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Pastoral Internship
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Hello, Fazer family! I'm writing to express my gratitude for you and Frazer Mennonite Church as a whole. I'm grateful for many reasons, but the reason for this note is to thank you for the opportunity to be your pastoral intern this school year (2023-2024).



The Applegates have been members of Frazer Mennonite for over a decade. As we have learned to serve and be fed by you, to share our challenges and giftings, I realized a desire to serve the church that Jesus inspired. Subsequently, I asked myself a pointed question at just the right time: what do I want to do with my life?... The answer? I want to help people ask difficult questions and I want to help people already asking in and through those questions. In 2019, that answer led me to Palmer Theological Seminary where I have been learning that God's mysterious and faithful love is the inspiration for that kind of calling.

As your pastoral intern, I know enough not to make anyone too nervous and enough to know I have more to learn before I take the next step into pastoral ministry. God continues to detail what I and some others believe is a call to Christian ministry. What that will look like, I don't exactly know, but I am thrilled at the opportunity to find out as I take and savor each step.

There are some things I know I don't know and others I don't know that I don't know. I hope to find out what the latter is while working on the former. As I help to lead congregational worship and singing, as I share a word during children's moments and sermons, as I learn how to help maintain and grow our resources and sustain and grow in relationship with God and others in our community, I hope to see God at work. I expect it.

I hope to grow, to be challenged and encouraged while I challenge and encourage. I hope to learn from you and Pastor Amy how I can best serve. I hope that this pastoral internship blesses and prepares our community as much as it blesses and prepares me for whatever God has for us now and next.

Grace and peace to you and yours because of Jesus,

Dave Applegate