



819 Main Street, P.O. Box 18, Chatham MA 02633
(508) 945-2075 | uumh.net | chathamuumh@gmail.com

PRESS RELEASE

June 21, 2024

For Immediate Release

Contact: Danielle Jeanloz, UUMH, chathamuumh@gmail.com

Reverend Christopher McMahon will serve as new minister of UUMH Chatham

The Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House in Chatham has hired Reverend Chris McMahon as its new minister. Rev. McMahon will start on July 1 when Reverend Tracy Johnson expects to return to community ministry, with an enhanced focus on the provision of spiritual care and meaningful rites of passage.

A 1977 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Rev. McMahon sailed for many years on commercial merchant ships engaged in worldwide trade. He is a master mariner of steam, motor, and sailing vessels. Rev. McMahon earned a Master of Divinity from Starr King School for the Ministry at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. in 1993.

Rev. McMahon is also a Rear Admiral in the Maritime Service and served in this capacity in several senior positions with the U. S. Department of Transportation and Maritime Administration. For many years, he also served as a part-time minister with several Unitarian Universalist congregations on Long Island, N.Y. In 2021 he retired from the federal government.

Rev. McMahon also holds master's degrees in business from American University and in mental health counseling from Long Island University. He is currently an adjunct professor at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass. where he teaches "World Religions" and "Leadership."

Rev McMahon is eager to return to ministry, he said. "I feel a strong calling to help people develop their spiritual side and through pastoral counseling to help people deal with the challenges of life."

Rev McMahon and his wife, Virginia, reside in Woodstock, Conn. and Brewster, Mass.

The Unitarian Universalist Meeting House in Chatham, with a mission of nurturing inclusive community, seeking justice and equity, and encouraging free minds and spirits, is located at 819 Main Street. For more information go to www.uumh.net

##