



## RESIDENT MINISTRY at First Presbyterian Church

Since 2001 First Presbyterian Church's Residency Program has trained recent seminary graduates who have gone on to receive their first ordained call as Presbyterian pastors. Over the past 16 years eight cohorts of three Resident Ministers have served with us. Designed as a two-year residency, this program prepares younger Presbyterian pastors for effective future parish ministry.

During their residency, Resident Ministers serve as full-fledged members of the church's pastoral staff. They participate in all areas of the congregation's life – worship, teaching, pastoral care, mission and fellowship – and receive skillful mentoring from those on our church staff. For its participants the value of the Residency Program is immeasurable. "Not a day goes by," a former Resident states, "when I do not draw upon the skills, insights and practices I learned as a resident."

Members of the congregation are vital to the effectiveness of the Residency Program, serving formally and informally as mentors. Again from a participant: "Ann Arbor First Presbyterian is blessed with such strong lay leadership...I will always remember the ways they nurtured and supported me."

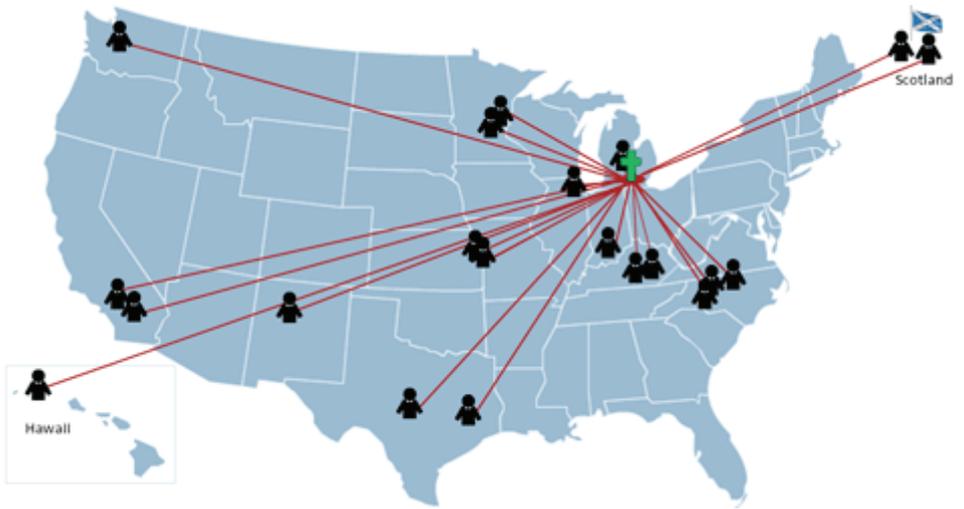
Among the many strengths of the program that benefit the Residents and the congregation alike is its emphasis on pastoral care. This aspect of the program has brought comfort to many members. In the process, resident ministers have been transformed. Speaking for others, one said, "Without the Residency Program intentionally placing me in a role emphasizing pastoral care, I might never have realized my gifts or passion for this area of ministry."

The Residency Program has become a hallmark of First Presbyterian's ministry. First Presbyterian, Resident Ministers and Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations nationwide have been and will be blessed by the pastors we train. Funded initially by three successive grants from the Lilly Endowment with the intention of the church sustaining the ministry, funding for the program now comes from the Resident Ministers Endowment Fund and the annual church budget. In thanksgiving for the Resident Ministers Program, members may contribute to the Residency Endowment at any time and may designate a gift in their wills to support the program.

*"Having learned that First Presbyterian Ann Arbor wished to permanently endow its pastoral residency program, out of deep gratitude, I joyfully tithed to that fund while still a resident and was blessed in doing so. Thanks be to God for the First Presbyterian faith community and blessings as you seek to secure the pastoral residency opportunity for new pastors for years to come."*



## WHERE OUR RESIDENT MINISTERS ARE NOW



## RESIDENT MINISTER COHORTS



### Class of 2001

Rev. Nancy Benson-Nicol - Louisville, KY  
Rev. Sung Soo (Sam) Jun - Houston, TX  
Rev. Robert Woodruff - Albuquerque, NM



### Class of 2003

Rev. Mark Brainerd - Greensboro, NC  
Rev. Matthew Morse - Canyon Lake, TX  
Rev. Maggie Shreve - Chicago, IL



### Class of 2005

Rev. Amanda Adams Riley - Los Angeles, CA  
Rev. Meghan Gage Finn - Minneapolis, MN  
Rev. Andrew Parnell - Irvine, CA



### Class of 2007

Rev. Aaron Janklow - Scotland, UK  
Rev. Deborah Knott Forger - Ann Arbor, MI  
Rev. Jana Reister - Cincinnati, OH



### Class of 2009

Rev. Jenny McDevitt - Prairie Village, KS  
Rev. Sarah Wiles - Tacoma, WA  
Rev. Matthew Nickel - Louisville, KY



### Class of 2011

Rev. Brennan Pearson - Minneapolis, MN  
Rev. Evans McGowan - Kapaa, Hawaii  
Rev. Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers - Troon, Scotland

### Class of 2013

Rev. Lindsay Conrad - Burlington, NC  
Rev. Kristin Riegel - Kansas City, MO  
Rev. Lal Rodawla - Charlotte, NC

### Class of 2015

Rev. Emily Béghin - Ann Arbor, MI  
Rev. Daniel Ervin - Ann Arbor, MI  
Rev. Angela Ryo - Ann Arbor, MI