

October 12, 2021

To the Church Council, First Congregational Church United Church of Christ (UCC),
Moline, Illinois

Dear Friends,

While I have been privileged to enjoy a pastoral ministry among you in different forms since August 2012, it is time to look forward to the future and for Nancy and I to begin a new era of our lives; as snowbirds in Long Beach, California, where we have bought a condo. We will be closer to both of our families. While we will continue to have our home in Bettendorf, we will be away a good part of the year.

Thus, I am submitting my resignation to you, the Church Council, tonight.

I will fondly remember baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and even funerals I have been honored to be a part of here at First Church. While I love to preach, I have come to realize that I treasure most the privilege of accompanying individuals and families through important life events, and the mutual trust.

God bless you.

Michael Swartz