

Mamie Broadhurst comes to University Presbyterian Church with a wide variety of experiences and gifts. Mamie started her professional career teaching US History in North Carolina to all levels of 11<sup>th</sup> graders within the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System after receiving her BA from UNC-Chapel Hill in Social Studies Education and American Studies. She then began a path that led her to Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) work in Guatemala, working with Guatemalans as a liaison with short-term mission groups. Her interest in YAV work continued at the Nashville Epiphany Project at Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville where she organized their on-site Room in the Inn program to provide food and shelter for homeless men and women, as well as preaching and leading classes on mission service. She then moved to the National Volunteers Office of the PC(USA) where she was the primary contact and advocate for 30 YAVs, coordinating the discernment process for the incoming class of YAVs, and adapting mission interpretation resources for their year-long service.

Mamie entered McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago in 2002. While at McCormick, she served as a coordinator for the 2004 Assembly of the Parliament of World's Religions in Barcelona, serving as planning and logistical staff for the Assembly and support staff for the Parliament, as well as a supervisor for interns and a documentary team liaison. Her time at McCormick included two years as an Educational Assistant for Pilgrimage in Faithfulness and Introductory Greek in the Master's Department.

After doing her seminary field study at a smallish, multi-cultural church in Chicago, Edgewater Presbyterian, she then graduated from McCormick in 2005 and was ordained the next year. Mamie was first called as Associate Pastor at First United Church in Oak Park, a dynamic, multi-generational, and growing church. She served several roles at this church while being directly responsible for mission, new members, adult education, and diaconate committees, along with monthly preaching, pastoral care, and collaborative program planning. She led successful processes for redesigning programs and emphases in all committees, and organized congregational life activities to maintain and deepen fellowship ties.

Mamie moved from Chicago to Colombia in 2009 and served the PC(USA) and Presbyterian Church of Colombia (IPC) for three years as a Pastoral Accompanier for Human Rights and Displaced People. She assisted IPC members and their partners in their work for human rights in a violent context. While she preached, taught, and offered pastoral care to IPC congregations and members, she also generated and maintained connections between US and Colombian Presbyterians. These blog updates, delegation visits, Skype workshops, document translations, and advocacies provided a representational, multifaceted story of Colombia, its conflicts, and its people.

After her husband, Richard Williams, received a call in 2012 to work as the Coordinator of the PC(USA) Young Adult Program in Louisville, Kentucky, Mamie became the pastor for Covenant Community Church, also in Louisville. A small congregation of around 50 members, it is a church oriented around small covenant groups. Through preaching and teaching, she helped members engage in difficult conversations and in seeking their callings, both as individuals and as a church. She further honed her interests, skills, and callings in advocacy for racial and social justice within our communities. While moderating the Session and managing pastoral care, Mamie also spearheaded a visioning process during a time of church transition and transformation.

In September 2019, Mamie, Richard, and their now ten-year-old daughter, Nora chose to take an intentional year of Sabbath and discernment. They used the year to explore both the National Parks and their sense of call. We are fortunate that this discernment of call has led Mamie, Richard, and Nora to University Presbyterian Church!