

*from Rev. Martha Koenig Stone,  
Executive Council Chair*

## **INTERIM CONFERENCE MINISTER CALLED FOR NEW YORK CONFERENCE UCC**

On behalf of the Search Committee and the Executive Council, I am pleased to announce that we have called the Rev. Dr. Rita Root to serve as Interim Conference Minister for the New York Conference, effective November 1, 2009.

Dr. Root, who is currently serving as Interim Association Co-Minister for the Chicago Metropolitan Association, has extensive experience including conference staff, interim ministry, local church ministry and campus ministry. She has a B.S. from Minnesota State University (Psychology and Religious Studies), an M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, and a D.Min. from Chicago Theological Seminary, along with an associate degree in accounting. She is full of excitement about the strengths, challenges and possibilities of the Conference, and is looking forward to working with us.

Rita enjoys gardening, reading, home renovation, yoga, hiking, and taking walks with her 70 pound dog. I hope that many of you will have opportunities to get to know her in the coming months.

Thanks be to God for sending us a gifted leader who will help us through our time of transition, as we seek to