

Union Presbyterian Seminary

Senior Profile

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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 were 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)

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

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Other: Campus Ministry

Education

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

Work Experience

Position	Setting	City/State	Year-Year

Geographic Preference(s)

Not Geographically Limited

International

Specific States:

Other:

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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.
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