

Introduction of Terry Moore-Painter

Terry was born and grew up in Raleigh and attended both Wake Forest University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For 46 years, she has called Oak Ridge, NC, just outside of Greensboro, her home. She has been married to the same man for almost 51 years and has two adult daughters, one who is an entrepreneur in Greensboro and Apex and one who is a social worker with the VA in Asheville. Terry's husband, Sankey, grew up in Banner Elk, where they now have a cabin on part of what used to be the family farm. She has loved these mountains for a long time.

For over forty years, Terry's life and perspective has been shaped at Congregational United Church of Christ. There she has served as moderator, currently serves on the Board of Deacons, and helped launch an Art Committee and a Creation Justice Team. It was there that she followed her own call to ministry, becoming a spiritual director, serving as a licensed minister in the UCC, and then becoming ordained. CUCC, its members, and its long-time pastor, Julie Peeples, influenced the growth of her own theology, bending toward social justice, inclusivity, and progressive Christianity. During the last year at CUCC which was a time of transition, Terry assisted with preaching and pastoral care and worship duties.

Terry served for over twenty years as a chaplain in the Cone Health system. Most of her work focused on oncology, where she coordinated patient and family support programs, such as support groups, yoga and meditation offerings, patient retreats, and the inclusion in many forms of art and creativity as a way of enhancing spiritual and emotional healing.

Now retired from chaplaincy, Terry has had time to pursue oil painting through weekly instruction. She has done writing, on her own and under the auspices of the Valle Crucis Women's Writer's Group. She and her husband are avid birders and hikers and are about to depart for two weeks of both at Big Bend National Park along the U.S. southern border.