



Reverend Christopher Scrivens,
Pastor

Early in 2000, I began to feel called to ordained ministry and explored that call with my pastor and a few close advisors. I enrolled as an inquirer with the Presbytery of New Brunswick during the summer of that year and began to travel the long road to ordination. It took some time to find a seminary that would admit me with my less than stellar undergraduate GPA. I found a chance, and then a home, at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

I spent my first Summer of Field Education at Hunterdon Medical center as a chaplain. I then spent an academic year at the Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick focusing on worship, outreach, and evangelism. The following summer was spent at Somerset Presbyterian Church working to revamp their Christian Education program which resulted in implementing the Workshop Rotation Model. During my final academic year I completed a 460 hour unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick where I spent most of my time on cardiac and trauma units.

I graduated this past May, *Summa Cum Laude*, as part of the 223rd graduating class of our nation's oldest seminary. In my six years at New Brunswick Theological Seminary I have had a chance to interact with people of Christian faith from many denominations, cultures, and theologies. This experience has allowed me to both expand and focus my own beliefs, my own understanding of the Gospel and of my future ministry.

I have spent the past 20 years managing a large bicycle shop in Princeton, New Jersey. Prior to that, at the forefront of the microcomputer revolution, I sold personal computers for a store in Princeton. That was a very exciting time in the history of computers. Working in the international community of Princeton has given me the opportunity to interact with many different types of people from all over the world, and that has been a huge blessing for me. I have also spent ten years teaching bike repair, fly fishing, and fly tying in the local adult school.

I find quiet and solace in pursuing many hobbies: the occasional solo hunting or fishing trip, cooking, playing with old computers, fly tying, rod building, pen turning, and many other pursuits related to wood and metal working that are too esoteric to define.

Grace and Peace

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