

The Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper was born in Lubbock, Texas and spent her growing years in Perryton, Texas. Attending Texas Tech University, she received both a B.B.A. in finance, and an M.Ed. in Psychology / Higher Education Administration. Dee received a second Master's of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, in Hamilton, MA. Dee also has received her Doctorate from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, CA.

This year marks, Dee's 20th year of ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Dee has served Presbyterian congregations in Lowell, MA; Wichita, KS; Los Angeles, CA; and Evergreen, CO. Dee's most recent call was as the Interim Co-Lead Pastor at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, in Denver, CO.

Dee was the Moderator of the Denver Presbytery and of the COM (Committee on Ministry) in several presbyteries. She has also served the Denver Presbytery as a General Assembly commissioner, as a Council member, and in various capacities.

Dee is a licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist Fellow for over 24 years. She is also a Certified Big Life Coach through the Hendricks Institute. She was a featured coach and has completed their advanced, two-year Leadership and Transformation program. Dee leads workshops for the care providers (therapists, social workers, and chaplains) at Buckley Air Force Base, and has led a series of workshops for the clergy of the Denver presbytery.

Dee has a profound love of animals and she has created her own business, Adventures for the Wild at Heart www.adventuresforthewildatheart.com. Connecting people and animals in transformative adventures in the wild, she invites a deeper exploration and understanding of Creator, themselves, and one another. Dee has supported several congregations in creating their own, Blessing of the Animals services, or partnerships with local zoos. She also coaches clients, leads workshops and retreats, and coordinates travel adventures for these profound connections. Dee is a faith advocate and on the speakers bureau for several organizations, for animals and conservation. She is a spokesperson in Washington before our congressional leaders reminding them of the biblical directives to care for creation and creatures.

Dee is known for both her big energy and big heart. She brings a love of play to all she does, and travels alongside her clients, as they dive deep and soar high. She has climbed Kilimanjaro and Machu Picchu's Inca trail and walked over 100 miles for Breast Cancer research.

Dee has a furry companion that will be with her at the church, Winnie, a 2 year old golden retriever. Dee's family, her father, Don, and her brother's family all reside in the Texas Panhandle.