December 27, 2025

Rev. Beth Rogers, Chair
Harrisburg Association Committee on Ministry
Penn Central Conference United Church of Christ

I, Mary Kelly, President of Penbrook United Church of Christ, am writing this letter of recommendation for Mitchell Amago, our clergy student intern at Penbrook UCC. Mitch is currently a member of Penbrook UCC and attending Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. He is in his second year. Mitch is interested in applying to be a Member In Discernment with the Harrisburg Association Committee on Ministry. Since his move to Carlisle, PA from Pittsburgh, PA he has been attending our church. He seemed to fit right into our congregation supporting our church activities and growth.

In September of 2025, Mitch entered into a 9-month internship through his seminary and Penbrook UCC. I have watched his ministerial skills develop, participating in 2 book studies led by Mitch. I have also witnessed at church his teaching and his preaching on several occasions. I have watched him participate in our budget planning during our Resource Team meetings where he had valuable input to share with us. Mitch likes to write liturgy and does it well. He is working with our Outreach Team to start a "dinner church" experience for current non-attenders at Penbrook. He is open to feedback giving it consideration as he learns.

Mitch Amago has made a positive impact in our church community's ministry as a mature, affable, supportive and creative servant of God's Kin-dom. I recommend him highly to the Harrisburg Association Committee on Ministry as a Member In Discernment.

Mary M Kelly

Mary Kelly, President Penbrook UCC