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Doing the work of ministry requires a perspective that is unlike most any other. I understand this as one who comes to vocational ministry later in life than some. My former life in the secular world prepared me for many aspects of ministerial work, but there is enhanced perspective that emerges from a deep dive into the theological, historical, and scriptural aspects of that which we trust as sacred. The faculty and staff of Phillips Theological Seminary, along with my fellow seminarians, have enabled my plunge into the questions of my faith. My seminary experience has helped me shape better questions and pointed me toward new ways of understanding.

Seminary education has served to make me a far more effective pastoral minister. The community of believers I am privileged to serve has benefited from my time at PTS in that my expanded perspective has opened doors of understanding for all of us. Learning on a more ecumenical and plural pathway helps me to be more effective in my ministry to the broader community and allows me to serve more humbly alongside my sisters and brothers of different traditions.

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