



SARAH WALKER CLEAVELAND

spiritual director • candidate for ordination in the PC(USA)

EDUCATION

Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction, 2011

San Francisco Theological Seminary

PhD Course Work & Comprehensive Exams in Christian Spirituality, 2008-2014

Graduate Theological Union

Master of Theology, 2008

Princeton Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity, 2007

Columbia Theological Seminary

B.A., Religious Studies, 2002

Summa Cum Laude

Hobart & William Smith Colleges

HONORS & AWARDS

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Ministry & Undergraduate Fellow, Fund for Theological Education
- Company of New Pastors, PC(USA)
- Presidential Scholar, GTU
- Columbia Scholar, CTS

SKILLS

- Retreat Leadership
- Pastoral Care & Counseling
- Curriculum & Program Design
- Preaching & Teaching
- Writing
- Small Group Leadership
- Administrative Organization

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Spiritual Director (2009—Present)

Speak monthly with individuals to identify the presence of the holy in their lives; plan & lead small group direction that introduces participants to spiritual practices & the process of contemplative listening.

Mentor Pastor, Forum for Theological Exploration (2011—2012)

Mentored a small group of seminarians through a discernment process as they designed & executed ministry projects.

Retreat Leader, “Chasing the Holy Spirit”

First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls, NY (May 2010)

Invited to design & lead a weekend retreat for 20+ women that included experiential spiritual formation through art, nature, & writing, biblical reflections on the Holy Spirit, & the practice of traditional spiritual disciplines.

Director of Education and Programs

First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls, NY (2002—2004)

Orchestrated weekly Sunday School for 100+ children, youth, & adults; supervised & supported 40+ volunteers; planned & led weekly senior high youth group & quarterly intergenerational events; wrote & designed resources for faith development & spiritual formation.

PUBLICATIONS

“Lessons and the Arts,” *Lectionary Homiletics* (August 2012)

“In God’s Wake,” *Young Preachers Compilation* (Shookfoil Books: 2012)

“Failures of Imagination,” *Renew 52: 50+ Ideas to Revitalize Your Congregation from Leaders Under 50* (Luther Seminary: 2012)

“Leaders Guides” *re:form* (Sparkhouse Publications: 2010)

“Creation on the Cross: Resources for Action and Reflection” *@This Point: Theological Investigations in Church and Culture* (Columbia Theological Seminary: Fall 2007)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, San Francisco Theological Seminary (2009-2010)

Primary Instructor for Contemplative Listening course: designed syllabus, supervised Teaching Assistants, managed online course materials, lectured, and led a small group.

Teaching Assistant & Small Group Leader for Lectio Divina & Centering Prayer courses: lectured & led small groups.