

Lesley Anne Hamilton

Lesley Anne Hamilton was born in Scotland and moved to Canada with her family as a child. Lesley received her undergraduate degree in Cultural Studies/Women's Studies from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario in 2007 and a Master of Divinity from the Atlantic School of Theology in 2015, where her graduate research focussed on clergy stress.

Lesley's call to Ministry first expressed itself as a desire to leave a corporate career to focus on program development in Social Services. After spending many years working in the child protection, shelter and welfare systems - Lesley felt God's touch again. The call to ordained ministry was discerned at St. John's United Church in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Lesley's former minister, the Reverend Dr. Linda Yates was an inspiration. Linda's joyful approach to the work of the church acted as a beacon during Lesley's journey.

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