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To Friends in New England and Elsewhere:

We commend to you our much loved Friend, Debbie Humphries, whose leading to travel in the ministry has been seasoned through the Hartford Monthly Meeting. We recognize her call to travel among Friends as the Spirit leads, to join them in fellowship, worship and prayer.

Her concern is to deepen the spiritual life of the Religious Society of Friends, to renew the direct experience of Spirit, and to remind Friends of the truths of our tradition. Her faithfulness to this call has been an ongoing source of spiritual nourishment not only for herself, but for our Meeting and beyond. Debbie has served on many committees within our meeting, committees of New England Yearly Meeting, and has also clerked the ministry & counsel committee of New England Yearly Meeting. In all of these works Debbie's gifts of discernment, faithfulness to the traditions of Friends as well as deep listening and questioning have increased.

Since her ministry was first endorsed by Hartford Meeting in December of 2004, Debbie has traveled widely, sharing her gifts with Friends in New England, the continental United States and in the United Kingdom. From 2017-2019 she served as a Traveling Minister for the Friends World Committee Section of the Americas.

Debbie has written powerfully of her leading and her experiences as a Quaker in Seeds That Change the World and her Pendle Hill pamphlet "Spreading the Fire". The Friends with whom she has worshipped write with admiration and appreciation for her ability to quicken Meetings into deeper discernment and faith.

We support her ministry with whole-hearted appreciation. It is our experience that Debbie responds to the Spirit's promptings of love and truth, and we trust that with prayerful discernment, her ministry among you will be one of Way opening.

With Debbie we send our loving greetings to all Friends whom she may encounter.

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