

Host Congregations 2019-20

Tree of Life Presbyterian Church

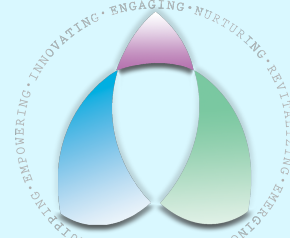
Located on a "golden mile" in a Philadelphia suburb, Tree of Life is a congregation committed to ministry with people with disabilities, especially those on the autism spectrum and their families. At Tree of Life, seminarians will have an opportunity, in addition to other possibilities, to participate in and design new ministries that extend welcome, inclusion and the love of Christ to a group of people who have often not been welcome in the church- individuals with varying disabilities.

New Spirit Community Presbyterian Church

Located in Southwest Philadelphia, New Spirit is a diverse congregation called to compassion and pastoral care ministries in a context where many seek to raise families as they live below the poverty line. New Spirit also hosts the Common Place, a worshiping community and after-school program alongside elementary school-age children. At NSPC, among other possibilities, seminarians will have the opportunity to explore ministries that address local gun violence and mental health, serve senior adults and children, and walk alongside new arrivals and immigrants.

The Anchor Presbyterian Church

Located in Bucks County, The Anchor Church is a multigenerational congregation small in numbers but not small thinking. Originally a church plant, The Anchor Church is presently in the process of rebuilding their community, re-envisioning their identity, and increasing their witness and within their surrounding neighborhood. At The Anchor, among other possibilities, seminarians will bear witness to the good news of Jesus through outreach to Children and Families, engagement with our local community, and the development of new initiatives to revitalize our small church community.



Ministry & Leadership Incubator

The Presbytery of Philadelphia is a covenant community whose primary ministry and mission is to serve our churches, connect and develop our leaders, and empower and support collaborative ministries so they may best exhibit the Gospel of Jesus Christ in neighborhoods throughout Greater Philadelphia and beyond.

Confident God is always faithful, we prayerfully abide, dwell, and build with one another, hopeful about God's wide-open possibilities as we lean into Christ's work through our Spirit-led witness today.



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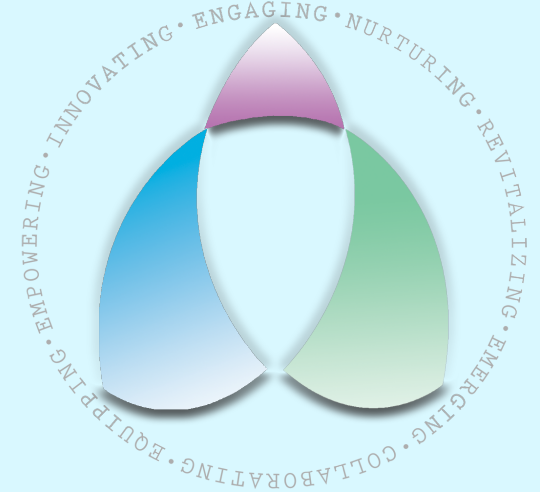
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Bringing Together...

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...in our common mission to form and

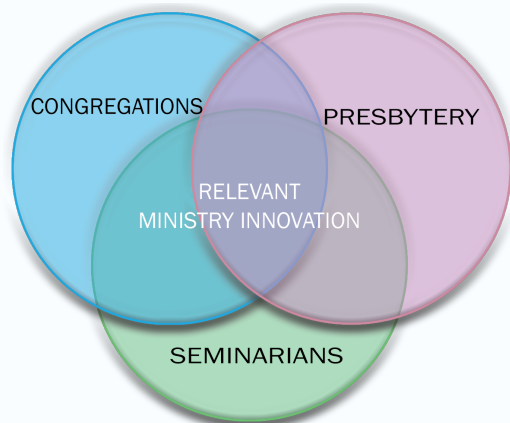
equip new leaders for the work of

Christ in the world.



What Is the Ministry & Leadership Incubator?

The Ministry & Leadership Incubator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia connects up to six seminarians with three local congregations, ideally two per site. Seminarians are mentored at the congregational level and nurtured within a peer cohort facilitated by Presbytery staff. In what is known as the Leadership Lab, the cohort gathers three times per semester to engage in intentional conversations and facilitated workshops about the complexities of ministry within the 21st century. Along the way, seminarians, local congregations, and presbytery leadership work together to design creative local ministry, energize and strengthen smaller churches, and equip the next generation of leaders for vital work and witness today.



MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP INCUBATOR

How will you incubate a spirit of possibility alongside your host congregation? This is the guiding question for the Ministry and Leadership Incubator. As seminarians and pastoral supervisors work alongside host congregations, they will discern how to nurture a generative spirit, build creative capacity, and experiment with faithful ministry relevant to the assets of the church and neighborhood context. In efforts to empower both seminarians and related congregational leaders, they will collectively work through resources and design tools to foster collaborative ideation and imagine opportunities to embody the gospel in their particular time and place. We invite you to keep our seminarians, supervising pastors, and host congregations in prayer!

TREE OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evan Hansen is a third year Masters of Divinity student at Princeton. Prior to moving to the area, Evan and his wife, Kathryn, and their two children, lived in Pendleton, Oregon, where both Evan and Kathryn practiced law. Evan grew up in Montana and graduated from Carroll College, before attending Willamette University College of Law. Evan is excited to further explore what it means to minister alongside those on the margins of society in the Presbytery of Philadelphia. During his second year of seminary, he enjoyed his field education experience as a part-time intern at Broad Street Ministry and spent this last summer as a chaplaincy intern with Trenton Psychiatric Hospital's intensive summer chaplaincy program.



Evan Hansen



Rev. Pam McShane, Pastor

NEW SPIRIT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Gail Tierney is a Pennsylvania native, but she has also called Chicago and Northern Ireland home. She received a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Acting from The Theatre School at DePaul University. As a lifelong theatre artist, Gail is passionate about using art to address social and environmental injustices. She co-founded a nonprofit eco-theatre troupe and currently serves as Artistic Director. Gail is a second year Master of Divinity student at Princeton.



Gail Tierney



Rev. Chris Holland, Pastor

THE ANCHOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

David Buchanan grew up in Waxhaw, North Carolina, and attended Clarks Summit University in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. He graduated with a BA in Theology with minors in Literature and Philosophy. A second-year student at Princeton in the MA in Theological Studies program, he enjoys coffee, running, and cycling and is passionate about education and spiritual formation.

Jackie Rodriguez is a Floridian at heart, born and raised just outside of Orlando. She graduated from Hamilton College with a BA in Government and a minor in Education Studies. With a particular interest in the intersection between religion and politics, community organizing, and interfaith work, she is now in the second year of the Masters of Divinity program at Princeton. She is beginning the process for ordination in the PCUSA this fall.



David Buchanan



Jackie Rodriguez



Rev. Leah Miller, Pastor