

*This is the script that was used to present Rev. Florence's stole which was custom designed to tell UUCUC's mission. The congregation presented this to her April 17, 2022. The names listed are the congregants who were a part of our gift presentation during our Fare Thee Well service.*

**Becky Densmore:** Our mission at UUCUC is one that is deeply embedded into our congregational life. Under Rev. Florence's leadership, we saw this vision come to life. As a result, UUCUC has had a stole designed to ensure Rev. Florence can take that which is a large part of our congregation with her.

**Chris Hannauer:** Build Community. Here at UUCUC, our Rose window in the sanctuary is much appreciated for its beauty and artistry and it truly represents the heart of our church. We've recreated it and included it on Rev. Florence's stole to carry with her on her journey. May she always be reminded of the great appreciation this congregation has for setting our church on a path of growth.

**Karen Folk:** Seek Inspiration. On the fold of the stole, draping around the neck is a rainbow-colored Lotus flower. In Buddhist symbolism, the sacred lotus flower represents spiritual growth. Multiple colors of fabric recreate the lotus as a symbol of the diverse people who are a part of UUCUC and our commitment to inclusion. May she always be reminded of the deep gratitude this congregation has for her teachings which placed many on the path to enlightenment and spiritual growth.

**Jerry Carden:** Promote Justice. Cascading down the front of the stole, we symbolically added shards of glass. During Rev. Florence's time with UUCUC, she stood with us shoulder-to-shoulder on many occasions, leading the way in our ongoing fight for social justice. The shards of glass represent the many broken pieces of our society where focused efforts are still needed to bring about a world that is just and loving for all. May she always remember the true appreciation our congregation feels for her leadership to give voice to those who have been voiceless and create a beloved community.

**Jenny Hunt:** Find Peace. Finally, we specifically chose "white" as the color of her stole. Undyed white cloth can represent peace, completeness, and clarity. Rev. Florence empowered and encouraged our church members to embrace mindfulness and meditation. She facilitated our inner work so that we could do the outer work in the community. May she always remember the incredible gratitude this congregation has for the many gifts she brought to us, including the invitation to know ourselves more fully.

**Becky Densmore:** It is with the deepest respect and greatest of appreciation, that we offer this stole to Rev. Florence. May she always remember the indelible impact she has had at UUCUC and know that we are entirely grateful for her and her ministry. Please accept this stole as a token of our appreciation and may it be a lasting symbol of how you moved and mobilized this congregation to build community, seek inspiration, promote justice, and find peace.