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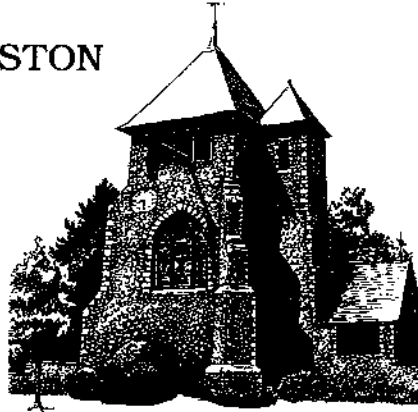
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## TO A SEARCH COMMITTEE CONSIDERING TONY LORENZEN

Tony Lorenzen has served as ministerial intern at First Parish Church in Weston for the past two years, part-time in the first year and full-time for the past year. He has been, in effect, our assistant minister serving in many ministerial leadership roles. Having supervised interns for Harvard Divinity School for some thirty years, I can say this to you about Tony: even in your wildest dreams, you could not imagine a minister as terrific as Tony Lorenzen. Superlatives fail as I try to describe his ministry among us.

He is innovative and creative, a self-starter and a motivator of others. As an example, he initiated an alternative worship service on the first Sunday evening of each month, called "Soulful Sundown." He recruited friends to provide contemporary music and brought in noted social justice leaders to speak. He has an incredibly wide network of friends and colleagues from his previous lives in politics and teaching. He is a master of communication, be it in preaching or emailing or newsletters or Powerpoint slides. He brings people along with him.

He is a pastoral and prophetic presence. Especially when wearing his Harvard robe, he is a big red rush of energy. I have appreciated his strong positions on many of the contemporary issues of human rights and justice concerns, even on those times when I disagreed with him. He can disagree without being disagreeable. He is always a pastoral presence first, having developed, for example, a warm relationship with a retired US Army colonel in a local nursing home.

Even though Tony is relatively new to UU ministry, he is not a beginner but a fully-prepared and fully-qualified minister. He brings the experience of teaching and hospice chaplaincy into his ministry, and yet he is always willing to learn more and try new ways. He has consistently done more than was required. He is reliable. He dreams big dreams. He has a terrific sense of humor.

You will not find a better minister, except me, but I'm not leaving Weston. I wish we could keep Tony here.

Thomas D. Wintle  
Senior Minister  
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