

**Grinnell UCC-Congregational Minutes for  
Conversation and Vote to Extend a Call to Dr. Henry W. Morisada Rietz  
Sunday, April 24, 2022 (in-person and on Zoom)  
11:30am-12:15pm**

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**Quorum:** 42 members were in attendance.

Moderator Julie Eberbach and Pastor Jessica Margrave Schirm shared opening remarks. George Britton, the church's representative to the Association Committee on Ministry, shared his and the Committee's strong support of Henry Rietz's call.

Henry participated in a question and answer period. Several members did not ask a question but shared a comment, universally in strong support of Henry and the work he is called to.

We then voted by paper ballot and private Zoom message on the following proposed call:

The Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational calls Henry W. Morisada Rietz in a covenantal relationship as an authorized minister of Word and Sacrament serving the Church's ministry to its congregation, to the broader Church, and to the wider world. Henry's ministry will include biblical scholarship, regular worship leading and teaching in a church setting (typically at least once a year), and support for those seeking, sustaining, or transitioning a religious vocation. These areas of ministry reflects Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational's longstanding ministry commitments to education, religious vocations, and all seekers no matter where they are on life's journey through Word and Sacrament. Henry's ministry through the Grinnell UCC-Congregational will be sustained by and directly accountable to the Senior Pastor and through her to the Congregation.

The vote was unanimously in favor. The congregation looks forward to celebrating Dr. Rietz's ordination.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Rodrigues, clerk