

Guilford Community Church  
38 Church Drive, Guilford, VT 05301

To: Ministerial Candidates

Guilford Community Church is looking for a new minister. We are a strong and growing faith community. The self-examination process in our search for a new minister has been delightful, revealing, and fruitful. We are committed to our Extravagant Welcome. We maintain a lay leadership and committee structure of unparalleled strength and capability. It is built on love, respect for each other, and faith in God. Our music program provides a tangible vitality to our identity, both in worship and throughout the wider community. Our music truly does allow the Light of God to shine through us. Our actions for social justice ministry are felt locally, across the country, and in the world. Our programs for Christian education across all ages assure basic knowledge of the gospel and old testament, and stretch us to consider other faith traditions and progressive interpretations of our faith. We believe in creatively and flexibly fostering our resource stewardship to manage our time, treasure, and talent in order that we may “walk the walk” that we, as Christians, believe in deeply. Our new minister will join with us, bringing their own vision, energy, and delight in doing God’s work.

Responses in our focus groups are clear that we are continuing and growing on our path of progressive Christian leadership in social justice issues in our church, our community, and the wider world. We place a high value on being welcoming and inclusive within our church body. We seek to grow in these directions, and need a pastor who is able to work with youth, elders, and many different kinds of people to build bridges and form connections. We seek someone who is comfortable being a community leader and yet has the ability to be contemplative, conducting Sunday services that flow, reflect, and deepen our connection to the Holy Spirit.

*If you wish to be considered by the Guilford search committee, please contact the Vermont Conference office at [ministriescoordinator@vtcucc.org](mailto:ministriescoordinator@vtcucc.org) or 802-728-4999 to receive the full Guilford church profile. If, after having read and considered the Guilford church profile, you still wish to be a candidate for this opportunity, please ask the Vermont Conference to forward your validated profile to their search committee for consideration.*