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To Whom It May Concern;

It is my pleasure to be writing to you as an individual or congregation who is considering Rev. Dr. Lesia Huyck as a candidate for the position of Minister to your congregation. I have had the honor of working with Rev. Huyck in my role as the Acting Director of Religious Education for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse, as well as in my capacity as a member of the congregation. It has been my experience that Rev. Huyck is a truly gifted minister in a great many ways. Herein I will elaborate upon but a few of those.

Firstly, Rev. Huyck's ability to develop and deliver beautiful services that are moving, inspiring, and informative would be a great asset to any congregation. Not only do her services delve into deeply meaningful topics, but they challenge the listener both to engage intellectually in the concepts presented as well as to live in accordance with our Seven Principles and our truest selves.

Rev. Huyck is also extremely gifted in coordinating the workings of a congregation including but not limited to staff, committees and workgroups, social functions, social justice opportunities and education. She carefully fosters positive mentoring relationships with all staff members, encouraging them to become the best they can possibly be, and advocates on their behalf. Furthermore, Rev. Huyck uses her experience to offer insight and perspective for boards and committees, helping them to work for the interests of their congregation in a loving and responsible manner. Lastly, Rev. Huyck encourages the social, educational, and social justice aspects of the congregation both by participating with congregants as well as assisting them as they build strong and meaningful opportunities for community.

In closing, it is with complete confidence that I wholeheartedly recommend that you consider Rev. Huyck for the position in your congregation. She is an exceptional minister, and one that I am honored to have worked with. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this recommendation.

In Peace

Sincerely,

  
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