

Hello from FSLDW Region President Elizabeth

Sunday Dec 10, Humans Rights Day, I joined worship with Hampton United, Hampton, NB, birth place of John Humphreys author of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The place was buzzing with activity as all ages gathered. Worship was led by Rev. Tori Mullins, choir and music director Janet Kidd. On behalf of all of you, I offered our gratitude for this important ministry. For pictures check out the [FSLDW Facebook page](#).

It was fitting that on this day the community also dedicated the book Hampton United Church: Our Mothers, edited and compiled by Anne Huestis Scott a member of Hampton United. Through this book, over 80 church folk found their voice and wrote personal stories about their mothers. During reflection time several story tellers read brief paragraphs which stirred the congregation to both laughter and tears. As Rev. Tori noted, we in the UCC are not noted for giving testimonies like some other denominations. However, on this occasion these stories were UCC style 'testimonies.'

As I visit congregations, I am amazed at how congregations have stepped up and invested in technology to enable live streaming capabilities. Hampton United is one of those communities.

Finally, for Rev. Tori and the people of Hampton United these are tender days as Rev. Tori will be leaving Hampton United Dec 31 to take another position as a Growth Animator in other regions.

As we prayed on Sunday, may the Advent Spirit of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be with Tori as she adventures into others forms of ministry.

We also prayed that that same Holy Presence be with the people of Hampton United as they start the work toward calling the next minister.

Please hold Rev. Tori and the congregation in prayer as they release one another from their covenant and open their imaginations to new possibilities.

In Peace,

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