



**Covenant Between Rev. Mark Ward and Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper  
Saturday, September 13, 2014**

Eliz: It is an ancient practice to extend the right hand of fellowship when someone joins a church or community of worship. With roots in Christian tradition, our Unitarian Universalist practice is to offer the right hand of fellowship at ordinations, as well as when individuals join a congregation, and youth completing their coming of age. Today, Mark and Lisa honor their covenant with one another as colleagues using this familiar gesture of connection and welcome.

Lisa: We are partners in professional ministry at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Asheville,

Mark: We are colleagues, who aspire to a relationship of mutual care and respect,

Lisa: This service of installation, honoring my call to the ministry of this congregation, recalls your own installation as minister of this congregation, your own call to this ministry. We minister together to the whole congregation, both as individuals and as a team.

Mark: In service to our shared ministry, you and I have created a covenant with each other. In this living document, we recognize and support our specific areas of focus, our different styles of ministry, and our individual calls to ministry – while working towards shared ministerial goals.

I offer you my hand as I welcome you into the called ministry of this congregation, and promise to honor the spirit of our covenant as we serve together.

Lisa: And I offer you my hand as I join the called ministry of this congregation, and promise to honor the spirit of our covenant as we serve together.