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Greetings to the Disciples of Christ Community:

I am honored to introduce myself, Charles E. Williams, your Regional Moderator for Disciples of Christ Mid-America. I am originally from Baltimore, Maryland, and was raised Southern Baptist until I moved to Missouri in 2010. I retired from the Navy after twenty years of service. After I relocated to Missouri, I attended a couple of Disciples churches and found solace in their worship without the legalistic traditions of the Baptist denomination, which appealed to me. I had no idea that this was God's divine intervention in my life to move me from the East Coast to the Midwest to serve him in the capacities that he behests me.

My journey from the pews to the pulpit was new to me. I went from doing children's sermons on Sundays to being nominated as a deacon, serving on the church board, and eventually serving as president of the board for two years. I provided pulpit supply to three churches in two counties, and I am the Senior Pastor of one. I was elected Regional Moderator in 2024 and currently serve with enthusiasm and honor; it is the highlight of my spiritual journey. I have an undergraduate degree in business and am currently finishing my master's in theology at Lexington Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky.

I am active in my community, serving as board president for the City of Fulton Utilities, Lead pastor for the Interchurch Council of Pike County in Clarksville, Missouri, and advisor to the Afghan Refugee Community as needed in Fulton, Missouri, VFW Past State Commander for Missouri 2023-2024, NAACP member, and other organizations both in the Midwest and on the East Coast.

I have a lovely wife, Coletta, and together we have five adult children and seven grandchildren. I pray this brings us a little closer together in spirit and in future gatherings as the whole body of Christ. The holidays are approaching, and my family and I wish everyone Happy Holidays. "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you have received." 1 Peter 4:10, NRSV.

God Bless,

Reverend Charles E. Williams