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We have moved into our new home and are beginning to settle into the church office. Everyone has made us feel so welcome, and it's already beginning to feel like home.

I attended last week's board meeting, and there were some questions regarding the process the board followed in hiring me. I want to address those questions. My commitment is to always be open, honest and authentic as well as transparent in all my communication with you.

This process started in a unique way with my mentoring minister, Rev. Joy Wyler, suggesting I contact Unity of Harrisburg because she knew you were without a minister but did not know where you were in your process. At that time, I sent an email to Cherry and asked her to forward to the appropriate person. I heard back from Lois Batcheler who informed me that you were holding town meetings and would begin a new search sometime in the future. We agreed to stay in touch.

May 7th Jacqueline and I decided to attend a service at your church to experience a service and meet the people. We were on our way back from Detroit and were visiting my folks in Lancaster. Later, Lois asked if I would be willing to be a guest speaker on May 28th. I said I would love to since my last Sunday at UPV was May 21.

The board asked me to meet with them after the Sunday talk on May 28. They indicated there was excitement from the congregation, and they asked if I would be open to participating in the new minister process at Unity of Harrisburg. I said that Jacqueline and I felt really good about the opportunity, but we would continue to pursue the other two opportunities that had been presented. We agreed at the close of the board session to remain open to Spirit's guidance for what was next.

Unity of Harrisburg submitted a formal request to Unity Worldwide Ministries for a new minister. I called Carrie Kenyon and asked her to submit my resume and paperwork. All of these documents came from UWM, as is the procedure after they have done their clearance checks and compiled the Code of Ethics documents, etc.

I was then scheduled to have a phone interview with the Unity of Harrisburg Search Team. That was held on Saturday in June, and later it was decided to invite Jacqueline and me for a "try-out" weekend that was held on July 9th weekend. It was only after the board counted all responses that Sunday that I was offered a contract to become the new minister at Unity of Harrisburg.

I have been through three other Unity ministerial searches. Your Search Team and Board put me through the most intense, focused, and all-encompassing process I have

experienced. None of my other experiences were even close. Jacqueline and I have felt all along that Unity of Harrisburg is where God wants us to serve. Each step of the way unfolded with another expression of certainty. I want to thank the Unity of Harrisburg Search Team and Board for doing their due diligence. Together we fulfilled all Unity directed processes while remaining open to Spirit's guidance. I am very excited to be the new minister of Unity of Harrisburg.