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Profile

Adam is a creative pastor with practical experience in service to the church. He is well-educated and has significant experience in the fields of parish ministry, youth, college and young adult ministries, leading innovative worship experiences, engaging in interfaith relations, and harnessing the power of technology and social media. Adam is gifted in creating and thinking about new ways of doing ministry in a 21st century context. He also possesses strong relational skills, a collaborative leadership style, and a welcoming and inclusive spirit.

Experience

DESIGNATED ASSOCIATE PASTOR, WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; WINNETKA, IL – 2013-PRESENT

Led the youth ministry, was staff liaison to the Board of Deacons, created new ministry programs like Tavern Talks and Ashes to Go, taught Adult Education, preached, led worship, offered pastoral care, and led various church committees.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; ASHLAND, OR – 2011-2013

Led children's, youth and college ministries, developed a new ecumenical community youth group, created a Theology Pub program, revitalized the college ministry group, developed Christian Education classes for all ages and assisted with preaching, worship leadership, pastoral care and visitation of church members.

MINISTER FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS, ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH; LIVERMORE, CA – 2008-2011

Led youth, college and young adult ministries, preached, led worship with my guitar, developed an interfaith Theology Pub, and assisted in pastoral care of the congregation.

CHAPLAIN, ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL; NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ – SUMMER 2007

Provided emotional and spiritual support for patients in a multi-faith environment and dealt with crisis situations at a Level 1 Trauma Center.

CAMPUS MINISTRY INTERN, WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY; PRINCETON, NJ – 2005-2006

Worked closely with the Presbyterian Campus Minister in developing and leading Bible and book studies, fellowship and worship opportunities, as well as retreats for university students.

Education

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
Master of Divinity & Master of Arts in Youth Ministry, 2008

Whitworth University, Spokane, WA
Bachelor of Arts in Religion, 2002

Skills

After 9 years of parish ministry, Adam has extensive experience in the church and is skilled in preaching, teaching, leading worship, officiating weddings & funerals, leading committees and groups, offering pastoral care and administrative tasks. Adam is also a pastor who believes it's important to be visible and out in the community, and believes the church is called to be out in the world.

One of Adam's best skill sets is thinking creatively about ministry in the 21st century. He has years of experience creating and facilitating alternative worship services and installations, and has successfully started three different Theology Pub groups in California, Oregon and Illinois. Adam has a strong sense for how to connect with those *on the fringe* and those who may not be interested in *organized religion*.

In addition to his ministry skills, Adam is also extremely proficient in the world of social media and technology, and leads workshops and "boot camps" to teach pastors and non-profit leaders how best to use social media in their contexts. Additionally, Adam is a web and graphic designer and an artist; he primarily uses pen and ink and watercolor as his medium of choice.

Additional information can be found at his website: adamwc.com.

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