



Biography and Call Announcement – Rev. Alex Jensen

Education: MDiv 2021 Harvard Divinity School

Ordination: 2021

Preliminary Fellowship: 2021

Full Fellowship: 2024

Previous Ministry: 2021 – 2026 Senior/Solo Minister at UU Congregation of Grand Traverse, Traverse City, Michigan

Rev. Alex is an energetic and relational Unitarian Universalist minister who brings creativity, spiritual depth, and a strong commitment to shared ministry. He currently serves as Senior Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse in Traverse City, Michigan, where he has led the congregation since his ordination in 2021. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Rev. Alex came to ministry through a deeply personal journey—raised in a nonreligious family, he found Unitarian Universalism as a teenager while searching for a faith that could hold both intellectual integrity and a deep commitment to human dignity. His early experiences of being mentored and truly seen within a UU congregation continue to shape his ministry today, grounding it in relationship, presence, and care.

In his ministry, Rev. Alex emphasizes spiritual practice, collaborative leadership, and innovative approaches to community life. He is known for fostering environments where people can bring their full selves—whether through participatory worship, creative expression, or small-group gatherings that deepen relationships. Under his leadership, his current congregation has grown significantly while strengthening governance, clarifying its mission and covenant, and expanding opportunities for lay leadership. His work is further enriched by hospital chaplaincy, interfaith collaboration, and community engagement, all of which deepen his commitment to pluralism, compassionate presence, and ministry beyond the walls of the church.

Rev. Alex shares his life with his husband, Connor, who is a supportive partner in his ministry and values building a grounded and balanced life together. Together, with their beloved cat Lydia, they hope to start a family in the years ahead. Outside of ministry, Rev. Alex sustains himself through spiritual practices such as meditation and journaling, as well as through music (violin), time outdoors, and strong connections with family and friends.

The Ministerial Search Committee at First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto has proposed to call Rev. Alex as our next minister because his vision for ministry reflects our hopes for the future. As we enter a new chapter in our congregation's long history, we are seeking a leader who can help us strengthen our sense of connection, welcome new generations into congregational life, and deepen our engagement with the diverse Oakwood–Vaughan neighbourhood. Rev. Alex's relational leadership style, inspiring preaching, and commitment to inclusive, community-centered ministry feel like a perfect match with the needs of our congregation. We believe his ministry will help us grow in spirit, connection, and purpose in the years ahead.