

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities
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To Whom It May Concern,

I was the Ministerial Intern at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa from August 2010 through June 2011. My experience with the Congregation was excellent. The support from the Lay Leadership and Rev. Sara Zimmerman were extremely influential in my formation as a Minister. The Lay Leadership is committed to the mission of the Congregation and worked collaboratively with the Minister in the Ministries of the Congregation.

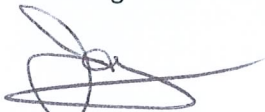
Of the many positive attributes of the Congregation, my lasting memories of the Congregation are their commitment to Education and Music. The commitment to education includes both children's and adult religious education. I was always moved by the inclusion of families into the life of the Congregation including worship. I was honored to have been present at the groundbreaking of their new Religious Education Building. It was a very exciting moment in the life of the Congregation that many members had worked for a long time to create. What I was also impressed with as well was the process the Congregation had gone through to discern about and create the new structure. They were methodical and provided opportunities for all to have input in its creation. In addition they were eco-sensitive in the creation of the new structure.

The Congregation's strong commitment to Music is evident not only in the quality of music during the service, but in the many concerts by outside performers that were offered in its building. The Congregation has an active CUUPS group which is an indicator of the Congregation's theological plurality. Last but not least, I will share with you that the members of the Congregation are friendly and like to have fun together.

Personally having lived in Florida for twenty years, I love the Tampa Area. It has all the amenities you would expect in a large metropolitan area. I was particularly fond of all the options for excellent ethnic and healthy restaurants. It is just a short drive to the beach from the Congregation. Easy access to the highway also makes Disney World just a short drive away as well.

I guess the best recommendation I can offer is that if I were in search, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa would be on the top of my list of Congregations. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

with a grateful heart,



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