

IN THIS
TOGETHER...
FOR GOOD



OUR PURPOSE

is to provide an intentional and transitional two year program of preparation for ministers serving congregations within the RSA. It will support new ministers as they grow into their pastoral vocation, so that they and their congregations might flourish in mutual ministry. We believe ministers and congregations are agents of their own transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit, and our intention is to foster and support that transformation through the ASFP.

QUESTIONS & INFORMATION

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Albany Synod:
Where congregations and new
clergy covenant to grow and
learn together

ALBANY SYNOD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

VALUED

The Regional Synod of Albany recognizes that rent seminary graduates bring particular gifts to ministry, and that many of our congregations are supportive learning environments for new clergy. Albany Synod is a wonderful place for a first call!

SUPPORTED

Early ministry can be tough. Transitioning from seminary to pastoral ministry is a journey that poses challenges and presents opportunities. The ASFP will provide support to fellows as they navigate this transition.

IS ASFP RIGHT FOR YOUR CHURCH?

Is your church willing to try new things? Will you engage in mission? Are you forgiving and support? Will you hang in there and work through conflict? Do you long to deepen your spiritual maturity in partnership with your clergy? If so, the ASFP may be for you!



ALBANY SYNOD INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Your organization applies to the ASFP by May 1, 2019
- You commit to being a Albany Synod Fellowship Ministry Site for two years.
- You form a congregational team of 4-6 people to support, learn, and grow alongside your fellow.

ALBANY SYNOD COMMITS:

- To recruit a gifted, creative, highly-committed seminary graduate (a "fellow") to serve with your organization.
- To financially support your ministry site, if you need assistance with salary, benefits, and housing for your fellow.
- To provide Human Resources support to ministry sites to ensure that your fellow is compensated adequately.
- To train your ministry site leadership team and fellow in Healthy Communications.
- To provide multiple supports for your fellow to help with transitioning into ministry (such as coaching and regular gatherings of fellows).
- To provide Faithwalking 101 for congregational team members.