

August 19, 2025

To the members of the Cabinet of the First Church in Wenham:

Brad Henry has been exploring following a call to ordained ministry in the United Church of Christ, and we have gathered as a Discernment Committee to journey with him. Through several months of meetings and discussions, we have gotten to know Brad and better understand his commitment to his faith and his sense of calling. We have found him to be thoughtful, committed, and interested in continuing to grow.

Based on our work with Brad, we confidently request that the First Church Cabinet name him as a Member in Discernment and refer him to the Committee on Formation of the Northeast Association. This will allow our church community to continue to support and learn from him as he continues his journey.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Discernment Committee for Brad Henry

Rev. Nancy Butcher

Peter Twining

Laura Studley

Rev. Sean Bendigo

Sarah Oakley