

Union Presbyterian Seminary

Senior Profile

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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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Solo Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults Ministry |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Older Adults Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Educator | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Formation/Discipleship | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Missions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Ordained |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry | |

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Education

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

Work Experience

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:
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Candidacy Status

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