

Dear friends in the Wisconsin Conference,

I am delighted to share that I have accepted the call to serve as the Associate Conference Minister for the Northern Region. I hold a deep appreciation for the relationships between conferences and local churches, and I am grateful that my ministry has already connected me with many of you. I look forward to continuing those relationships and building new ones in the months ahead.

Through my experience at both the local church and conference levels, I have developed a strong appreciation for judicatory ministry. At the conference level, I care deeply about ministerial oversight, including fitness review processes, developing policies that both support and hold authorized ministers accountable, and accompanying individuals as they discern their calls.

At the local church level, I am especially passionate about leadership development, both my own and that of others, as well as preaching, worship leadership, and justice work. I am particularly drawn to helping individuals and communities engage faithfully in difficult conversations, navigate conflict, and communicate with clarity and compassion. I believe these practices are essential for congregational vitality, especially during times of transition and change.

For the past nine and a half years, I have had the privilege of serving First Congregational UCC in Eau Claire. That community has shaped me deeply, and I remain grateful for the faith, love, and commitment we have shared.

Outside of ministry, I am a proud mom of two sons, Liam (16) and Eli (15). I am also engaged to my fiancé, Taylor, and together with Taylor's son Blake (15), we are a joyful family of five. In my free time, I enjoy reading, traveling, cooking, hiking, and spending time with family and friends.

I am honored to bring my experience, gifts, and faith to this role and to the shared ministry of the Wisconsin Conference. I look forward to meeting many of you and connecting with congregations across Northern Wisconsin. I will be attending the Annual Meeting and would welcome the opportunity to connect in person.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Shannon Joshi (she/her/hers)

