

The Rev. Patricia K. Bilyeu
(Biography)

The Rev. Patricia K. Bilyeu, better known as Patty, is being recommended to the GRR Regional Ministry Board to serve as our Area Minister for Areas II & IV. Plans call for her to begin her full-time assignment on July 1, 2017. Patty is no stranger to Great Rivers Region, having served with her husband, Rev. David Bilyeu, in churches in Areas I & III, and now in Area IV at FBC Greenville where they have been for the past five years. Patty and David have three sons, two of whom are grown.

Rev. Patty Bilyeu is a native of Ohio. She was born on a Monday and her American Baptist family brought her to church the next Sunday! Her commitment to Christ came early and she has been involved with American Baptists her whole life. During college, she became part of a ministry team at her home church and soon acknowledged God's call to full-time ministry. She started her formal training at the University of Toledo (Ohio) with her Bachelor's degree. For her seminary training, she earned her Master of Divinity degree at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary (Lombard, IL) This is also where she met David.

Having been ordained in ABC in 1994 she has been active in Baptist life wherever she has been. While in Ohio she actively participated in the Ohio ABC Region and in 2009 was the President of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio. She is also currently the Assistant Area IV Area Minister working with Rev. Muriel Johnson and has been actively involved there. In this position, she works with the Area IV program board and helps provide direction and support to pastors. Earlier she also served as a member of the GRR Regional Ministry Board while Moderator of Area IV. She also is presently serving First Baptist Church, Highland, IL as Interim Pastor.

Patty describes herself as having an outgoing personality, a sense of humor, agrees that she exudes enthusiasm and that she is well organized. It can also be said that she brings a welcome warmth and graciousness to each situation, whatever it may be.

The search committee nominates The Rev. Patricia K. Bilyeu as our choice for Area Minister for Areas II & IV.