

July 13, 2022

RE: Rev. Damanjeet Kaur and Associate Minister Position

To the Presiding Minister, Leadership Council, and Tree of Life Interfaith Temple Community,

I want to thank Rev. Linda for reaching out to me to discuss the possibilities concerning an Associate Minister role at the Tree of Life Interfaith Temple. I have much to thank the TOL Community for, including past and present members, as well as the Founding Minister, Rev. Dr Stephanie Rutt. The history of my involvement with TOL, including myriad classes, Seminary, Spiritual Mentoring, serving as a Seminary Guide, and other leadership positions, has enriched my life and helped me to find purpose and meaning. It is only fitting that I should feel this longing in my heart to be a contribution to the Community.

I have much I can offer; a willingness to help with day-to-day tasks, to assist with worship services, to minister to the community in times of joy as well as sorrow. I am in the process of working toward completion of my memoir that I have been working on for the past two and half years. I would like to be a frequent contributor to the TOL Living Bridge Newsletter and other Temple publications.

As discussed with Rev. Linda, my vision for this role may be outside of the box of what the TOL intends. I remember when first seeing the Associate Minister role mentioned some time ago, I immediately imagined that it be more than one person, not unlike the host of Seminary Guides we now have associated with the Seminary. The idea of having more than one Associate appeals to me for a number of reasons. The most obvious is that the duties can be distributed in a way that make the load lighter for those involved. It also helps ensure there will always be someone available, and provide diversity in insights, ideas, and contributions.

It is in the context of this paradigm that I put my hat in the ring. As a new grandmother, helping to shepherd my elderly parents gracefully into their Golden Years, as well as my own personal journey in writing, I am conscious about maintaining balance. At the same time, there is a place in my heart, as well as my life, to contribute to the Tree of Life Community as an Associate Minister.

Thank you for considering my offering.

With Gratitude,

Rev. Damanjeet Kaur

A Founding Member of the Tree of Life Interfaith Temple

Seminary Class of 2011