

Terrie Abbot, Executive Committee Lay Representative Nominee

I am Maureen Therese Abbot, but most know me as Terrie. In January I began serving an unexpired term on the Front Range Executive Committee. I have enjoyed being a part of assessing the health of the churches in the region and learning of their varied ministries.

I am a 35 year member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Greeley. During my long years at Trinity I have served in many ministries including a 10 year stint as Youth Leader. I have also served as President of ECW, Sunday school teacher, lector, chalice minister, and head verger. Currently I co-chair the food box program run through our Outreach Committee. I have also served on the board of Trinity Housing that oversees Island Grove Village, a 108 unit low income apartment complex started by Trinity in 1972 to serve the Greeley community. Island Grove Village has been designated as a Jubilee Ministry.

Six years ago I retired from my career as Diagnostic Medical Sonographer. For several years We traveled around the country as my husband worked as a traveling physician. I was able to get involved in Episcopal churches in several communities during that time. I feel that experience broadened my view of how the Episcopal Church ministers in small rural communities and how the needs of rural, urban and suburban churches vary. During that time I also volunteered in nursing homes, day care programs and taught English as a second language to refugees in Oregon.

In 2017 my husband and I, along with Father John Nkwocha, founded Beatitude Care Foundation. We started with a dream and a plot of jungle and a lot of prayer. This past January we opened the Beatitude Care Clinic in Egbelu, Imo State, Nigeria, to offer general health care and a maternity clinic that serves 5 villages. We have been blessed with support from our church, family and friends.

I feel that I am qualified through my varied history to serve on the Front Range Executive Committee. Since a main aim of the regional executive committees is appropriating funds to help parishes in their ministries, I feel my experience in running and serving in diverse ministries helps me to understand the needs that are brought before the Committee. If I am elected, I will feel blessed to serve the people of the Episcopal Church in Colorado.