by the congregation.

The goals set forth by the Elders for this year were to address from a programmatic standpoint three broad focus areas for the church that were gleaned from discussions during our recent discernment process. These included 1) a strengthened faith formation practice; 2) a more intentional, purpose-driven justice ministry; and 3) a more resilient and sustainable financial model for our church.

From a fiscal standpoint our Church is blessed with both a committed, generous congregation and a gifted and dedicated team of financial advisors. The newly reconvened Financial Advisory Committee led by Evan Smith has taken the lead in guiding the finances of our church. The many hours of work this group has put in has led to stability and sustainability in the church's financial model. They have employed a number of strategies including, overseeing a renovation project optimizing the utilization of church space and lease potential, the formation of a Planned Giving Committee, and a spirited and well-orchestrated pledge campaign strategy which has resulted in an 8% increase in pledged income (allowing us to reduce our reliance on lease income). They also prepared a detailed user friendly brochure outlining and explaining our church's finances. In preparing this year's budget they provided invaluable guidance and advice to the Board of Elders as well as to our senior minister. We offer a very special thank you for the outstanding work of the volunteer members of this working team: Evan Smith, Jay Benson, Brian Edwards, Trish Jackson, Nancy Marion, Tom Csatari, Carla and myself. If you get a chance, please thank them.

On the faith formation front we undertook several initiatives in response to the discernment process. In the fall we had three well attended book reads/small group discussions led by Carla, Rob and Richard Crocker. Those who participated were challenged to explore their faith more deeply while getting to know others from the congregation a bit better. It was out of these discussions that a grassroots desire arose to reexamine the wording of our covenant last revised in 1979. This led to the formation of a working group that is reviewing, revising and readapting our church covenant – they hope to put forth their recommendations for a congregational vote this summer. Another group studied the book of Mark as part of the Lenten series this spring.

Concerning our purpose driven justice ministry, after careful evaluation and several exploratory working sessions on community activism, our congregation voted unanimously to join the United Valley Interfaith Project. Our deepest thanks goes to Margaret Jernstedt and Charlotte Quimby who took the lead in encouraging our congregation to approve membership in this meaningful local advocacy group. We look forward as a congregation to becoming more engaged in the social justice work of this organization and with other people of faith in our broader community.

All of this of course is in addition to the many many other activities, ministries and forms of worship of our church. It has been a busy productive year.

For the upcoming year we will continue the work we have started on these three broad fronts, however considerable time and energy will now be dedicated towards the transition process as we begin the search for our new senior pastor as well as support the call to ministry of Rob Grabill as our Associate Pastor and Director of Religious Education. It is with sadness that we will say goodbye to our beloved Carla, our senior pastor for these past 20 years. She has been a guiding light and inspiration to us all. As one parishioner put it, "I feel that I am losing a dear mother, sister, friend, pastor." We are all sad to see Carla and her family leave but we realize it is God's calling of her to a new ministry. We will miss her leadership, warmth and inspiration dearly, but we will get through the transition and welcome the opportunity for change

and what the future spiritual leadership for our church will bring. We are a strong dedicated congregation and trust that God will provide us with another exceptional pastor to lead us spiritually as Carla has these many years. The Elders have met with Gary Schulte the UCC NH Conference Minister and he will be very helpful in guiding us through both the transition and Rob's calling. We all wish Carla and Warren well, and know how much they will both bring to her new position as Head Pastor of Plymouth Church of Minneapolis.

Finally I wish to thank the Board of Elders for their hard work and dedication this past year and their shared commitment to our church and ministry. The Board of Elders includes: Libby Barry, Megan Culp, Trish Jackson, Susan Kessler, John McBride, Jackie Paulson, Ray Sears, Amy Smith, Gautier Wallaert, Karen Williamson, Dianne Campbell and John Heaney.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Bensen, President of the Board of Elders  
Libby Barry Susan Kessler  
Dianne Campbell John McBride  
Melissa Chen Jackie Paulsen  
Megan Culp Ray Sears  
John Heaney Gautier Wallaert  
Trish Jackson Amy Smith  
Karen Williamson

### **Board of Deacons for Congregational Life**

This board is charged with the spiritual health and well being of the membership of the congregation, to include providing coffee hour hosts, delivery of flowers after Sunday service to house bound members of the congregation, organizing Easter Breakfast, providing breakfast meeting for new members on the day of their joining the church, and this year recognition of those who have been members for 50 years or more.

