



HANOVER STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear Hanover Saints,

Praise God for this wonderful news! The Rev. Dr. Stephany D. Graham Walker will become our Transitional Pastor, beginning August 1, 2023. Pastor Stephany found Hanover's listing on the Presbyterian database of pastoral job openings and felt Hanover would be a good fit for the pastoral ministry she was seeking. The currently serving Elders (who comprised the Search Committee) have met with Pastor Stephany several times, both by Zoom and in person, and are excited about her energy, dedication, and the variety of her experience. Hospitality, Diversity, Justice are ideals we have in common!

As an introduction, an excerpt from Pastor Stephany's résumé is included on page two. (Her full résumé would've taken a couple more pages!) Pastor Stephany is from Baltimore, and her husband, Michael Walker, is from Texas; however, both are familiar with the Mid-Atlantic region.

We thank you, Hanover Saints and our Presbytery Personnel, who have supported this search process with your prayers and wisdom. May the God of new paths bless Pastor Stephany and Michael as they journey to 18th & Baynard Boulevard. And may Hanover's 250th Anniversary theme, "Behold, I will do a new thing in you." (Is. 43:19) continue to inspire and enliven us in this next chapter of our service to all God's People!

Blessings in abundance,

Elders/Search Committee Members:

Becky Arnold (Chair), Romain Alexander (Co-chair), Maggie Alexander, Alice Davis, Jude Harlan, Amy Harris, Stephanie Hinson, Nancy Long, Susan Woodbury, Eloise Downing (Clerk of Session)



The Rev. Dr. Stephany D. Graham Walker

D. Min., Virginia Union University Richmond, VA, 2020
M. Div., Princeton Theological Seminary Princeton, NJ, 1993

Excerpts from Pastor Stephany's Résumé

The Peekskill Presbyterian Church, Peekskill, NY 2012 – Present

Head of Staff

Charged with advising and providing leadership for congregation's governing board, corporate and business board, church staff and ministry units.

- Provides spiritual guidance and nurture for members of the congregation and the parish community.
- Prepares and leads weekly worship services, Bible studies and prayer services.
- Develops and interprets congregation's mission and long-range vision.
- Plans and facilitates leader training sessions, and church-wide retreats.
- Provides care for sick and shut-in members, officiates at funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc.
- Develops new and creative ministries for youth and young adults; facilitates new members' orientation.
- Actively participates in governing body, community, and ecumenical boards.

The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. International Headquarters, Louisville, KY 2006 – 2010

Associate for Congregational Leadership

Responsible for ensuring that congregational leaders were equipped to effectively provide spiritual guidance for members of their congregations.

- Created and facilitated training seminars, workshops, and retreats for leaders of 11,000 congregations.
- Implemented new network for specialized leaders within the organization, enhancing organizational goals and objectives.
- Developed and analyzed surveys resulting in organization identifying constituents' needs and areas of concern.
- Interpreted organization's mission, policies and procedures increasing overall focus of program area.

Associate for African American Leader Development 1998 – 2006

Established first office to address African American educational concerns, including the development of networks, seminars and workshops that increase knowledge and awareness of the African American church's educational needs and resources.

- Developed and coordinated The Christian Education Urban Institute, equipping Inner City church educators to work with disenfranchised youth and adults.
- Advised entities within the denomination on matters related to cultural relevance and awareness; deconstructing stereotypes and myths existing within the organization.
- Collaborated with colleagues to generate additional revenue to create resources and events to increase the knowledge base of overall denomination.
- Initiated the African Heritage Young Adult Network, The African Heritage Biblical Studies Network, The African Heritage Youth Leadership Choir, The African Heritage Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

The Shawnee Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky 2001-2009 - Stated Supply Pastor

Cherry Hill Community Presbyterian Church, Balt. MD 1995-1998; Dir. of Youth/Young Adult Ministries