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Call to Ministry (max. 2000 characters)

God has taken me places I never thought I'd go. If I had been told in undergrad that I'd be graduating from seminary and seeking an ordained call I would have laughed out loud. Not for lack of faith, but an attitude of indifference. I 'grew up' in the church. Meaning that my experiences of God where limited to a one hour time window on Sundays. God was contained in a building, and I was perfectly okay with it. Only until active participation in campus ministry did I realize that God works outside of a physical building. Conversing with my peers opened my eyes to the realization that my passions and budding sense of religious/faith identity could co-exist.

I believe that God is pulling me in the direction of congregational ministry. I am excited at the prospect of working with a congregation to ensure that God/faith/fellowship is not limited to a time window once a week. As a people of faith we are called to a life of engagement. Whether it be through local non-profit organizations, or inter-faith discussions. We are to be an active people. Doing nothing for ourselves, but everything for the glory of God.

God is not only glorified through the work outside of a physical church building, but also in worship. The sacraments have played a large role in my continued faith development. I look forward to administering the sacraments, preaching, and participating in worship whenever and however needed. At this moment I am most interested in an associateship. I will, however, not pretend that I can place a limitation the Spirit. I am excited to see the ways in which God and the Spirit push and pull me through this process.

Positions Desired (check all that apply)

[ ] Solo Pastor

[x] Associate Pastor

[ ] Christian Educator

[ ] Chaplain

[ ] Spiritual Formation/Discipleship

[x] Social Justice

[ ] Non-Profit

[ ] Youth Ministry

[x] Young Adults Ministry

[x] Older Adults Ministry

[ ] Children’s Ministry

[ ] Pastoral Care

[ ] Outreach/Missions

[ ] Non-Ordained

[x] Other: Campus Ministry

Education

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| Degree | Major | University, City | Year |
| B.A. | Political Science | University of Arkansas, Fayetteville | 2014 |
| M.Div |       | Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond | 2019 |
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Work Experience

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| Position | Setting | City/State | Year-Year |
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Geographic Preference(s)

[x] Not Geographically Limited

[ ] International

[ ] Specific States:

[ ] Other:

Candidacy Status

[ ] Ready to receive a call

[x] Still have denominational requirements to meet

[x] Other: I have passed the BCE and all four ordination exams. I am waiting to be Finally Assessed in June.