

New Hampshire Conference Council  
Special Meeting  
January 31, 2008

Present: Sandy Alley, Winn Alley, Fred Atwood-Lyons, J.J. Bodine, Doug Brenner, Patricia DuBois, Diane Durgin, Luther Durgin, Don Goodnow, Margie Galabrun, Doug Hatfield, Bill Hoysradt, Carolyn Keilig, Joyce Lovejoy, Peter Lovejoy, Wayne Martin, Beth Martindale, Deb Moore, Les Norman, Gary Schulte, John Tostenson, Art Urie

Les Norman called the meeting to order at 4:05p.m.

Joyce Lovejoy, chair of the Associate Conference Search Committee presented a chronology and summary of the search committees process and efforts. Sue Farris's assistance was acknowledged in producing a brochure and CD for interested applicants. 21 applications were received, 7 follow-up responses resulted in 1 withdrawal. 3 candidates were interviewed, 2 from beyond New Hampshire.

Joyce introduced Rev. Richard Slater as the unanimous choice of the Associate Conference Search Committee to be presented for vote of the council. Richard led the council in devotions and answered questions from the gathered council members.

Following questions from the council, Joyce MOVED with a SECOND from Peter Lovejoy that 'council move into the call process.' Richard was excused. Following further discussion, Gary asked that those present hold each other accountable to the confidential nature of this process. Any leaks that are discerned need to be brought to the council table and discussed. Timetable: on February 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> a letter introducing Richard as our candidate will be mailed from the conference office for intended receipt throughout the conference by 2/10 or 2/11. A calling of the gathered Conference for presentation and vote was proposed for 3/29/2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Brookside Congregational Church.

MOTION to VOTE to present Rev. Richard Slater as our candidate for position of Associate Conference Minister of the New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ. MOVED by Art Urie SECONDED by Peter Lovejoy. 16 AFFIRMATIVES, 1 ABSTENTION; VOTE CARRIED to continue the call process.

*Faithfully submitted,*  
*Deb Moore*