Many members of the congregation have been very helpful and willing to make all these activities ongoing and possible. THANK YOU ALL

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Rawnsley, Chair  
Kathy Wilkerson, Karen Williamson, Carol Zalinger

### **Board of Deacons for Outreach**

**The Board of Outreach** had a productive year, focusing its attention on projects and ministries well beyond our walls. We worked together to engage the congregation in activities that allowed us to further enrich our already strong faith community. A recap of these endeavors follows:

**The Crop Walk** was spearheaded again this year by Rob Grabill and a band of enthusiastic young people. CCDC raised just over \$2,000 towards this great cause and the entire Lebanon area event brought in close to \$15,000. Proceeds help support hunger relief efforts both locally and more broadly, via Church World Service.

**Neighbors in Need:** This is a special annual offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and passion throughout the United States. This year's theme was literacy education – imagining a world where a quality education is accessible to all. Through the generosity of the congregation we were able to contribute \$1,425 to this offering.

**The Giving Tree:** This year at Christmastime, we had 100+ requests for clothing and food items to give to families recommended to us by the LISTEN Center. All of the requests were met by members of our wonderful and caring congregation. Katie Aman enjoyed coordinating this project, and she would like to thank participants for helping to make a real difference in the lives of many of our needy Upper Valley neighbors.

**Christmas Eve Offering:** Headrest and UN Foundation Ebola Response Fund were the recipients of this year's \$6,000 Christmas Eve Offering. We felt the values and mission of these two organizations were consistent with those of our church. It was also our wish to provide support both locally and on the international stage.

**One Great Hour of Sharing,** the refugee, relief and development offering of a number of denominations, including the United Church of Christ, transforms lives through health, education, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries. We collected \$4,075 towards this fund – that's a significant increase over last year! Special thanks to all of the friends and members of our church who participated.

**Hygiene Kits Project:** We were able to collect, assemble, pack and ship 53 kits to CWS! Our donation helps the organization be prepared for immediate disaster response.

**Church World Service Blankets “Plus” Program and Tools for Hope:** After a year hiatus, we sold Mother’s and Father’s Day cards. The effort seemed to be warmly received.

**Bicentennial Fund:** Contingent upon approval at the spring congregational meeting, Dismas House will be the sole recipient of this year’s Bicentennial Fund Award of \$600. The organization’s mission is “to reconcile prisoners with society and society with prisoners.” Our donation will be used to build raised beds and to generally improve on the appearance and functionality of their backyard.

**Summer Lunch Program – Northwoods/Hollow Drive:** We are pleased to once again join other area churches in providing healthy snacks and bag lunches through the summer for the 30-40 children who live in two affordable housing communities. CCDC’s week is June 29 through July 3 and volunteers will enjoy good fellowship when we gather to prepare the sandwiches etc.

Our monthly, standing assignments include:

Preparing dinner for volunteer physicians and nurses at **The Good Neighbor Health Clinic** as well as providing food, cooking and serving for the **LISTEN Community Dinner** in WRJ. A special shout out to Ted Frazer who has furnished and cooked the main community dinner meal for 30+ consecutive years (!!!) and to Ann James who every month without fail provides popular homemade cookies, ice cream treats and fruit for all of our guests. The board has successfully used the volunteer sign-up sheet which circulates through the pews once a month to recruit the many volunteers needed to fulfill these regular tasks.

**Food Drives:** Due to several Upper Valley food pantries reporting the highest demand for food assistance they've ever seen, Outreach committed to reinvigorating CCDC's food collection program. With the enthusiastic and creative support of Rob Grabill and an eager group of Sunday school kids, we dedicated the first Sunday of each month— Communion Sunday— to food collection. Renewed collection efforts were successfully

launched on February 1 with “Soup-er Bowl Sunday” and we’ve since collected pasta, sauce, tuna and PB&J! Food has been delivered to The Haven and LISTEN on alternating months.

We recently allocated funds from our **discretionary budget** to Church World Service to help with relief efforts after the earthquake in Nepal (this was in addition to a donation sent earlier in the year designated specifically to refugees). We have also supported as we usually do annually, Amnesty International, Bread for the World, The NH Council of Churches and Outreach House. The Grafton County Senior Center also received a gift.

