

Dear Friends of Unity of Pasadena,

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For the past five years, our Unity of Pasadena community has been blessed with stability, strong leadership, inspiring and thought-provoking Sunday talks, transformative classes, and memorable fellowship. Rev. Karen has announced that, on September 30, she will be stepping down from ministry to move and to be available to care for her elderly father and aunt. As Rev. Karen transitions into her new life, we, Unity of Pasadena, also transition into a new phase in the life of our faith community.

We are losing, not only a minister - her leadership, but the everyday relationship with a person we have come to love and to know as our friend.

We, the board, know that unexpected changes like this, especially in the midst of the disruption of COVID--19, can be unsettling. Those of you who have been around for more than five years may have experienced this before, and we know that a faith community is never simply the minister. It is each of us. Our participation is what makes Sunday celebrations so worthwhile. Our love offerings keep this ministry alive. And now, our relationships are a big part of what causes us to tune in to Unity of Pasadena online, rather than to a service broadcast from someplace else in the world. Together, WE are the church.

We realize that this is another change to experience, during these already difficult times, and want you to know that your board is working closely with Unity Worldwide Ministries to move as seamlessly as possible into the new phase, together as a Unity community.

If you've been reading the monthly Messages from Your Board, you know that the board had been planning to invite this community into a strategic planning process. Well, now this process will have a slightly different twist - that of identifying more clearly this ministry's purpose and hopes for the future. This will be a comprehensive process during which your involvement will be critical. It promises to be a time in which we will discover new things, not only about the future of this ministry, but also about our spiritual selves and each other.

We hope you will reach out to any member of the board, or to Rev. Karen, with any questions and concerns.

Blessings,

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