

Anne Hoganson

I was born and raised in Nova Scotia. I've been married to my amazing and supportive husband Dave for almost 28 years and we are the proud parents of three awesome humans: our daughters, Sara and Moira, and our son-in-law, Jake. I delight in travelling (especially to Italy with my mom!) and have an eye for photography. In a previous life, I had a management career in accounting and budgeting, most recently with the NS Government.

Fifteen years ago, I would never have imagined myself standing at this threshold. Then I came to church. I fell in love. With God, with Jesus, with our sacred stories, with being part of a community of faith, with The United Church of Canada. I became active in the life of both congregations in my pastoral charge (Waverley PC). I joined study groups and discussions. I became a full member through confirmation. I kept falling deeper in love and feeling pulled toward something more.

When I first wondered if that "something more" might be ordained ministry, I pushed the idea away. (As I secretly googled how to enter ministry in The UCCan.) I kept pushing it away...surely ministry was for people far more faithful, pious, biblically literate, <insert other excuses here> than me. The pull grew stronger, the restlessness more persistent, until I could resist no longer; I needed to find out where the Spirit was leading. When I first said out loud that I felt called to ministry, it came as no surprise to Dave, who had seen it coming before I did.

My pastoral charge was thrilled when I requested a discernment committee. I spent time with a group of wonderful people who challenged, supported and affirmed my sense of call. Upon being received as a Candidate, I took a deep breath, and gave my notice at work. I dove into full time studies at AST and obtained my M. Div. This past year of internship has been rich with learning of a different kind. I am incredibly grateful to all who walk with me on this journey. My heart sings a song of joy as I look forward to being in ministry with my new pastoral charge in July!