

Union Presbyterian Seminary

Senior Profile

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Call to Ministry (max. 2000 characters)

God's grace is the beginning and ending of everything we do. And in response to God's love, we are called to build relationships in community to serve and worship God. God draws us together in worship, praise, and service to grow in relationship with one another and with God. Throughout my discernment process, I feel called to the daily work of a minister in a congregational setting. My passion lies in equipping and empowering sisters and brothers in Christ to feel confident and be able to make a positive influence in their world. I believe we are called to respond to the saving love of God by building a community of equality and inclusion, by joining together as we love and serve each other and God, and by sharing the Good News. I appreciate the opportunity a called ministry provides to participate in the transformational work in the life of a congregation and the lives of those we serve. Ministry in the local church allows me to be present with those in times of praise, lament, joy and crisis. I highly value the formative experiences we gain through intergenerational work. I have a passion for youth ministry, the development of resilient and faithful children of God, and creating safe spaces for their faith and curiosity to grow. I have seen through my experience as an assistant camp director how formative such experiences are in the life of young people. Likewise, I believe people of all ages grow and learn through personal and communal discipleship. I believe in the transformational power of the Word read and proclaimed, and I feel called to proclaim that Good News. I love being creative in forming partners in the work of Christ in the community and beyond. I am energized by creative programming and passionate leadership. It brings me great joy to walk alongside those whom God has called me to serve, using my passion for preaching, my joy in intergenerational connections, and my creativity in forming partners in the work of Christ.

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
Master of Divinity		Union Presbyterian Seminary - Richmond, VA	2019
Master of Divinity	(transfer)	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary - Austin, TX	2016
Bachelor of Arts	Interdisciplinary Studies	University of South Carolina Upstate - Spartanburg, SC	2010
Associate Degree	Arts	Spartanburg Methodist College - Spartanburg, SC	2008

Work Experience

Position	Setting	City/State	Year-Year
Pastoral Intern/Youth Minister	Second Presbyterian Church	Richmond, VA	2017-present
Hospital Chaplain	VCU Health	Richmond, VA	Summer 2018
Business Sales Representative/Lead Generation Representative	Comporium Communications	Rock Hill, SC	2015-2016
Assistant Camp Director	YMCA Camp Cherokee	Blacksburg, SC	2010-2015

Geographic Preference(s)

- Not Geographically Limited
- International

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- Specific States: VA, SC, NC,
 Other:
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Candidacy Status

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