We would like to offer special thanks to Jean and Bob Keene and Susan Weeks for continuing to shepherd and nurture **The Ukama Partnership**. They are in regular contact with our partner church in Zimbabwe and this fall provided a warm welcome to Tellme Medidi, The UCC Zimbabwe Youth Coordinator and the President of the National Christian Youth Fellowship. Outreach recently supported a special NH Conference offering to help defray travel costs for several UCCZ leaders visiting the state this spring. We are grateful for the ZTeam’s interest and commitment to this special relationship.

While our board has no direct responsibility for the Christmas Market, it doesn’t feel right to prepare a report on “outreach” and not mention it. This year’s Market was once again a remarkable success raising close to \$80,000 to help improve the lives of impoverished families worldwide. The congregation gave over 1200 volunteer hours to this effort!! Kudos to Amy Tietjen Smith for her inspired leadership these last three years and a warm welcome to Sarah Nordstrom, 2015 Market Chair.

Board members have worked well together and enjoyed the fellowship and reward that comes hand in hand with a wide variety of assignments. Many thanks to Katie Aman, Emily Dentzer, Kathy Martin, Jackie Paulsen (Elder) and Molly Scheu for kindly sharing their time and talent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cinny Bensen, Chair  
Katie Aman, Emily Dentzer, Kathy Martin, Jackie Paulsen and Molly Scheu.

## **Board of Deacons for Religious Education**

This was an interesting year for the RE Board. All of the programming responsibilities overseen by this Board were undertaken very successfully. The Church School, family and youth programs were well-subscribed and effective. There was a rich year-long variety of offerings for adult education which involved large numbers of our members. Campus Ministry was well-supported by CCDC during a year of transition for the Tucker Foundation.

The members of the RE Board, Drew Coombs, Sarah McBride and Ray Sears, participated faithfully in the monthly Deacons meetings under the new arrangement. We also met monthly following the larger group meetings, and handled all of the business which was necessary to keep the above-mentioned programs moving smoothly, and work with other boards. A good example of this was our cooperative effort with the Outreach Board to promote the highly-successful monthly food drives for LISTEN and the Haven.

What was missing for us this year were the dynamic philosophical and theological discussions which we had enjoyed as a Board during the previous two years. Our meetings, led by Chairs Gail McPeck and Margaret Jernstedt, had been characterized by a thorough exploration of topics related to Faith Formation. We studied materials provided by the UCC and did our best to relate them to our ministries at CCDC. Devoting a large percentage of meeting time to subjects that were not logistical was a valuable practice, and we missed that greatly this year. The lack of a RE Board Chair and our diminished numbers were certainly a factor in this, and we are determined to recapture that chemistry through the nominating process to maintain a full number of members and recruit the sort of dynamic leadership which Gail and Margaret had provided.

The programs under RE are doing extremely well. Church School, overseen by Gail McPeck, has enjoyed steady enrollment and good attendance. Our new model of paying adult teachers has worked superbly. Both Olivia Bauer and Joe Bailey-Turner have been wonderful teachers for our younger students. We will miss Joe when he moves to Minnesota at the end of the summer. Olivia is a Dartmouth '17, so we will see her regularly this

summer, and also during her final two years as an undergraduate.

One of our goals for next year is to study ways in which we can offer Church School programming at times other than Sunday mornings. We miss many children on Sundays because of their participation in organized sports, and rather complaining about activities which are important to these families and beneficial to their children, it may be up to us to think out of the box and devise new ways of helping families participate in faith formation at other times during the week.

Planning is well underway for next year's Confirmation class. We expect as many as eight students, and will be seeking the help of a like number of volunteer Mentors to accompany these young adults as they navigate this year of growth and faith discovery. You know who to contact if you would like to help out!

Our programs for families enriched the entire year. We delighted in the intergenerational nature of the CROP Walk in October, and marveled at the size of the cast (more than 30) in the annual Christmas Pageant. Our Hanging of the Greens in December demonstrated that long-standing CCDC traditions continue to have vitality and purpose. The Church School children loved being asked to help the Outreach Board in the monthly food drives. March Madness proved that the congregation is crammed with young talent. Our regular potluck suppers always resulted in good intergenerational participation and conversation.

We had a number of valuable adult education programs throughout the year. Our October Second Hour forum on the work of the United Valley Interfaith Project was only the first of several opportunities to learn about this vital community organizing group, and it was no surprise that the congregation voted unanimously at the winter Congregational Meeting to join UVIP. The participation of many CCDC members in UVIP initiatives has been gratifying.

