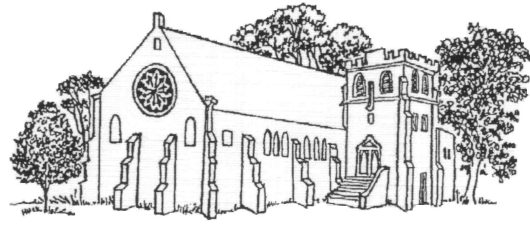


# Unitarian Universalist Church

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Hello religious professional seeker,

I assume that you have arrived at these pages because you are exploring Unitarian Universalist religious professional positions. Welcome! You are on an amazing journey and I wish you well on your search.

My name is Michele Grove. I am currently serving as the three-year Interim Director of Religious Education for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign (UUCUC) and have enjoyed my work with this congregation. I know the people of this congregation are excited about their future and their new relationship with a religious professional. I can attest to this congregation's commitment to Unitarian Universalism, their innovative spirit, and their willingness to explore new ways of engaging in faith formation.

I arrived in 2018 to discover a congregation ready to fully engage in interim/transitional work. I admire congregations who are patient and courteous enough to be a part of the interim process because it demonstrates that the congregation is intentional about living into its Unitarian Universalist mission and vision. UUCUC has done this through the full 3-year process, including incorporating lifelong learning and family ministry into its new five-year strategic vision.

This congregation is a clergy-driven program sized church, with a strong and talented lay professional support staff. The lead minister serves as the chief of staff.

I am proud of this congregation and its commitment to social justice, lifelong learning, and Unitarian Universalism. I am confident that their future is bright, and a new religious professional will find fulfillment with the Urbana-Champaign congregation.

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