

## CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH

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Dear Care Callers,

At the meeting of the Pastoral Care Committee and Care Callers this past May 1<sup>st</sup>, you decided to 'disband' the formal Care Calling process initiated by Reverends Allan and Megumi, at the start of the pandemic. For over a year you have faithfully, compassionately fulfilled this vital ministry especially important in the first months when chaos and confusion reigned.

As time has moved on and the initial fear and upset have lessened in intensity, many of those you were calling have indicated a desire for less frequent contact or none at all for the time being. I know there are some, however, who found the regular contact very comforting right up to the present time and you have expressed your willingness to continue to be in touch with those persons. Thank you!

I want to convey my personal gratitude for your commitment to this ministry of listening and caring. And on behalf of the congregation to express how thankful we all are for your devotion to this ministry; for your care and concern for everyone. You were called by God, equipped by God, and empowered by God to this vital service. God has blessed you well to be a blessing to our faith community, maintaining connection and care when gathering in person was not permitted.

Now that these duties have ended, I'm sure your caring ways will continue in other forms for the benefit of those who are part of our church family.

Sincerely,

Rev. Bob