Our book studies in both fall and spring provided not only conversation but action. Several of the topics discussed were carried forward into our community-wide discussion of covenant in the spring, and the changes which we will be

considering will do a better job reflecting who we are as a beloved community. We were pleased to be one of four sites in New England for a day-long seminar presented by the BTS Center in March, and ended our year on a high note with a day-long visit from Andover-Newton Theological School President Martin Copenhaver, who led us in worship in the morning and then led a well-attended book discussion in the afternoon, centering on his latest book, “Jesus is the Question”.

We look forward to the coming program year eager to support the many programs which contribute to our growth in community faith and ministry, and hoping to make Board participation a valuable experience in itself.

Respectively submitted,

Rob Grabill, Staff

Drew Coombs, Sarah McBride, and Ray Sears

## **Board of Deacons for Stewardship**

The Board of Deacons for Stewardship has had a very uneventful year ... and this is a good thing! We took this year to reassess our priorities and review our mission. Our main responsibility is to be stewards of our church. Fortunately, due to our wonderful church staff, most of the every day needs are taken care of or looked after by Kendra, Ken, and Doug. Thus, freeing up the committee to do more long range planning on how to better maintain or improve our church. We did an extensive tour of the church with Carla and then with Ken and came up with a master list of work that fell into one of the three categories, repair, replace, or re-create. Then we prioritized the list and barring any emergency work, we decided to tackle three items on the list for the upcoming year. Our plan is to do a thorough research on the scope of work and then report back to the committee and offer suggestions to the Elders/Congregation. The three areas that we will be investigating are:

- (1) replacement or repair of sanctuary seat cushions
- (2) covering of stairs (to prevent more damaging effects)
- (3) get estimates on painting (inside and outside) where they are needed.

The Board has also decided to form a small sub committee which will be looking into sustainability models or ways that the church could be more energy efficient, recycle and reuse more, and reduce waste.

Lastly, the Stewardship Committee did participate with the CCDC Cares to help with the “spring cleaning” of the church. The committee members were also involved in weekly counting of offerings.

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank Ken Gagnon, our custodian, for doing a wonderful job in de-clutter the back of the stage as well keeping our church looking so clean and polished. Ken does a wonderful job in troubleshooting and proactively repairs so the damage is not extensive. It is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Fiona Heaney & Sam Smith, Chairs

Pete Fredrick, Clifton Farrell, Becky Torrey, and

Gautier Wallaert

## **Report of the Pastor**

One of my favorite hymns begins with these words: “All beautiful the march of days as seasons come and go; the hand that shaped the rose has formed the crystal of the snow” (Frances W. Wile). It’s a winter hymn, so it seems odd to be quoting it in June, but as I contemplate leaving CCDC, the words keep coming to mind, especially its last verse. “O you from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows, yourself the splendid vision seen in crystal and in rose. The passing days with grace declare, and passing nights proclaim in ever-changing words of light, the wonder of your name.” The passing days and years of my ministry with you all have been “with grace declared”, so I offer this report with deep gratitude for you and for God’s grace.

The Elders have focused on three priorities for our life together – financial sustainability, stronger faith formation, and intentional justice ministry. We have made good progress on all three, thanks to remarkable lay leadership. The Financial Advisory Committee has taken hold of all the areas of the church’s financial life, from accounting practices to planned giving efforts. Their work has made the church’s financial practices transparent and

accessible, revealing what I have known all along – the church is in extremely good financial health.

The two other priorities have also seen good attention. In the fall we engaged in book studies in small groups, giving members choices of three different books. In the spring we studied Martin Copenhaver's book Jesus is the Question. I hope future plans will include exploration of faith practices – meditation and prayer, study of scripture, and learning about other faith traditions. The priority of intentional justice ministry led us to wonderful sessions with Leah Torrey, lead organizer for the United Valley Interfaith Project, which the congregation voted to join in February. Many thanks to Margaret Jernstedt for keeping UVIP's projects on our radar as we explore social change through interfaith cooperation.

This past year we have tried to streamline the work of the Deacons, relying on smaller groups to lead and recruit from church members. This model will need more attention as we all adjust to the changing culture of church life – volunteers willing to take on individual, discrete tasks, rather than long-term board memberships. My thanks to the board chairs, and most especially to our wonderful church president Steve Bensen, who has led us all with tremendous warmth, kindness, and support.

