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Dear MDA member,

As nominating committee chair of the <u>Metropolitan Denver Association</u> of the <u>Rocky Mountain Conference</u> of the <u>United Church of Christ</u>, I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of upcoming vacancies on our **Executive Committee** that will become open and available to be filled, beginning after our Annual Association Meeting on September 28th, 2025 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

Vice-Moderator, ordained	One-year term
At Large Representative	One-year term

The <u>bylaws of the MDA</u> require the moderator and vice-moderator to be filled alternately by people ordained and lay volunteers. For this reason we are required to find an ordained person to fill the role of vice-moderator starting in September of this year. Additionally, the traditional practice of our association is that the vice-moderator of the executive committee (ordained or lay) will "graduate" to the position of moderator after completing the one-year term as vice-moderator. For this reason, we expect the position of moderator to be filled by Ms. Linda Trantow, who presently serves as vice-moderator.

This means that we would hope that whoever fills the vice-moderator position starting in September of 2025 would be willing to serve as moderator starting in September of 2026. For this reason, the ordained person elected to serve as vice-moderator at the meeting of the MDA this September is expected to continue service on the Executive Committee for two years, though only filling the position of vice-moderator for one year.

The position of "at large" representative can be anyone (ordained or lay). This "at large" role requires only a one-year commitment, as well, because this position is open to complete the remainder of the position which is currently being held by another Executive Committee member who will be undertaking a different position on the board after election at the next annual gathering.

We hope that everyone (ordained and lay) involved with UCC churches in the Metropolitan Denver Association will seriously consider serving in these roles. Both of these roles will be expected to take part in our monthly meeting which, at this time, is held on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm and is conducted online *via* Zoom. Additionally, those filling these positions are expected to attend the MDA Annual Gathering held once a year in September.

We hope that **many** people might be willing to serve the Metropolitan Denver Association in this way! We are particularly hoping that churches, groups, and people not represented on the Executive Committee in the recent past would express their interest in serving as a representative on this committee! Diversity is strength and we hope to diversify our committee as much as possible. Please seriously consider helping the Executive Committee if you can!

Thank you all!

Sincerely,

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