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I am writing to encourage you to grant dual affiliation to the Rev. Deborah Saxe, ordained clergy in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), currently serving as minister to the First Christian of Cuyahoga Falls (DOC). It is my understanding that the church also just dual affiliated.

I have known Debbie since her years as an undergraduate student at Bethany College when she became the "Timothy" student of the church I was serving at the time. Our relationship blossomed into one of mentorship, friendship and collegiality over the years. I watched her grow in her grasp of ministry and all that entails through her time at Bethany and then, later, at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and, again, as she began serving DOC congregations in Ohio. The student has in many ways surpassed the mentor as the years have gone by and I think the UCC would be the one to benefit in granting her dual affiliation. She has boundless gifts and wisdom to offer.

Thank you for allowing me the space to speak on her behalf. And please do feel free to be in touch further if need be.

With joy,
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