



**Liz and Dexter Kearny**, who both consider the Pacific Northwest home, met as students at the University of Washington, where they were both involved in leadership at the college ministry of University Presbyterian Church (UPC). Liz was born and raised in Seattle and heard her call to ministry when she was a college ministry intern at UPC the year after she graduated from UW with a degree in International Studies. Dexter, whose father is a PCUSA pastor, heard his call to ministry

during a 2-month mission trip to India the summer after his sophomore year at UW. After Dexter's graduation and Liz's completion of the college ministry internship, Liz and Dexter moved to Chattanooga, TN for a year, where Dexter worked as a college ministry intern and Liz worked for a non-profit assisting adults dealing with mental illness. During their year in Tennessee, they got engaged and moved back to Seattle where they got married in September of 2012. In their first year of marriage, Liz continued to serve adults struggling with mental illness in Seattle while Dexter worked as a study assistant for long-time PCUSA pastor Earl Palmer. During this year, Liz and Dexter felt God calling them to move across the country to attend Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ.

In Princeton, NJ, Liz and Dexter both worked to complete their Master of Divinity degrees alongside various pastoral ministry internships. They worked together for a year as interns at Pennington Presbyterian Church, where Dexter continued for a second year. Both have completed summer internships as hospital chaplains in Seattle, and during her final year of seminary, Liz worked as a hospital chaplain at a Franciscan medical center in Pennsylvania.

Liz and Dexter bring a common passion for ministry that finds expression in their unique pastoral gifts. Liz has gifts for preaching, worship leadership, pastoral care, and social justice ministry. Dexter's strengths are focused in the areas of administrative church leadership, financial stewardship, and Christian education. Though they have pastoral gifts that would lend themselves to a variety of ministry leadership positions, Liz and Dexter feel called to serve in tandem. Working together as co-pastors at Longview Presbyterian Church, they have continued in LPC's legacy of compassionate service in the Longview community and beyond, engaging in interfaith relationships and opening up new service opportunities.

In their free time, Liz and Dexter love cooking creative vegetarian meals together, exploring new coffee shops, and playing with their kittens. Dexter loves playing Ultimate Frisbee and reading everything from biographies to fiction of all kinds. Liz enjoys long-distance running, singing, and drinking tea when she isn't also working part-time as a relief chaplain at St. John Medical Center in Longview. God is alive and working at Longview Pres. Come be a part of what the Holy Spirit is doing in our community!