I am also grateful for our terrific CCDC staff – Doug Erhard, Ken Gagnon, and Kendra Olson who support our program life quietly, behind the scenes, and Rita Severinghaus, Ernie Drown, and Rob Grabill, who give our public ministry its integrity, quality, and care.

I wish I could take you all with me to Minneapolis. You would bring such joy and faithfulness to Plymouth Church. Alas, you have your own lives to lead right here! So I'll just have to carry you in my heart, which I most certainly will do.

Respectfully and lovingly submitted,  
Carla Bailey  
Pastor

## **Report of the Director of Religious Education**

The past year, my sixth on the staff at CCDC, has been a memorable one. It was also my sixth year of

graduate education, which culminated in May with my graduation from Andover Newton Theological School with a Master of Divinity of degree. It was an amazing journey, and I have been particularly grateful for the support I have received from the congregation and staff here. A number of you have been directly involved in the process, and many others have expressed congratulations. I am grateful and humbled. Thank you!

Right from the start of this process, I learned ways to balance my school work with my responsibilities at CCDC, and I am happy with how this worked out again this year, even during my "stretch run". Much of the work of the Board of Deacons for Religious Education is summarized in the Board's report. In this space, I want to focus on some of the other activities, which make up my ministry.

This has been a year of transition for campus ministry at Dartmouth. The Tucker Foundation is in the process of dividing the functions of student spiritual life and service, and the coming year will be the first full one living into the new model. We have been active in supporting the work of United Campus Ministry, and since my graduation I have already been taking an expanded role. I had the honor of giving the invocation and benediction at the Commissioning Ceremony for five Dartmouth Seniors who completed their ROTC and Marine Corps officer training. I will be presiding at the Class of 1995 Memorial Service during their reunion. This past month Olivia Bauer '17 and I attended the end of year celebration of student leaders and advisors of the various campus ministry programs. She and I have discussed offering a Progressive Bible Study program next year for Dartmouth students.

For the past year I have been a member of two working groups for the New Hampshire Conference of the UCC. I am a member of the Faith Formation Ministry, which oversees a number of programs including Horton Center. I will be working next fall with Horton Center Director the Rev. Mollie Landers on a long-range planning initiative. I love being on not just the oversight level for the Conference outdoor ministries, but also working in the trenches as a Dean for a week-long camping session every summer.

I am also a member of the NH Conference Confirmation Retreat planning group. For the past two years the Conference has offered a weekend retreat for Confirmation classes and advisors across the state. I was with a CCDC group two years ago for the first of these, and look forward to taking next year's class to Horton Center for the third Retreat this October. Gathering confirmands from across the state in one setting not only teaches them about the many settings of the UCC, but also creates friendships which help link churches throughout New Hampshire.

I am excited to be one of the 12 elected Delegates to the UCC General Synod in Cleveland in June. I have attended several meetings at the Conference office in Pembroke to prepare for being an informed voter on more than a dozen Resolutions of Witness. I have been assigned to the committee which will study two resolutions seeking a Just Peace solution in the conflict between Israel and Palestine. This is a highly-charged issue which has required a lot of study. The Synod will also be voting to install the UCC's next President and General Minister, the Rev. John Dorhauer. You will all have a chance to hear our new national leader in October when he visits New Hampshire for the Conference Annual Meeting, and preaches at CCDC the next day! The days at Synod are long and full of activity, worship and fellowship, and I look forward to reporting back to you when I preach on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

This will be a busy summer for me as I work towards my Ordination in the fall. I hope to finish my Ordination Paper in several weeks and submit it to the Grafton-Orange-Sullivan Association's Committee on Church and Ministry. They will review this at their August meeting, and at some point thereafter I hope to be approved as "Ordainable Pending Call". I have been told by the CCDC Board of Elders that they are working towards a congregational meeting to call me as Associate Pastor. The next step for me would then be an Ecclesiastical Council of ministers and lay leaders gathered by the Association. If the Council approves my defense of my ordination paper, I will be eligible to be ordained, hopefully in the fall. There are a lot of hoops to jump through, but I have great confidence in the process.

I am happy that my continuing work at CCDC will allow me to be a supportive presence for the Interim Minister who will be joining us in the fall, and then provide the same support for our new Senior Pastor when she/he is called many months from now. In the meantime, I am excited by the work which lies ahead for a reinvigorated Board of Deacons for Religion Education, for our discussions about new ways to provide faith formation for families, for the challenge of teaching a great group of middle school students in our next Confirmation class, and for my work with Dartmouth campus ministry. I am grateful to have the chance to worship with you, help provide pastoral care, and explore all of the ways in which we can walk together.

