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To the congregation of the FUUSB,

My friends, I wanted to let you know what I've already expressed to Rev. Karen, the board, staff and choir. After five years serving as the choir/music director of this society, I am announcing my resignation. This decision has been something that I have wrestled with for some time, because I love this society and its people. This space has been a place of healing for me and my family in a very literal sense and I am so grateful for every opportunity I have had. Thank you for welcoming me into this sacred community and being so supportive of my family.

Many of you know that I am bi-vocational, with another full-time job and I'm committed to being a good parent to my children and partner to my spouse. This decision to leave is about finding a healthy, sustainable balance in my work/home life. It will also give me the opportunity to pursue my deep passion for music composition.

It has been a pleasure to serve this society through a time of pandemic and transition, as we've all been learning new ways to do worship, community and life, together. I will cherish the time I've spent with the choir, staff and leadership as well as the moments we have all shared as a congregation in worship together.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions. My last Sunday with the society will be June 16th.

All the best,
James Stewart