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FIRST CALL POSITIONS

Resident Ministry Program

First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, is a national leader in coaching exceptional first-call pastors in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our two-year residency program invites a small cohort of recent seminary graduates into the active, vibrant ministry of a large church in a dynamic university town. Our program model combines experience and reflection to deepen call, awaken strengths, and develop the next generation of church leaders. The next rotation of the program begins in August 2023 and continues for two years.



By allowing me to lead from my strengths, I confidently grew into my pastoral identity, guided by the unconditional love of the congregation and unflinching support of the Resident Ministry Committee.

Rev. Angela Ryo

Pastor,
Westminster Presbyterian Church,
Munster, IN

APPLICATIONS DUE:

www.firstpresbyterian.org

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About the Program

Residency cohorts are composed of individuals who hold particular promise for ministry. All residents are seeking their first call position. Qualifications include being on track for ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and completion of the M.Div degree. We prefer candidates who have completed at least one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Coaching and mentorship of residents provided by Rev. Jay Sanderford, Program Director, other staff members, and a dedicated group of congregants.



I will forever be grateful to the First Pres staff and community for nurturing my transition from being a person in ministry to being a pastor who loves the Church—warts, wonders, and all.

Rev. Brennan Blue

Senior Pastor,
St. Luke Presbyterian Church,
Minnetonka, MN

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Ann Arbor is a friendly, highly livable city offering myriad cultural, intellectual, political, and social resources, along with world-class University of Michigan academics and athletics. Resident ministers interact with a congregation that includes members of a globally diverse population of faculty and students at the University, as well as residents from Ann Arbor and greater southeastern Michigan.

Learn more about Ann Arbor at www.visitannarbor.org

The Residency Program at First Pres

● **Grow Your Pastoral Identity**

We believe in learning by doing. Resident Ministers at First Pres are full-time pastoral staff members with broad leadership opportunities and responsibilities.

● **Discern the Focus of Your Ministerial Career & Deepen Your Strengths**

We equip pastors to navigate the complexities of 21st-century ministry with a focus on cultivating healthy work patterns and personal and professional resilience.

● **Receive Coaching & Support with a Dynamic Congregation**

First Presbyterian Ann Arbor strives to be a community of teaching and learning — and it doesn't hurt that we are neighbors to one of the nation's foremost public universities.

Since 2001, First Presbyterian Church has launched over 30 residents into key leadership positions across the Presbyterian Church (USA). After years of support from the Lilly Endowment, the congregation has committed to sustaining this important ministry and has secured an endowment for that purpose.



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