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Call to Ministry (max. 2000 characters)

I believe God is calling me to serve in parish ministry, to a place where a group of God’s children are knit together in community. This is where my heart is. I love planning and leading cohesive worship services where every single part, from the seemingly mundane to the obviously holy, gives thanks and praise to our glorious God. I love building relationships within and across people in the church, learning what sustains the fire of their faith and engaging them in the work of the church and the life of faith. I love the justice-work, community building, and other mission that congregations are uniquely empowered to undertake. I pray that God uses my life and ministry to create all these things – and things I can’t even imagine today – within the Church. For I know the church to be a place where a Stephen Minister walks alongside a young, single, new mother as she works through how this came to be; where a stay-at-home dad becomes an important part of the lives of all the kids, not just his own; where a woman runs quarterly blood drives for more than a decade because her partner, now deceased, lived by transfusions. The church reminds us that we were created in God’s image to reflect God to one another – particularly when culture values individuality and creates isolation. While some of my classmates dream of chaplaincy or nonprofit work, I dream of the day a church calls me to serve and love them. I believe God has given me a compassionate heart for such a call as this.

Positions Desired (check all that apply)

Solo Pastor

Associate Pastor

Christian Educator

Chaplain

Spiritual Formation/Discipleship

Social Justice

Non-Profit

Youth Ministry

Young Adults Ministry

Older Adults Ministry

Children’s Ministry

Pastoral Care

Outreach/Missions

Non-Ordained

Other:

Education

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| Degree | Major | University, City | Year |
| Master of Divinity |  | Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA | 2019 |
| Master of Arts In Christian Education |  | Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA | 2019 |
| Bachelor of Arts | Political Science and Strategic Communications | Elon University, Elon | 2011 |
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Work Experience

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| Position | Setting | City/State | Year-Year |
| Seminary Intern | Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church | Richmond, VA | 2018-present |
| Communications Specialist | NEXT Church | Richmond, VA | 2015-present |
| Online Community Engagement Manager | Montreat Conference Center | Washington, DC | 2013-2015 |
| AmeriCorps VISTA | HandsOn Greater DC Cares | Washington, DC | 2011-2012 |

Geographic Preference(s)

Not Geographically Limited

International

Specific States:

Other:

Candidacy Status

Ready to receive a call

Still have denominational requirements to meet

Other: