

Statement of FAITH

I believe that Christ, the Son of God, is both fully human and fully divine. In the midst of that paradoxical union an invitation is extended to enter into relationship with God.

Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit, invites followers by name to come and see; they are to be witnesses to the cross and the empty tomb, to the healing and the teaching, to the compassionate voice and the prophetic voice, to His love and His justice.

To be a follower of Christ is to be a witness of Christ's triumph over death and to know it is God's boundless love for all that truly sets disciples free.

I believe Christ has called his followers to be a radically inclusive community called to love God and be audacious enough to love their neighbors, even when they disagree.

For my full statement of faith, please visit my website:

www.revnamara.info/faithstatement

www.holyimagination.org



I am feeling called to a setting rooted in relationships: that seeks to develop healthy relationships modeled on Christ's relationship with his disciples and the world, where all (pastor included) are willing to be vulnerable and seek spiritual growth. I am feeling called to a setting that also seeks to deepen its relationship with God; to better understand the immense love of God; to let that relationship with God reflect on every relationship a person engages in. I am feeling called to a setting where a congregation is seeking a deeper relationship with its neighborhood, learning to serve and know and be present to all the people that surround that congregation—not just the people that are easy to know, but the people that seek to be known.

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Introducing

Rev. Michael Cory McNamara



“I believe that Scripture is the inspired word of God. Scripture acts as the lens or the spectacles through which the gentle movements of the Holy Spirit become clearer and more focused. Scripture expresses the Love that God has for all and testifies to God's presence throughout history...”

www.revnamara.info/

EDUCATION

Union Theological Seminary - 2008
Master of Divinity
Ordained PCUSA March 2012

Ithaca College – 2001
Bachelor of Arts - Environmental Studies

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

The Center for the Holy Imagination

Director
8/18 – present (Part-time)

National Capital Presbytery

Mission Specialist
12/15-2018 (Part-time)

Adelphi Presbyterian Church; Adelphi, MD.

Pastor
2/13-present (Part time beginning 12/15)

Amite-Arcola Presbyterian Church; Amite, LA.

Stated Supply Pastor
1/12-2/13 (Full time)
Near Weekly Pulpit Supply
6/11-12/11

Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church; Brooklyn, NY.

Seminary Intern
8/06-5/07

FAVORITES

Bible Passage: Mark 12:28-34
Place: High Peaks, Adirondacks
Poet: Walt Whitman
Museum: Tate Modern; London
Painter: Mark Rothko

www.revnamara.info/work-experience

About PASTOR MCNAMARA

I was born and raised in the snow bound winters and beautiful summers of Rochester, New York. As an only child I spent a great part of my early childhood building snow forts, exploring nature (whether insects in the backyard or wooded ravines of nearby parks) and pouring over atlases and maps, wondering at the enormity of the world. Following College, I moved to Ireland on a 4 month work permit. Upon returning to New York City, I taught environmental education. I later left New York for Katrina stricken New Orleans, Louisiana, where, as an electrician, I spent a year helping rebuild homes. I have embraced this internal sense of playfulness and curiosity and have managed to travel and live in some diverse places.



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Statements from the DPNC



“His vision for strength and vitality centers on our faith and spiritual development.”

“He is a very talented individual who can help Shepherd Rockville Presbyterian Church into the future. His ability to connect with communities made him an extremely compelling candidate for RPC.”

“He is a dynamic and inspiring speaker. He is passionate about taking action to resolve poverty, economic justice and environmental issues.”

“He is enthusiastic and willing to take the church to the next century.”

“He is a good listener and observer, and is already thinking about fresh ideas about worship and congregational life.”

www.rockvillepres.org