

August 20 2019

Dear Prospective Minister,

Our two churches, Second Congregational Church, UCC of Hyde Park and the United Church of Johnson – a Community Church, are jointly looking for a full time minister to serve our two congregations. We are sister churches in tightly connected sister communities five miles apart in Lamoille County, which is located in North Central Vermont. Our churches have been served for the past twelve years by one pastor serving both communities. We are two distinct congregations who have made a conscious decision to continue partnering in the hiring of a minister. In our position posting, you will find two separate profiles telling each of our stories.

We are looking for a minister who is a vibrant, enthusiastic, spiritual leader who studies the word and brings it to the people, through worship, prayer, and day to day life. One who is truly passionate about his/her call and challenges our congregations, adults and youth, to continue to learn and to show God's love through our actions.

There would be two services held on Sundays, one at 8:45 a.m. at the United Church of Johnson and a second one at 10:15 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church of Hyde Park. We typically combine our services for two months in the summer, one month at Second Congregational Church and one month at United Church of Johnson. On occasion we share other services and events.

While both of our congregations are relatively small (approximately 30-50 people attend services at each church every Sunday), we bring energy and enthusiasm to the work in our churches and in the community. Along with active Sunday schools, choirs and community outreach, both churches are looking to the future. We have given great consideration to where we have come from, who we are now, who are our neighbors and what God is calling us to do and be. We are looking for support and guidance from a Minister as we seek to build and strengthen each congregation, connections between the two churches and our engagement with the local community.

This "time between" has been a very exciting opportunity for our churches to see where God is calling us. We hope and pray you will consider joining us on this journey. Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Search Committees of the Second Congregational Church, UCC of Hyde Park and the United Church of Johnson

Enclosures: 2 Church Profiles, Compensation Summary

To apply for this position, please email the Vermont Conference Ministries Coordinator at ministriescoordinator@vtcucc.org to receive the full profile for this opportunity. After discerning upon the church profile, please contact the Ministries Coordinator to have your ministerial profile sent to the search committee.