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**Countryside Community Church Announces Interim Minister of Worship and  
Congregational Care**

*Reverend Elka Tracey Perry will start on May 1*

OMAHA, Neb. (April 14, 2021)— Countryside Community Church announced Rev. Elka Tracey Perry, MA, MDiv, as the Interim Minister of Worship and Congregational Care starting May 1, 2021. Perry previously served congregations in Colorado, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

“Pastor Tracey will complement the gifts and skill sets of Rev. Dr. Anna Crews Camphouse and Dan Loven-Crum in our new collaborative leadership model,” said Tracey Halvorson, Moderator at Countryside Community Church. “These three will comprise the Executive Leadership Team during our interim period. We are excited by what Pastor Tracey will teach us, and the opportunities this leadership team will bring to strengthen Countryside.”

Prior to her ministry work, Perry was a project manager at the Pentagon. She brings experience in social justice work and interfaith dialogue.

“I want to make sure that people feel heard and know that they have a place in our church family,” said Perry. “Pastoral care, preaching and teaching God’s Word, and engaging the youth and church at large, are my areas of interest, and where I thrive. My preaching style promises to engage, challenge, and teach the congregation in new ways.

To learn more about Countryside Community Church, visit <https://countrysideucc.org/>.

**About Countryside Community Church**

For more than 65 years of ministry, Countryside Community Church has served the wider Omaha community. Joining the Tri-Faith Initiative is a strong and powerful assertion of leadership that makes Omaha a kinder, more compassionate and spiritually deeper place to live. For more information, contact Dan Loven-Crum, Director of Administration and

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