

Union Presbyterian Seminary

Senior Profile

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Call to Ministry (max. 2000 characters)

I have always sought ways to grow spiritually outside of traditional worship. It was relieving for me when I realized being in community outdoors was my best spiritual practice, and that it was an acceptable form. Whether it is reading a book outside, hiking, jogging, walking a dog, hammocking, or talking on a park bench, I feel the most connected to my faith when I am appreciating creation with others, sustaining relationships with my neighbors and the earth, recognizing both are God's creation.

My call to ministry stems from this spirituality of creation and relationship. My ministerial focuses have held a common thread of cultivating relationships within, and then across, social, economic, class, and racial boundaries. Whether it was teaching, higher education, or nonprofit management, I have experienced and am continually intrigued by the ways the spirit works through all aspects of creation, not solely in church settings. My passion for ministry lies in creatively connecting ourselves to others in ways that cultivate community, holding hope we can see past a fearful and divisive world.

I sense my call as creating opportunities for connectional, relational ministry. I believe we all have the capacity to relate across all God's creation and are called by God to engage with those seemingly different than ourselves. In sustaining these relationships, we more easily discover connections that bring justice, embrace loving kindness, and allow us to walk humbly with God.

Positions Desired (check all that apply)

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

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- Outreach/Missions
 Non-Ordained

Other:

Education

| Degree | Major | University, City | Year |
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| B.A. in Religious Studies | Religion | Centre College, Danville, KY | 2015 |
| Master of Divinity | | Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA | 2019 |
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Work Experience

| Position | Setting | City/State | Year-Year |
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| Event Coordinator Assistant | Union Presbyterian Seminary | Richmond, VA | 2018-2019 |
| Intern | Southminster Presbyterian Church | North Chesterfield, VA | 2018-2019 |
| Summer Intern | The Center-Baltimore | Baltimore, MD | 2017 |
| Registrar and Program Intern | Montreat Conference Center | Montreat, NC | 2015-2016 |

Geographic Preference(s)

- Not Geographically Limited
 International
 Specific States: Virginia
 Other:

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Candidacy Status

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