

## INTERN MINISTER

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When I started on my path to ministry, I had absolutely no intention of becoming a prophet. First of all, having been raised as Roman Catholic in the 70s and 80s, prophets were men in the Bible. Even once I stretched myself past Christianity in the 90s, prophets were still all men (Jesus, Mohammad, Buddha, Ghandi, Martin Luther King, Jr.). As a woman, I didn't ever consider it as a possibility.

Secondly, prophets are connected to G-d and the sacred in a way that I never could presume myself to be. It seemed rather arrogant to consider myself that wise.

Finally, prophets are deeply loved by their followers and deeply despised by their enemies. In my house, the only thing worse than being an arrogant woman was being an unliked woman. Good women (nice girls) weren't supposed to have enemies or be despised. We made people happy.

As you can imagine, I was surprised when I read over the different roles of ministers and saw "prophet" listed. I didn't want to be a prophet—I didn't want to make people angry. Fortunately or unfortunately (depending on your perspective), my opinions naturally angered people. During an especially painful incident, Emily gave me one of the greatest blessings of my ministry. She sent me the following words from Horace Greeley, describing Margaret Fuller in 1860: She sometimes gave expression to what scarcely another woman would have said, yet what, once uttered, many felt grateful to her for saying.

Since that time, I have been intentionally practicing the art of prophecy—speaking up for myself and others; angering strangers, loved ones, and those with power over me; discovering blind spots; learning about my own places of privilege and accountability; making big, sticky messes; growing stronger and more courageous; learning to love despite my own anger. I practice in the pulpit, in meetings, in classes, in the social square, in my dearest relationships, in workshops, and in the vastness of the Internet.

For this month, I invite you to join me on the Twitter-verse (@kellieuukelly). For the month of January, I will be tweeting about our theme of prophecy. I have included my first three tweets to get us started. If I can be a prophet, so can you!

Sending you great joy and courage in this month of prophecy and this new year of resistance!

With gratitude, Kellie



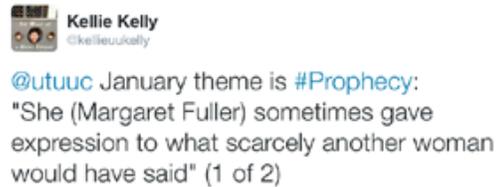
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In January, @utuuc's theme is #Prophecy. Here are some modern-day UU prophets to follow: @titasoto @lesliemac @chalice\_chica @chriscrass

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@utuuc January theme is #Prophecy: "She (Margaret Fuller) sometimes gave expression to what scarcely another woman would have said" (1 of 2)

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@utuuc January theme #Prophecy: "Yet what, once uttered, many felt grateful to her for saying." Horace Greeley on Margaret Fuller (2 of 2)

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