

Dear Unity Spiritual Center of the Rockies Community,

Please accept this cover letter as an addendum to my board application. That application was written in 2023 when I ran for my first two year term which is ending in March. Nothing much has changed in my background, but I would like to say a few words about the past two years. I started as a board member, then as Vice President, and this year became President. It has not been an easy assignment, but I have served with wonderfully committed board members. They have been one of the highlights of this experience.

The past two years have been pivotal for the Church! Negotiating a change in the minister, working with our beloved former minister to get us on track spiritually, operationally and financially has been a great learning event for me personally. I hope and believe I have had a small hand in creating the relative calm we seem to be experiencing now. And I want to see this transformation through.

All organizations, even churches, must evolve and change to remain effective. Organizations have a natural ebb and flow.... startup, growth, maturity, decline, and renewal. I believe we have begun our renewal, and things will really take off when our new minister arrives. I would like to get us through that change. Then my gifts can shift to supporting other parts of the church...I miss bingo!

This next year we have some decisions to make that will send us in one direction or another. Minister, building, programs, marketing are all on the horizon, I believe. This does not scare me-I like the process of change. It makes me curious to see what we can build together to make a greater impact on people here and around the world.

With Spirit guiding us and the marvelous energy of our community, we will be successful in navigating all the change that comes our way.

With Blessings and Trust,

Patricia Yeager

# UNITY SPIRITUAL CENTER IN THE ROCKIES

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES - APPLICATION FORM

Name: **Patricia Yeager, PH.D. (Rehabilitation Administration)**

How long have you been a member of Unity Spiritual Center? **5-6 years**

Other affiliations with Unity churches? **Denver, Houston, San Diego, Sacramento**

What is your current occupation? **CEO Emeritus, The Independence Center, Colorado Springs (retired in 2011 after 10 years of service)**

Have you ever served on a Board of Trustees/Board of Directors? **Yes, I have served on United Way, Employment and Training and Social Services boards in various states. I have staffed boards and advisory committees, so I understand the dynamic from both perspectives.**

Why do you want to serve on the Board of Trustees?

**Don Turner invited me to apply. My experience in nonprofit management, inclusionary leadership, and problem-solving skills could be helpful in growing the church as we enter a transformational time of change.**

Please check any of the following skills/knowledge that you have experience with:

Word Processing ☒

Bookkeeping/accounting ☐

Human Resources ☒

Spreadsheets ☒

Public Speaking ☒

Marketing ☐

Project Management ☐

Fund Raising ☒

Effective Communication ☒ Property Management ☐

Other ☒ (Explain) **\_I am a big picture, strategic thinker who loves to create new visions working collaboratively with others. My career has revolved around making the world a more inclusive place for people with all types of disabilities. Having a significant disability myself (hearing), I understand the need for and usually how to make buildings and services more accessible.**

What committees have you been involved with at Unity Spiritual Center in the Rockies?

What leadership positions or team lead positions have you held?

**Usher and Lead Usher. I am currently a member of the Bingo Team.**

What other information would you like us to know about you? **\_I currently sit on the Board for the Pikes Peak Community Health Partnership and am chair of the advocacy committee there.**

What is your vision for Unity Spiritual Center in the Rockies? **My vision is that we create an active sanctuary for everyone looking to find his/her/their path their higher truth, however that concept is experienced and honored.**