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Dear BUU Congregation,

As I write this letter it is difficult not to reflect on the fact that my tenure as President of BUU is fast coming to an end. It is also quite true that these two years have been very different from what I had estimated that it might be when I agreed to volunteer for this responsibility.

Still, here we are nearing the end of another church year. For me it is most noteworthy that we have finally been able to again meet in person for Sunday services. Not only that but last Sunday we had the opportunity to once again sing during an inside service. Likewise we are about to hold our annual meeting in person after being on line only for the past two years.

At the moment it appears that while the Covid Pandemic is easing up somewhat, it still seems that we will need to be continually on alert to potential spikes and even the possibility that closures may once again be recommended.

As we look forward to our next church year it is clear that exciting times await us. We are searching for an Interim minister and will be conducting Listening Circles to help guide our efforts as we emerge from the Pandemic and as we establish our new ordinary. We have been changed by our recent experience, yet we have survived and learned some new or at least additional ways to conduct our business and engage and connect with each other.

It is my wish to thank each of you for being there during my term.

In continuing care.

Hugh Rhine