

Rev. Michael Granzen

Rev. Michael Granzen, Ph.D. is a pastor, educator and activist with a call to transformational teaching and ministry. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) currently serving as pastor at Second Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth. He worked as a community organizer in Boston and Oklahoma, then went to Harvard Divinity School, serving as pastor in Boston, Iona, Scotland, and New Jersey. He studied social ethics at Drew University and received his doctorate with honors in 2011. Dr. Granzen currently teaches "Christian Ethics and Social Justice," "Medical Ethics and Communal Life," and "Contextualized Spirituality and Ministry" at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

He has lectured at Harvard University, Princeton University, Princeton Theological Seminary, Drew University and the Society of Christian Ethics. He recently moderated at the ordination of Chris Hedges in Elizabeth with Dr. James Cone and Dr. Cornel West giving the charges. He is married to the Rev. Karen Hernandez-Granzen, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Trenton, NJ, and has two daughters. He is an avid bicyclist, lover of baseball, good conversation and books. His favorite quote, "The heart has reasons that reason cannot know."

His book: Our Hearts Are Restless 'Till They Rest In Thee: Prophetic Wisdom in a Time of Anguish" was published by Cascade Books in 2020.