



PO Box 487, Corner of Main and Arbor Streets
Wenham, Massachusetts 01984-0987
Main Office (978) 468-4900
Email: fcwenham@gmail.com

Rev. Sean Bendigo, Senior Pastor
Janet Glasser, Choir Director
Joseph W. Stroup, Organist

January 8, 2026

To the Members of the Northeast Association Committee on Ministry and Formation
of the UCC

I am writing in support of Brad Henry as he seeks to become a Member in Discernment within the Northeast Association of the United Church of Christ.

I have known Brad for almost three years. During this time, I have had the privilege of meeting with him regularly to engage in thoughtful conversations about his sense of call to ordained ministry. I also serve on Brad's Local Church Discernment Committee, where I have witnessed firsthand the seriousness, humility, and faithfulness with which he approaches this discernment process.

Brad brings to his faith a deep and genuine commitment to Jesus Christ. He has a clear desire to grow in his understanding of Scripture, not merely as an academic exercise, but as a living word that shapes his life, ethics, and relationships. Our conversations have consistently reflected his curiosity, theological openness, and willingness to wrestle honestly with questions of faith, vocation, and responsibility.

Equally important is Brad's gentle and grounded presence. He listens carefully and speaks thoughtfully. His calling is clearly oriented toward helping others, especially through accompaniment, compassion, and service. Brad does not seek leadership for status or authority; rather, he is drawn to a servant leadership model rooted in the life and teachings of Christ. He demonstrates a growing understanding that ministry is about faithfulness, humility, and love, even when the work is demanding or uncertain.

Over the course of my relationship with Brad, his sense of call has become clearer and more mature. He has demonstrated readiness to be formed by the church, respect for communal discernment, and sincere openness to learning, growth, and accountability. I believe he possesses the spiritual depth, emotional awareness, and vocational clarity necessary to continue faithfully in the Member in Discernment process.

With confidence and hope, I commend Brad Henry to you. I trust that he will continue to grow into his calling as a servant leader, grounded in Scripture, shaped by community, and guided by the Spirit.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Grace and peace,

Sean Bendigo
Senior Pastor