

**First Parish Unitarian Universalist – Canton**  
**Contract Minister Search 2017**

First Parish UU – Canton has begun its search for a contract minister to replace Rev. Beverly (Buffy) Boke who is retiring in July. Our plan is to utilize a full time contract minister for up to two years while we search for a settled minister.

FPUU – Canton has a long history in Canton, MA and the surrounding area. In fact, we will be celebrating our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October. We take great pride in our historically rich sanctuary built in 1825 and the Paul Revere bell that we ring every Sunday.

We are a small congregation of 86 members plus friends. We are a caring community, welcoming of newcomers and supportive of each other. The sense of caring, connection and fellowship is much valued.

Our music program is outstanding with a very talented music director and choir. It is a treasured part of our services. Our RE program is small, but we have a new DRE this year and have great hopes that she, with the assistance of the contract minister, can attract families with children and grow this program.

Our ideal candidate should be a dynamic, energetic person with a “can-do” attitude. S/he should enjoy being around children and seek to get involved in the local community. The qualities important to us include

- Professional competence (ability to communicate, counsel, empower)
- Empathy (genuine interest in and concern about others)
- Character (strong moral consistency, stability, reliability)
- Sense of humor
- Sense of calling (motivated, enthusiastic)

We seek a contract minister with strong leadership skills and attention to detail who can help us implement our vision and purpose and can push us beyond our comfort zones. We are looking for an inspirational minister who can help us in our own spiritual journey and strengthen our caring community both internally and beyond our walls.

Our vision for the future includes

- Strengthening and growing our RE program
- Attracting and retaining new members
- Providing Adult RE and other programs to enrich the congregation
- Identifying and assuming a more active role in the larger community
- Strengthening our commitment to social justice activities

We hope you will take a few minutes to explore our website to learn more about us.

**For more information, contact us at [transition@fpuucanton.org](mailto:transition@fpuucanton.org).**