

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

I have a call to serve in the church wherever the church need people with my skills. I feel a call to be involved in ministries related with communication, youth ministry, ecumenism, disaster assistance, liturgy, pastoral care, social justice, intercultural relations, worldwide mission, evangelism and education.

I have been able to walk in address to my call and to strengthen my education in the ministry. My experiences as parish pastor and an active lay person give me multiple manifestations of a God's call to serve full time in my life. The opportunities that I have had working and making internship in churches and organizations that work in parish ministries, ecumenism, communications, mission, urban ministries and disaster assistance have given me the opportunity to be in contact with people that are victims and suffer social marginalization.

My studies at the seminary have been an important step to understand better the call to serve and to improve my tools as a minister. The experience working in churches, preaching every Sunday, offering pastoral care and working in education and spiritual life of the church has been a fundamental experience in my ministerial formation.

The opportunity to live in different cultures gives me an open understanding about my life and my ministry in the church. This multicultural experience is a bless that I received from God to develop my personal tool to be able to serve in the diversity as a part of the Body of Christ.

As a Teaching Elder of the Presbyterian Church USA and Pastor at The United Methodist Church I have been an instrument of God, taking Word and sharing the Sacraments with all those that need hope, love and solidarity.

As director in communications at United Methodist Communications I have had the opportunity to amplify the ways to serve God's Kingdom and help me to understand new ways to develop my call to serve connecting my professional background in communication and my ministerial vocation.

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