

REV. MEGAN LYNES

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PARISH MINISTER

Ordained minister with specialty in child development seeking opportunity to lead faith formation in a spiritually vibrant community.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THE FIRST PARISH IN BEDFORD – Bedford, MA

2009-Present

Parish Minister

Responsible for all aspects of congregational ministry, including leading worship and providing pastoral care, conducting rites of passage, (weddings, memorial services, child dedications,) supervising staff, volunteers and interns, leading small groups, youth groups and bible study, writing newsletter columns, leading public social justice initiatives, visiting the local retirement home, creating successful multigenerational experiences and tending to the administration and spirit that holds it all together.

BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL – Boston, MA

2006-2009

Interfaith Chaplain

Completed 1,600 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education during a Residency in '06 -'07, then continued working there per diem. Specialized in oncology, neonatal intensive care and overnight trauma.

COOPERATIVE METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES – Boston, MA

Jan 2008- Sept 2008

Program Coordinator

Planned and managed the Interfaith Youth Initiative summer program for Christian, Jewish and Muslim teens and staff.

FIRST PARISH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST – Canton, MA

2004- 2006

Ministerial Intern

Served as a two year part-time intern in parish ministry. Duties included worship leadership, (preaching, conducting rites of passage and supporting lay worship leaders,) pastoral care (direct care and support of lay ministers) church administration (board, finances, membership,) adult education, training small group facilitators, leading a young adults' group.

FAITH YOUTH INSTITUTE – Newton, MA

July' 04, '06 and '07

Youth Mentor

Taught academic and art workshops to Christian high school students, led worship services, organized peace activism "speak outs," and facilitated community building and leadership development.

INTERLOCKEN INTERNATIONAL CAMP– Hillsboro, NH

May – Aug '02 and '03

Head Counselor

Taught experiential education, head of the ceramics department, ropes course leader, responsible for a dorm of 60 teen girls.

THE WALNUT STREET CENTER – Somerville, MA

2000- 2001

Social Worker

Functioned as a case manager, advocate, counselor, teacher and role model for adults with developmental disabilities, maintained a caseload of 68 clients.

EDUCATION**Master of Divinity**, 2008 (with honors)

ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL – Newton, MA

Bachelor of Arts, 2001 (with honors)

TUFTS UNIVERSITY – Medford, MA

Major: Child Development

Bachelor of Fine Arts, 2001

SCHOOL OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS – Boston, MA

Major: Fine Arts

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

Unitarian Universalist Ministers' Association, ordained in 2009, received Final Fellowship in 2012

UUMA Mass Bay Chapter, on Executive Team since 2012

Harvard Divinity School, certified field education supervisor, since 2013

Breakthrough Congregation Award recipient from the UUA, for church growth and excellence in ministry, 2012

Inducted into Jonathan Edwards Society, Andover Newton Theological School, 2009

Recipient of merit-based Presidential Scholarship, Andover Newton Theological School, 2003-2008

Recipient of the merit-based Lucille K. and Jerome P. Gallon Scholarship Award, 2007

ACTIVITIES

Vice President, Co-President and President of the Mass Bay Chapter of the UU Ministers Assoc.	2012 - Present
Actor, True Story Theatre Company, Arlington, MA (performs all over the Boston area & beyond)	2016 - Present
Star Island Upper Elementary Group Leader, International Affairs Week	July '16 & '17
Founder of an Arts Ministry program, with a rotating gallery at the First Parish in Bedford, MA	2013 - Present
Member of two different clergy women's small groups, and a bible study led by Carl Scovel	2012 - Present
Star Island Minister of the Week, Young Adults Conference	July 2012
Nominating Committee member in the Mass Bay District of the UUA	2010 – 2013
Certified Co-Counseling teacher, counsel others weekly, attend anti-oppression workshops	1997 – Present
Monthly Spiritual Direction with Rev. Carl Scovel, Minister Emeritus of King's Chapel, Boston, MA	2006 – Present
Ally to three different teens, providing weekly mentoring and support, Boston, MA	2002 – Present
Volunteer at The Children's Room, Center for Grieving Children and Teens, Arlington, MA	2007 - 2010
8 th & 9 th Grade Our Whole Lives teacher, First Parish in Lincoln, Lincoln, MA	2008 - 2009
Chaplain to Young Adults at UU General Assembly	June 2006
Process Observer on the UUA's Allies for Racial Equity Executive Committee	2006 - 2008
Worship Coordinator, Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, MA	2005 - 2006
Clerk (and resident) of the Beacon Hill Friends House Meeting, (Quaker) Boston, MA	2002 - 2005
Co-founded and led the Arlington Street Church Young Adult Group	2002 - 2004
Staffed Ears for Peers counseling hotline at Tufts University	1998 - 2000