



The Rev. Dr. Monica J. Ouellette

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Rev. Dr. Monica J. Ouellette was born in Washington D.C., spent most of her childhood in Stone Mountain, GA. and her teen years in Newport, RI. She graduated from Roger High School in 1982. Monica received her first call to ministry at age 16. This call was reaffirmed eleven years later and she began taking classes to earn her undergraduate degree.

She graduated from the Community College of Rhode Island with an A.A. degree in December 1997. In May 1999, she graduated from Rhode Island College with a B.A. in Anthropology. She graduated from Andover Newton Theological School in Boston, MA in May 2004. While attending Andover Newton Theological School she was awarded a two-year grant from The Fund for Theological Education. Monica was ordained in the Rhode Island Conference in January 2005.

Monica was called to be the Associate Pastor at First United Church of Christ in Carlisle, PA from February 2005 until September 2009. In October 2009, she was called to serve as the pastor of St. John’s United Church of Christ in Boalsburg, PA. In 2016 she graduated with her Doctor of Ministry degree from Andover Newton Theological School. Her doctoral project is entitled, “A New Model of Church Growth in Smaller Congregations.”

Currently Monica serves as the chairperson of the Northern Association Church & Ministry Committee of the Penn Central Conference and serves on the Executive Committee of the association. In addition, she is serving as the chairperson of the Penn Central Conference Commission on Ministry. As part of her Committee on Ministry work she has attended MESA 101 in Cleveland, MissionInsite training, Fitness Review Response Team training, the MESA Authorized Ministry in the 21st Century Conference in Philadelphia, Penn Central Conference Leadership Series workshops as both a presenter and attendee, and annual boundary training. She has also led workshops at the conference annual meeting on the topics of faith formation and church growth.

Monica is energized by working with teams and committees to brainstorm ideas, share best practices and resources, and create an action plan. She enjoys helping people recognize their spiritual gifts and using them for God and the church. She is excited about this call to join the Indiana Kentucky Conference staff as they move into God’s future together.