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## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

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Compassionate and dedicated ordained minister & educator with a strong background in ministry and a passion for providing spiritual support and guidance. ABA Certified professional with expertise in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy. Skilled in building meaningful relationships with diverse populations and adapting to different environments. Excellent communicator with a proven track record of success in teaching, program management, and case management. Committed to ongoing professional development and learning.

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Global Methodist Church**

Mt. Lebanon Community Church, 2023-Current  
Senior Pastor

### **Light House Autism Center: ABA Therapist, 2023-Current**

- Provide direct one-on-one behavior intervention and therapy services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or other developmental disabilities.
- Implement individualized treatment plans designed by Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) to target specific behavioral goals and promote skill development.
- Conduct assessments, collect data, and track progress to ensure treatment effectiveness and make data-based decisions for intervention adjustments.
- Utilize principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to implement evidence-based interventions and behavioral strategies.
- Support individuals in developing and improving social, communication, adaptive, and functional skills.
- Utilize positive reinforcement techniques to increase desired behaviors and decrease problem behaviors.
- Implement behavior reduction strategies and interventions to address challenging behaviors.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams, including BCBAs, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, and educators, to ensure consistency in treatment goals and interventions.
- Train and coach caregivers, parents, and other team members on implementing behavioral strategies and techniques.
- Maintain accurate and detailed documentation of therapy sessions, progress, and any observed changes in behavior.
- Maintain a professional and ethical relationship with clients and their families, ensuring confidentiality and respect.
- Stay up-to-date with current research, literature, and best practices in ABA therapy.
- Attend team meetings, workshops, and professional development opportunities to enhance knowledge and skills.

**North American Lutheran Church**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Gray Manor

Office Ministry Coordinator, 2020-2022

- Oversee and coordinate daily operations of the office, ensuring smooth functioning and efficient workflow.
- Serve as the primary point of contact for inquiries, providing exceptional customer service to visitors, members, and staff.
- Manage and maintain office systems, including email correspondence, telephone communications, and scheduling of appointments and meetings.
- Prepare and distribute official correspondence, newsletters, bulletins, and other materials to members and stakeholders.
- Maintain accurate records and databases, including membership information, financial records, and event registrations.
- Coordinate and support various ministry programs and events, including scheduling, logistics, and communication.
- Assist in the preparation and coordination of worship services, including ordering supplies and coordinating volunteers.
- Manage and update the church's website and social media platforms to ensure timely and relevant information.
- Support the coordination of volunteer recruitment, training, and scheduling for various church ministries.
- Collaborate with church leadership to develop and implement administrative policies and procedures.
- Assist with financial management tasks, such as processing donations, tracking expenses, and preparing financial reports.
- Provide administrative support to pastors and church staff, including calendar management, travel arrangements, and meeting coordination.
- Maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and handle inquiries and requests with professionalism and discretion.
- Stay informed about church policies, programs, and events to communicate with members and effectively.
- Continuously seek opportunities for personal and professional growth through training and development programs.

**Gogo Kids: BYDANCE, TESOL TEACHER, 2019-2021**

- Taught English to native Chinese and Mandarin-speaking students aged three to eighteen.
- Facilitated daily discussions among students to improve language skills and cultural understanding.
- Utilized the given curriculum to deliver engaging 30-minute lessons.
- Communicated with parents to provide updates on student progress and address any concerns.

**Vicar, Assistant to The Pastor, Children's Minister, and Case Manager, UMC, PCUSA, and LCMC, 2010-2019**

- Developed and implemented transformative programs for children's worship, discipleship, and spiritual growth.
- Provided pastoral leadership, guidance, and training to ministry volunteers and leaders, empowering them to fulfill their roles with excellence and passion.
- Conducted regular data meetings to analyze church budget, membership data, and other vital information, ensuring effective stewardship of resources and strategic decision-making.
- Established a robust communication system within the non-profit organization, fostering transparency, collaboration, and unity among staff, volunteers, and stakeholders.
- Demonstrated compassionate pastoral care and effective case management during the Louisiana Disaster Relief efforts in response to the devastating March Floods of 2016, supporting individuals and families in their time of crisis and facilitating their journey towards healing and restoration.

**Early Childhood Educator, First Baptist Luling & LaBelle, St. Francisville, Troy Early Childhood, and Advent Lutheran School, 2005-2019**

- Oversaw activities designed to promote physical, mental, and social development, such as games, arts and crafts, music, storytelling, and field trips.
- Established and enforced rules for good behavior and maintained order in the classroom.
- Evaluated children's performance, social development, and physical health.
- Identified children showing signs of emotional, developmental, or health-related problems and discussed them with supervisors, parents or guardians, and child development specialists.
- Discussed children's progress and priorities with parents or guardians and suggested ways family members can promote learning and development.
- Collaborated with teachers and administrators in developing and revising preschool programs.
- Attended professional meetings and educational conferences to continue training as an educator.

**Secondary Educator, Hendry County Public Schools of LaBelle, FL, 2014-2016**

- Adapted teaching methods and instructional materials to meet students' varying needs and interests.
- Conferred with parents or guardians, other teachers, counselors, and administrators to customize educational programs to students' behavioral and academic problems.
- Established and enforced rules for behavior and procedures for maintaining order among students.
- Prepared programs for courses of study, following state and school curriculum guidelines and requirements.
- Taught sixth-grade English Language Arts.

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**EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS**

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MASTER OF ARTS(MINISTRY FOCUS), 2022

*United Theological Seminary of Dayton, Ohio*

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY, 2014

*Lincoln Christian University of Lincoln, Illinois*

ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS

*Elder (Ordained Minister) with the Global Methodist Church, August 2023*

*Ordained and Rostered Clergy (Minister) with The Lutheran Orthodox Church, September 2022*

*Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Federal Government and Civilian Chaplaincy with Augsburg Lutheran Churches, November 2022*

*ABA Certified Therapist*

***References available upon request***