

**A letter from the Intern Committee:**

The Intern Committee hopes you have had the opportunity to meet Carie Johnsen, our new intern minister. Carie will be with us on a part-time basis for the next two years as she develops the skills and experience that will help her be an effective parish minister. We as a congregation are the teachers, and the Intern Committee is sure we will have a star pupil!

She has already compiled an impressive resumé, coming to us with a background as a social worker and in Unitarian Universalism at the local parish and international organizational level. She has been an active member of First Parish Church in Brewster for more than 14 years, and she recently completed a one-year internship with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

At the UUSC, she focused on creating connections and building bridges between the work of that international service and aid organization, the Unitarian Universalist faith and the spiritual lives of UU's.

Carie's passion for creating a more just and compassionate society has manifested itself in her commitment to person-centered justice. In 20 years as a human services professional and advocate, she has supported and empowered local marginalized citizens with disabilities and their families as they worked towards self-determined, meaningful lives.

She has assembled a very comprehensive learning agreement that identifies the areas of ministry she needs to concentrate on during her internship at First Parish Church. The ways she will develop those skills involve preaching, meeting with committees and with our youth, writing, visiting parishioners and a long list of other commitments.

Carie will be here all day on Sunday for three Sundays each month. She will also be here on Wednesday afternoons, with office hours from 3 to 4. In addition, she will attend many meetings and events.

You may contact Carie at 508-221-5295 or by email at [cariejo@comcast.net](mailto:cariejo@comcast.net). However, because she has such an ambitious program, the Intern Committee is asking that any committee or group that would like some of her time would do that through the Intern Committee. We will know if the request will be possible without over-extending her responsibilities. Bonnie Jernigan and Marilyn Christmann are the people to contact.