



Kevin Gregory, Provisional Elder

Attended seminary at: The University of Chicago Divinity School (Chicago, IL)

Interests: Reading (history, science fiction/fantasy, and comic books), playing video games, thinking about pop culture and how all these stories and art we produce and consume speak about God and the world we live in, spending time with my wife and friends, going on walks, and being outdoors

My call to ministry story: I've always been a United Methodist. My mother served as the children's director at a UMC in Texas, where I grew up. Our family was extremely involved in the church, and out of that involvement grew a call to ministry. I spent time discerning a career in youth ministry during college, and later, a desire to pursue more academic work led me to Chicago. During seminary, I had many affirming experiences that ordained ministry as an elder was indeed where God was calling me. I met my wife Kate during seminary, which drew me to her home state of Minnesota where we both serve in ministry (Kate as an ELCA pastor). I'm grateful to be where I am today.

A bit about my church and community: I currently serve as the pastor of Detroit Lakes UMC. This is a congregation that has such a willingness to grow and share and live their faith. The church started a Wednesday night dinner, worship, and small group program to better reach and accommodate young families and their children. In 2019, they voted to join the Reconciling Ministries Network and are growing in love of God and neighbor in powerful ways. They are such a fun, willing, and energetic group of folks and I'm so glad to be on this journey with them.

What I appreciate about being part of the Minnesota Conference: I have found the Minnesota Conference to be a place of clear vision and focus. Through much of the on-boarding process I've been able to meet a bunch of great colleagues and have been resourced and set up for effective ministry. The Minnesota Conference values its clergy and wants them to succeed.



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