



EDUCATION

Current Studies, D. Min.

Religious Leadership Boston University

Graduate Certificate

Religion & Social Justice Claremont School of Theology

Bachelor of Arts

Philosophy Rockhurst University, Jesuit

PREVIOUS CONSULTING

Visioning and Planning First UMC-Lompoc. CA

Growth and Communications Christ Church by the Sea Newport Beach, CA

Faith Formation Pioneer Ocean View UCC, San Diego, CA

Leadership Development First Congregational Long Beach, CA

Strategic Planning & Visioning First UMC-Pasadena, CA

CONTACT & MORE INFO

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MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

PASTOR

United Community Church UCC-St. Johnsbury, VT | Current

- Solo Pastor of an active new congregation created in 2015 when two historic churches joined together
- Collaborate with lay leadership for weekly worship, community outreach and support, and faith formation
- Active in leadership and witness in wider community

MINISTER WITH FAMILIES & UCC CAMPUS MINISTER FOR ASU Desert Palm UCC-Tempe, AZ | April 2019 - May 2022

- Launched new youth program that included service trips, lunch groups, and a Faith & Advocacy program
- Founding Minister for the UCC at ASU campus ministry in collaboration with church and the Soutthwest Conference

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

University UMC-Irvine, CA | 2016-2018

 Managed the office, volunteer, facilities, communications, and community outreach for 400 member church

CAMPUS MINISTER

University UMC-Irvine, CA | 2016-2018

- Served students at the University of California-Irvine and connected with 2,500 students with 75 active in programs
- Started a new campus ministry that offered support and community for first generation and international students

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

Community UMC-Huntington Beach, CA | 2016-2018

- Launched new youth program at a 600 member church with seven new youth joining in the first semester
- Collaborated with congregation to engage youth including managing renovation of a new modern youth center

SPECIAL HONORS AND LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Northeast Kingdom Community Action-Vermont | Present

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
United Church of Christ Denomination | Present

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General Board of Church & Society-Washington, D.C. | 2012-2016