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
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| 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.
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| 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
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| 12/2007 – 8/2008 | Lansing Presbyterian Church | Lansing, IL |
| * Acted as part time interim pastor
* Helped develop community benevolence program
* Pastoral care as needed
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|  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
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Certifications

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

**References available upon request**