

Malcolm Sutherland to Resign In June as Unitarian Minister

by Ann Levison

Harvard Unitarian minister Malcolm Sutherland told his Standing Committee on Tuesday night this week that he will resign at the end of June, at which time he will have served his congregation for nineteen years. He will continue to live in Harvard, he told the Post on Wednesday, although he and his wife, Mary Anne, will spend more time at their summer home in Maine.

“And I will continue to be involved in a good many things,” he said: “my work with the World Conference on Religion and Peace, which involves a good deal of travel; I’ll still teach at the Andover Newton Theological School; and I hope to do more writing. Although,” he added with a laugh, “every retiring minister must say that.”

Sutherland is also a member of the Tokyo-based Niwano Peace Foundation and the Greeley Foundation for Peace and Justice. He is secretary to the Center for Advanced Study of Religion at the University of Chicago, and he co-chairs the publication board of Zygon, a quarterly journal on science and religion. Closer to home he has been a member of the board of CODE Hotline and works closely with other ministers in the town and the region.



Malcolm Sutherland in costume for the town's sesquicentennial celebration back in 1982. (File photo by Martha Dillard)

“I’ve had a perfectly marvelous time here,” he said on Wednesday. “I’ve enjoyed every opportunity I’ve had with this marvelous congregation and in this wonderful town. But I’m 77. It’s time.”