Rob Grabill  
Director of Religious Education

### **Report of the Director of Music**

Another year has passed....my 16th at CCDC.

I'll take this opportunity to thank the faithful singers and handbell ringers who give so much of themselves, week in and week out, to enliven our common worship. Long may they continue!

Respectfully submitted,  
Ernie Drown  
Director of Music

### **Report of the Parish Nurse**

I am reflecting on Parish Nursing and what it has represented for me since you welcomed me into CCDC last September. During my bi-weekly Sunday service visits I've had an opportunity to meet many of you, and will appreciate meeting those I have not yet met.

I have valued the many opportunities for learning in the context of your community and your needs. My background in clinical nursing practice, care management, Holistic Nursing and Health Coaching have been useful and yet Parish Nursing is so much more than that. While reviewing the ANA Scope & Standards of Practice for Faith Community Nursing I've come upon this statement: "Parish Nursing is a unique, specialized practice of professional nursing that focuses on the promotion of health within the

context of the values, beliefs, and practices of a faith community, and its mission and ministry to its members (families and individuals), and the community it serves” Professional nursing is rooted in the concepts of health and healing. As I look at the position description for Parish Nurse at CCDC I see how the role has called for me to respond to the responsibilities enumerated:

- ❖ Collaboration with community health professionals and organizations to facilitate a holistic response to the needs of members of the congregation.
- ❖ Collaboration with other staff members on programs within the church to promote the spiritual, physical, mental, and social health of the congregation
- ❖ Friendly visits, education, counseling, advocacy and referral as needed or requested.

From the start of the position in September 2014, I have felt your warm welcome, responsiveness, and desire to work together—thank you! In addition I have been fortunate to continue to have Ann’s kind mentoring, and that of a Health Advisory Group formed in October to help guide my functions.

As you know, this is a 15 hr per week position. It manages to keep me reasonably engaged attending to what is required, from home to hospital visits, post op home visits, nursing home visits, clinic appointments with parishioners, follow-up with care managers for discharge planning, communication with physician offices, and parishioner visits at my quaint office on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. In between you will find me supporting the work of programs at CCDC, or participating in various church and community meetings: Widows meetings and luncheons with guest speakers-this group has about 37 participating members. I hold every other month meetings with CCDC Cares with guest speakers, and the planning of chores week that includes assistance to building needs at Outreach House. Monthly APD Elder Forum, Aging In Place meetings in the UV, Upper Valley Community Nursing Project, UVIP, and Aging Team subgroup. When those are not happening, you will find me recruiting some of you to join me at the Aging Resource Center and its many offerings—we are very fortunate to have this center in our community (I believe, the only one, or first one in the country!)

At my 6-month mark in the position it made sense to review what I had done so far. I presented a report to Carla and the Health Advisory Group, and in the course was supported to do the Pastoral Care Survey to which you have now responded. Chris Jernstedt aptly guided design of the survey through a generous contribution of time, patience and expertise. I am very grateful for the wealth of expertise and resources within your church community. I look forward to the results of the survey so that we can look anew at the 2015-2016-program year; I have ideas percolating, and would love to entertain your suggestions as we carry out this journey together.

I have found through your generous kindness and interest that Parish Nursing is simply a way of life for me, much as Holistic Nursing calls me to be.

Rita Severinghaus  
Parish Nurse and Pastoral Care Coordinator

## **Report of the Senior Advocate**

This year as Senior Advocate, I have continued to work with church members who have minor technical issues with their various electronic devices. These opportunities have allowed me to visit and to share with our pastoral care team of Rita Severinghaus, Parish Nurse and Carla Bailey, any specific ongoing concerns. Some of the things I have helped with include wireless access, email difficulties, Skype setup and use, cell phone issues, and automobile computer dashboards. This work brought me into your homes and I have been very pleased to help and to be present for any pastoral care concerns as well.

I have also done weekly updates to our congregation’s web site, [www.ccdcucc.org](http://www.ccdcucc.org). Please visit our pages soon and pass along suggestions for “additions or corrections”. Your help will be appreciated.

As you know, my term will come to an end in September 2015 when we move to Minneapolis for Carla’s new position. I am thankful I have been able to serve our church in this way.

Warren Turner  
Senior Advocate