

1983-84, Richard Grimsrud

As my term as Moderator draws to a close, in this memorable 10th year, may I comment on the great pleasure I have derived from this task. With the abundance of capable talent, supplemented by our super efficient Church Secretary, Janet Beving, the moderator's job becomes easy.

Equally important, however, has been the pleasure of working with, and watching the ease with which our remarkable Alice Snow performs her myriad duties. Her capacity is seemingly endless, to the extent that she performs functions far in excess of a typical pastor. As an example, her compassion and loving attention to the ill, extends well beyond her own "flock", -- but on to people of other faiths and churches, in hospitals from Tucson to Flagstaff, and intervening points.

She has done much to meld the churches of Sedona into a cohesive unit, thus demonstrating the true meaning of the word "Ecumenical".

Her many honors and accolades, both locally and at the state and national level, bear testimony to the unusual effectiveness of our own Alice Snow

The absolute silence during her sermons is eloquent proof of the rapt attention of the congregation to her Sunday message.

One could go on ad infinitum, and still not do justice to her many achievements, so I will close by saying that I know I speak for all of us, when I say how extremely fortunate we have been, to have had this truly outstanding and articulate person to lead us in worship each Sunday.

We look forward to her continued leadership, so, keep up the good work, in God's kingdom here on earth, Alice, we all love you.

Signed, Richard Grimsrud

So now, a Toast To Alice B. Snow
To paraphrase the well-known hymn ---
What a friend we've had in Alice,
She has shared our Joys and Borne our Griefs,
Having known our many weaknesses,
She has never been discouraged --
Our lives have been enriched and lifted
as she has epitomized
His Holy Spirit amongst us.

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