

FIRST UNITARIAN  
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**Transforming Lives**

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I've been a Unitarian Universalist my entire life. As a child, my family attended the UU church in Meadville, Pennsylvania. When I was 10 years old, I started attending a UU summer camp in the mountains of North Carolina and I worked at that same camp as a teenager. I was married at the Tennessee Valley UU Church, and my daughter grew up in that same church. I've been serving and working in UU faith communities as a religious educator since I was 24 years old. You could say I've had a long history with Unitarian Universalism...

For many years, people have asked me when I am going to become a Minister. I knew in my heart that what I do as a religious educator is *ministry*, and my work is an incredibly valuable service to this community and to our larger faith movement. Before my time here, I hadn't felt called to ordained ministry.

This is my sixth year serving as your Director of Education & Family Ministry. And because of this congregation, my life's work and my spiritual journey have been transformed. This community has given me the gift of knowing what it feels like to deepen my connections to my congregation and our faith through service. I've never felt so supported and loved as I have here with this community, this staff team, and the authentic, relational, and deeply spiritual leadership of Reverend Ana.

Because of your love and support I feel called to expand my relationship to you and to our faith. You see the real me and you truly love me for who I am as a whole person, flaws and all. I have seen my energy and presence bring you joy and comfort. I've witnessed you trusting yourselves and one another. I've seen the way you allow yourselves to be vulnerable. You inspire me to want to be a better person every day. This is why I've decided to attend seminary. I've been accepted to the distance learning Master's of Divinity program at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. The best part of this for me is that I won't have to leave my position here to do my schoolwork. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to learn and grow. I am honored to have the blessing of Reverend Ana, the staff team, and the Board of Trustees.

Although I don't know *how* I will be changed by going to seminary, I know I *will*. And I know I am ready to make this step in order to fulfill my call to this amazing community.

First Unitarian has definitely changed my life. I truly believe that working together, we can change the world.

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