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Dear Congregation,

I have enjoyed serving as your pastor for the last few weeks. I am looking forward to working with you to lead our congregation in carrying out the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

With that in mind, I invite you to participate in a special Town Hall event planned for Sunday, August 21, 2:00- 4:30 p in the sanctuary. I have asked an outside facilitator, the Reverend Tim Smiley, to conduct a “New Minister On-boarding” seminar to help us get to know one another as we begin our ministry together. This event will allow me, as an incoming pastor, to learn from you, receive advice from you, and help us plan together for a successful future in ministry.

Tim is a certified facilitator in this process. Recently retired, he is an ordained Elder who over forty years served as a local church pastor and district superintendent in the Florida Conference.

Tim will ask a series of questions and seek your honest input. I will not be present during this time allowing you to share your thoughts and counsel anonymously. When I rejoin you I will respond to what you shared.

Please make every effort to attend this important event. Your input and suggestions will be invaluable to me. Bring your willingness to be open, honest, and to share your experiences in ministry and thoughts for a new beginning for us all.

I am praying for you and your ministry. Please include me in your prayers as well, especially in this time of transition.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Jacqui