

Union Presbyterian Seminary

Senior Profile

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Call to Ministry (max. 2000 characters)

In a world filled with so much suffering and things that seek to keep us constantly busy, it is incredibly easy to feel spiritually lost, confused, and/or despairing. Through seeking closer connection with God and deeper spiritual maturity we can find hope and peace in the midst of these challenging times. This is where I find my call to ministry. Having worked in different capacities with those who are suffering (particularly those in the mental health community), I feel a deep call to walk alongside individuals in their spiritual journeys – through both good times and bad. Although not called to one particular demographic, I am called to grow with others in the Body of Christ through creative means of Christian Education. I believe strongly in creating learning and worship experiences to fit the specific needs and learning styles of individuals. In this avenue, I thoroughly enjoy and feel called to use my gift of writing such curriculum wherever I may end up serving and also feel led to incorporate my background and gifts in the arts into my ministry.

As well, I believe it is important to help foster a community of individuals that are united together through their faith in God; we can then together better exhibit the glory and grace of God to the world in the midst of suffering. In doing so, internal as well as external transformation of individuals and communities is possible. Effective Christian Education is that which promotes not only the growth of spiritual head knowledge but also that of heart knowledge. Therefore, I believe it is important to provide opportunities for students to also learn through experiential and practical means alongside traditional methods of biblical education. All of this is to say that I feel called as a child of God to walk with my brothers and sisters in Christ, to ease individuals' suffering through fostering faith formation, and to engender the development of empathy and resiliency in the face of changing times.

Positions Desired (check all that apply)

- Solo Pastor
- Associate Pastor
- Christian Educator
- Chaplain

- Spiritual Formation/Discipleship
- Social Justice
- Non-Profit
- Youth Ministry

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- Young Adults Ministry
- Older Adults Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Pastoral Care

- Outreach/Missions
- Non-Ordained
- Other:

Education

Degree	Major	University, City	Year
Bachelor of Fine Arts	Craft/Material Studies (concentration in textiles and ceramics)	Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA)	2015
Master of Arts	Christian Education	Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA)	2019

Work Experience

Position	Setting	City/State	Year-Year
Instructor/Recreation Coordinator and Office Assistant III	Henrico County Recreation and Parks	Henrico, Virginia	2008-2015
Office Manager	Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church	Richmond, Virginia	2016-2017
Owner/Educator	Grace Wins Explorative Arts, LLC	Hanover, Virginia	2016-2018
Chaplain/Christian Education Intern	The Hermitage Assisted Living	Richmond, Virginia	2018-Present

Geographic Preference(s)

- Not Geographically Limited

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- International
 - Specific States:
 - Other:
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Candidacy Status

- Ready to receive a call
 - Still have denominational requirements to meet
 - Other:
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