Joshua Benton

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Education

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| 2014 - present | Trinity Evangelical Divinity School | DMin |
| 2000-2005 | Calvin Theological Seminary | MDiv |
| 1998-2001 | Calvin College | BA English |
| 1996-1998 | Ventura College | AA Liberal Arts Studies |

Employment History

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| 10/2018-present | EverGreen Ministries | Hudsonville, MI |
| * Volunteer * Assist in research for evangelism * Assist with planning, setting up and recruiting volunteers for upcoming fall ALPHA * Planned and implemented small men’s retreat | | |
| 5/2017-present | Pulpit Supply/Guest Preaching |  |
| * Preach at various congregations of the Christian Reformed Church in the greater Grand Rapids area. | | |

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| 7/2013 – 2/2017 | Friendship Chapel (CRC) | Jenison, MI |
| * Led staff driven ministry * Developed and taught curriculum for adult education * Developed and implemented an organic mentoring program for developing leaders * Taught one on one discipleship methods * Led church through Calvin Seminary’s Renewal Lab * Pastoral care as needed * Due to the financial unviability of the congregation, I led church through the decision process to close. I learned much about leadership and discipleship during this time. | | |
| 8/2010 – 7/2013 | Corsica CRC/Grace Reformed | Corsica, SD |
| * Developed and taught curriculum for adult education * Regular pastoral care * Taught high school catechism * Led two congregations worshiping together * Worked with both councils in beginning merger discussions | | |
| 12/2007 – 8/2008 | Lansing Presbyterian Church | Lansing, IL |
| * Acted as part time interim pastor * Helped develop community benevolence program * Pastoral care as needed | | |
| 8/2006 – 7/2010 | Bethel Christian Reformed Church | Lansing, IL |
| * Volunteer * Developed Bethel Cares program which aided families in need in Lansing community and also placed volunteers in the local elementary school * Developed a three year evangelism strategy for the congregation which received a grant from classical Home Missions * Led ALPHA * Developed and taught curriculum for adult education * Taught discipleship and evangelism training * Preached as requested | | |

Certifications

Certificate of Christian Studies—Missions and Evangelism, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2009

**References available upon request**