Name:   Mollie Trainum

Degree(s): [**X]** M.Div. ☐M.A.C.E. ☐M.Div./M.A.C.E. ☐Th.M. ☐Ph.D.

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Call to Ministry (max. 2000 characters)



My passion for ministry stems from a deeply rooted desire to demonstrate hospitality to everyone I encounter. There is great power in helping others feel seen, understood, and accepted, which I believe to be central to the message of Christ. Furthermore, creating a space

for individuals to be authentically themselves allows people to share their vulnerabilities and form deeper connections, which is the basis for a healthy community. Our experiences mold us, and common experiences build bridges, and the only way to understand the unique experience of another is to bear witness to their story. By listening to and sharing stories with one another, we practice hospitality, and we can learn from one another’s experiences. Storytelling thus serves both a pastoral function and challenges us our perspectives, thus paving the way for justice.

I believe God has given me a passion for storytelling and gifts of listening and creativity. Through forms of written and oral communication, including writing, public speaking, and photography, I am able to share the experiences of others and uplift their own unique voice. I believe that education draws us to empathy, and empathy, through our actions, leads us to justice. Practicing hospitality through storytelling is at the heart of my ministry.

Positions Desired (check all that apply)

☐Solo Pastor

☐Associate Pastor

☐Christian Educator

☐Chaplain

X Spiritual Formation/Discipleship

**X**Social Justice

**X** Non-Profit

**X** Youth Ministry

**X** Young Adults Ministry

☐Older Adults Ministry

☐Children’s Ministry

**X** Pastoral Care

☐Outreach/Missions

**X** Non-Ordained

**X** Other: I’m searching mainly for positions that require creativity and relate to my communications background (especially writing/photography), but am open to other avenues.



Education

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| Degree | Major | University, City | Year |
| Bachelor of Arts | Communications (minors in biblical studies and psychology) | Regent University  Virginia Beach, VA | 2018 |
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**Work Experience**

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| Position | Setting | City/State | Year-Year |
| Communications Assistant | Union Presbyterian Seminary | Richmond, VA | 2018-2021 |
| Seminary intern (congregational) | Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church | Richmond, VA | 2020-2021 |
| Seminary Intern (research) | Indian View Baptist Church | King William, VA (virtual) | 2020 |
| Summer Camp Coordinator | Dream Catchers Therapeutic Riding Center (nonprofit organization) | Williamsburg, VA | 2015-2017 |



Geographic Preference(s)

☐Not Geographically Limited

☐International

**X** Specific States: hoping to stay in Virginia and preferably in Richmond

☐Other:



Candidacy Status

☐Ready to receive a call

☐Still have denominational requirements to meet

**X** Other: admitted candidate in the UMC, undecided about ordination

