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Dear UUJAZ Supporters,

It is with great sadness that I share with you that Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings, our outstanding Executive Director, will be leaving her position on June 30, 2019. Lisa has brought all her many talents to her role at UUJAZ and we can say without hesitation that UUJAZ would not be as strong as it is now and as recognized across the nation as a leading State Action Network without her leadership and dedication. We are all thankful that we have had the opportunity to work with Lisa over her tenure at UUJAZ.

I want to assure you, although it will not be the same, the Board is dedicated to continuing the work of UUJAZ after Lisa departs. The search for a new Executive Director has already started. We will be advertising for candidates on the internet, through the UUA and the Pacific Southwest Region. You will see announcements of this search in the member congregations' newsletters. Please share the announcement widely when you receive it. More information is available at <u>www.uujaz.org</u>.

Change is always challenging, but we will continue the work of UUJAZ. Plans for UU Day at the Legislature are in the works. Anne Schneider continues to publish the Legislative Alert. We continue to have much work to do in Arizona to make our voice heard so our progressive views can be reflected in new legislation.

If you would like to discuss this transition with me, please feel free to call me at 602 369-3432.

Sincerely,

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