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Swenja Ziegler, SPRC Chairperson
Church of the Mountains United Methodist Church

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I greet you in the name of Jesus and pray that God's grace and peace fills you this day. I am writing to announce that after consultation with your Staff Parish Relations Committee and prayerful discernment with the Cabinet, Bishop Minerva Carcaño intends to appoint Vicki Massman as your next pastor, effective July 1, 2020.

Vicki will be receiving her license for pastoral ministry in June and will be joining you in her capacity as a Local Pastor. She has a very rich history of involvement in various churches and brings a wide and deep understanding of the Christian journey. She combines deep theological thinking with practical action and community transformation. She has a heart for justice, a passion for Jesus and a love for people. Music has been an important part of her life and training and is integral to her ministry as well.

In addition to serving as your Pastor half time, she will continue as an Adjunct Professor at Truckee Meadows Community College and Lake Tahoe Community College where she teaches courses in Philosophy and Religion. The members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee have copies of her resume if you would like to know more about her background and experience. Vicki has been married to Gene for 30 years and they currently reside in Sparks, Nevada.

I am grateful for your prayers and the work of the SPRC during this time of discernment. Continue to hold Donna in your prayers as she completes her ministry with you and transitions into responding to God's call to prison ministry. Also, pray for Vicki as she prepares to join the movement of God's Spirit known as the Church of the Mountains.

Let us journey onward as we follow Jesus and extend God's love to all.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Dr. Blake E. Busick

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