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To: Presbytery Secretaries and All Pastoral Charges within Hamilton Conference

From: Bruce Dickson, Chairperson, Staff Committee

Subject: **Judith Johnson, Conference Minister for Congregational Support**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you that Judith Johnson, Hamilton Conference Minister for Congregational Support, has informed the Executive Secretary that she intends to retire from her position effective August 31, 2011.

While we are excited for Judith as she enters this new phase in her journey, we will miss her clear vision, her profound passion for the church of Jesus Christ and her deeply lived faith and awareness of the Spirit.

For the past eight years Judith has held open space for congregations to engage in holy conversations about who they believe themselves to be, who their neighbours are, both close at hand and around the world, and where they discern God's mission for them in the church and in the world. Through her ministry in stewardship education, she has helped us all to look for the abundance with which we have been blessed by God. Presbyteries have been blessed by Judith's skills in adult education and her deep listening.

Judith's colleagues on the Hamilton Conference Staff Team will miss her. She is a valued and honoured friend and colleague.

Judith will continue to offer her gifts and wisdom to Hamilton Conference between now and the end of August.

The Staff Committee will be hosting an opportunity for all of us to say thank you to Judith on June 23, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Hamilton Conference Office. Please plan to join us.