

REV. JOSHUA PATTY CALLED AS REGIONAL MINISTER

Rev. Patty's Ministry in the UMW will begin October 1, 2020

Education

University of Chicago Divinity
School, MDiv

Wabash College, BA

Qualifications

- Ordained by the Illinois/
Wisconsin Region, 2007
- Currently holds standing in
the Kansas City Region
- Served congregations in IL/
WI, WV, and KC Regions
- Experience in small,
medium, and multi-racial
congregations
- Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-
Racism Trainer
- Current chair of the KC
Region's Ordination &
Standing Commission
- Previously served on
regional boards and regional
restructure task force
- Demonstrates competency
in all 16 areas of ministerial
practice, with exceptional
strengths in administration &
planning, communication, &
pastoral care



About Joshua

Joshua Patty was born and raised in Indianapolis, the oldest of four children. He has loved reading and singing since before he can remember. Education, music, and faith have created many of the best experiences and opportunities of his life, opening doors and meeting people. The day after he moved to the Kansas City area to his current ministry position, he met Sara at a clergy gathering and four years later they were married. They are the proud parents of two beautiful and active boys, Caleb (3½) and Isaiah (1). In addition to singing, he is also an unabashed movie fan and a student of U.S. history.

His References Say...

- Capable, grounded, thoughtful, and transparent
- Earns trust quickly and maintains it
- Respected by his peers
- Thinks outside the box
- Provides stability, even in tense situations
- A patient listener, demonstrating warmth and genuine interest in people
- A prayerful and passionate minister
- Gets people involved and wanting to participate in ministry
- Constantly seeks to move the church into the future
- A life-long learner
- Leads by example
- Loves the church and the denomination

“Rev. Patty would be a wonderful asset for a region needing a Regional Minister who is a well-versed communicator, is passionate about ministry, is able to demonstrate administrative leadership and planning, and enjoys being technologically savvy with his ministry.”

Search Committee’s Notes

Our Search Committee was immediately struck by Joshua’s deep sense of collegiality and partnership in ministry. When he talks about ministry in congregations and in regions, he talks about developing leaders and inviting others into the work of the church. We believe he will work well as part of our region’s team of staff, he will form strong relationships with our region’s clergy, and he will invite congregations to participate in the shared ministries of our region.

As we got to know Joshua, we saw evidence of his deep love for God and his faithfulness to the Gospel. He is grounded in scripture and once designed a 66-week worship series featuring a sermon from every book of the Bible! He maintains a number of spiritual practices, including regular sabbath observance. He beautifully articulates the central role of the Table in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and in his own theology. Noting that many people have been—and continue to be—excluded from participation and leadership in the church, Joshua says our mission is to go the extra step toward inclusion, stating that “some people need to be invited a little extra.” His effort to become an Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation trainer is one example of the way we see him living into the call to be a welcoming and inclusive church.

Joshua is an analytic and creative thinker. We believe he will be an asset in helping our region create long-term goals, sustainable systems, and plans for the future. He is also a strong written and oral communicator. Yet when we met with Joshua in-person, we were immediately put at ease by his calm and humble personality. We easily imagine that he will be a reassuring pastoral presence to our region’s ministers and a non-anxious presence to congregations in conflict or crisis.

Joshua is hopeful about the future of the church. He has taken time to learn more about the Upper Midwest’s journey of being “Disciples Together” and is eager to help us live more fully into that vision. We believe he will be an excellent partner and faithful leader as we move into the future together.