

A NON-HIERARCHICAL APPROACH TO PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

AT PARK AVE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE WORK OF CREATING A MORE JUST AND LOVING WORLD BELONGS TO US ALL. OUR CALLING IS NOT ONLY TO RESIST MILIATARISM AND POLICING IN A PATRIARCHAL, WHITE SUPREMACIST SYSTEM BUT TO CO-CREATE ALONG WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD, NEW SYSTEMS. ONE WAY WE EMBODY THIS IS IN HAVING A PASTORAL CIRCLE INSTEAD OF A "SENIOR" OR "LEAD" PASTOR. IN THIS NON-HIERARCHICAL MODEL, OUR PASTORS SHARE LEADERSHIP, ALL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY CARE & EVERYONE SERVES BI-VOCATIONALLY WITH OTHER CAREERS.

THIS MODEL OF SHARED RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF OUR CONGREGATION, THE GIFTEDNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY KNOWING WHAT IT NEEDS AS AN EXTENSION OF US TRUSTING OUR OWN BODIES AND EXPERIENCES. PLEASE ASK QUESTIONS, SHARE YOUR VOICE, AS YOU GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY.



Rev. Henra Chennault & Rev. Keyanna Jones, Rev. Darci Jaret
Co-Pastors



Committed to community care & healing our activist chaplains in residence provide support to those impacted in the systemic oppressions & struggle for liberation

Rev. Matthew Johnson & Rev. Leo Seyij Allen

Activist Chaplains in Residence

We feel Gods call to affirm all, and we value all voices. We ordain and affirm people who are living into a ministry calling, especially if they have been left out of other pathways to ordination.

Ordainees



Rev. Belkis Terán
Rev. Dr. Patrick Reyes
Rev. Alexis Tardy

Don't forget the interns!

We seek and affirm seminary students and community members in their pursuit of ministry by collaborating with interns whenever we can!

The pastoral circle makes decisions in consensus- to ensure every voice has equal weight in decision making

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