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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

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: 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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Geographic Preference(s)

Not Geographically Limited

International

Specific States:

Other:

Candidacy Status

Ready to receive a call

Still have denominational requirements to meet

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