

# Believing in You

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Thank you for the warm welcome! I am very excited to be serving such an active and deeply caring Fellowship!

In the future, my column will be more reflective and thematic, but for this month I thought it would be very important to introduce myself. In September's issue, I will address what becoming a teaching congregation means for the community, the senior minister, and me.

I am in my final year of seminary at Meadville Lombard Theological School. I serve as the Student Advisory Council President at my seminary and am a Candidate for Unitarian Universalist Ministry with the UUA. I have served as a Lay Campus Minister at Florida Gulf Coast University and have had two years of part-time internship both in the community and congregational settings prior to coming to UUFCC. Last summer I learned to provide quality pastoral care in a Clinical Pastoral Education rotation. I continue to serve as a hospital chaplain each month at Naples Community Hospital and am a member of the Lee County Emergency Services Spiritual Care Team. Currently I am completing two final certifications required to apply to serve with the UU Trauma Ministry Team.

I bring to this ministry my experiences as a wife and mother of two amazing teenagers, who have been raised UU, and a plethora of life and business experience. I spent a decade as a nurse, have worked as a freelance reporter, CEO of a Marketing and Public Relations Firm and President of a Business and Life Coaching and Consulting Company. I have a deep abiding passion for Lifespan Faith Formation (Religious Education) and Collaborative Intergenerational Ministry.

The brief biography I just shared with you is my past. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us. And when we bring what is within us out into the world, miracles happen." This year, it is my hope that together we each delve more deeply into what lies within us, so that we can go forth and become the miracles, the good, we seek in the world.

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