

## The Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker

Regional Minister and President for the  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin

“We are all just walking each other home.”

Teresa was raised up in First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Muskegon, MI. She was ordained by the congregation and the Christian Church Michigan Region, 12/19/1982. In over 38 years of ordained ministry she has served congregations in Indiana, Oregon, Michigan and Ohio. The last ten plus years as Regional Minister in Illinois and Wisconsin.



She earned her undergraduate degree in Economics from Western Michigan University, and her Master of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. She also has a Doctor of Ministry degree from Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, with an emphasis on “Spirituality in Community.”

She is also ex-officio Trustee for the Disciples Divinity House of UChicago.

Teresa is chief “story-teller” for our region. She has a passion for congregational life. She believes “it is in the church as a graceful community that lifelong transformation occurs. We become caring communities: exhibiting hospitality, encouraging quests, reflecting on scripture, discerning gifts, struggling with trust, healing souls, and providing opportunities for service. Through these experiences we grow more deeply in our connection to God and to one another, so that we are prepared to confront the sometimes brutal realities that plague our world. We are here to represent a different way of being in the world, and in this way fulfill God’s healing/salvific purposes.”



Teresa lives in Bloomington, Illinois, is married to the Rev. Canon Albert J. Keeney and they have four adult sons Jeff and Travis Dulyea-Parker and Andrew (Christi) and Ryan (Allison) Keeney, and twin grandsons Lincoln and Virgil. Teresa and Al met in Paris on a Shalem pilgrimage in 2015 and were married in 2016. Teresa enjoys science, nature, walking, swimming, and travel.

**Teresa’s ministry with us in the Regional church is funded by our gifts to Disciples Mission Fund, our Region’s Annual Fund and the Christmas Offering.**