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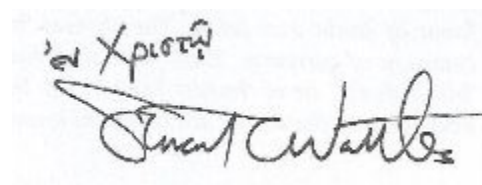
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Dear Friends,

Most of you remember Bobbie DeNova, a member who died in 2011. Bobbie once commented to me about my absence after one week of vacation in July. "I came to church, but it was like going to the circus and no elephant was there!" A pastor is the one we expect to see whenever we go to church, doing whatever it is ministers do. But, vacations happen or, now in my case, retirement.

I spoke with the Session this evening to let them know I will complete my pastorate on June thirtieth this year. You may be surprised and saddened by this announcement. I am in my late sixties now and I believe I have done all that God has intended for me to do in this ministry. By retiring at the end of June, the Session can prepare during the less active summer months for transition to new leadership before the busy Fall season.

This is a capable, resilient church. I am grateful to God for our eleven years together. I have enjoyed the time and I will miss you. There are however four months still for us to swap stories, and during that time, I will, of course, still be your pastor. I hope you will come by the office for coffee and conversation before we say goodbye.



in Christ  
Vincent Curran