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Dear friends at CVUUS,

I want to take a moment to express deep gratitude for everything you all have given me and to give you an update on my future plans. I certainly never expected to be at CVUUS this long, especially after I tried (and failed) to leave last spring. I am very happy that I am now completing my third year here as music director.

It is with a great jumble of emotions that I tell you I will be resigning from my job as music director here at the end of June. For right now, there are two key things that I want to make sure you hear directly from me first.

I have made this decision first and foremost to benefit my own physical, mental, and emotional health. Many of you know I work far too many jobs. This year in particular was a great struggle to keep everything in balance, and the effects really started to show and eat into my overall quality of life, my quality of work, and my happiness. CVUUS Music Director is one of several things that I plan to let go of for next year.

I have accepted a position as Music Director with another church. Beginning in August, I will start as Music Director of the Congregational Church in Middlebury. This position will allow me several unique opportunities: return to organ playing and strengthen my skills in that area, working alongside my mentor/advisor Jeff Buettner, a clearer path to a more balanced personal/work life.

I want to say very clearly that it is because of all of you that this new career shift is even possible for me. You all took a big chance on me at a very early point in my musical career, and I am very grateful for the trust, love, and support you have shown me. You have allowed me to grow, learn, and thrive in a welcoming and forgiving environment. Thank you.

I hope we can all view this not just as a goodbye, but as a new beginning. I will still be engaged in many musical endeavors around town that involve many of you sitting in this room right now. I also have many ideas for the future about ways to broaden and deepen interfaith community music making. I will miss you all, especially the choir, and thank you again for all of the love you gave to me.

Love,
Ronnie