

Rev. Sam E. Gyorfi

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Marital Status: Married on August 7, 2010 to Jenna J.S. Gyorfi, Chicago, Illinois; U.S.A.

Current Licensure

- March 2019 – Licensed for Ministry, Evangelical Covenant Church, Central Conference/ Chicago, IL, USA
- Ordination to be completed 2021
- September 2018 – Joined ‘Covenanters in Global Service,’ as a recognized member of the Evangelical Covenant Church serving abroad

Education

- May 2015, M.A. Christian Formation and Soul Care, Denver Seminary, Denver Colorado, USA (Specializing in Theology of Suffering and Christian Formation)
- May 2006, B.A. Christian Education, Wheaton College. Wheaton, Illinois USA

Employment History

Associate Pastor, International Protestant Church of Zurich. July 2016 – Present

- During COVID-19 pandemic, shifted all responsibilities to an online format utilize all technological assets and maximize ministry impact in new circumstances
- Write and preach weekly expository sermons for worship services of 80-100 persons
- Lead and oversee contemporary worship services at IPC Zurich, a multiethnic congregation with over 40 countries represented
- Organize, equip, and create structure for team of 40+ volunteers
- Lead, organize, and oversee all youth related programs at IPC Zurich, specializing in third culture identity of youth and young adults
- Partnership with many international organizations in missions/service contexts
- Write weekly Bible lessons for youth ages 13-19
- Write weekly electronic devotionals
- Balance regular ministry budgets and expenses
- Lead, disciple, and mentor the international community represented at IPC Zurich
- Oversee Deacons ministry, leading multiethnic team to serve all members of IPC Zurich

Youth Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church – Aurora, CO. November 2009-May 2014

- Teach, organize, and lead all Junior High, Senior High, and College age ministries
- Teach and write curriculum for season, college-level academic classes to adults; including studies on Joshua and the Minor Prophets
- Lead/Organize local missions efforts for youth/young adults in Denver Metro Area
- Disciple, mentor, and equip both students and volunteer leaders
- Deliver and write sermons for primary worship service on regular basis

- Maintain correspondence with students, parents, and members on the congregation on a regular basis
- Maintained and balanced annual ministry budgets
- Served on Student/College Ministries committee for Evangelical Presbyterian Church Denomination

Youth Pastor, Hope Chapel – Kihei, HI. August 2006-January 2009

- Supervised and led 50-70 students age 12-15 as youth pastor
- Prepared and taught bi-weekly scripture and Biblical lessons to youth
- Planned and hosted daily after school and weekend activities for ‘at-risk’ students both at church and off site
- Managed and coordinated a team of 20+ volunteers and schedules
- Served on the church leadership board and contributed to decision making process on weekly basis for 2,500 member church body.

Engagements in Switzerland

- May 2020 – Guest Speaker, Vereinigte Bibel Gruppen. Lecture presentation on Modern Environmental Sustainability and Caring for the Marginalized to international university students
- Spring 2019 – Present; intercultural and intergenerational discipleship initiative
- April 2019 – Participate in Ecumenical Good Friday Cross Processional, Karfreitag Kreuzweg
- March 2019 – Attended Second Helvetic Confession Conference in Zurich, Switzerland, an international Reformation conference
- March 2018 - Christian Startup Network workshop and training; Guest speaker and jury member. Technopark, Zürich
- October 2017 - Guest Lecturer, Vereinigte Bibel Gruppen. Lecture presentation on ‘Minor Prophets in Modern Context’ to international university students
- June 2017 – Work with Hilfe Für Mensch und Kirche (<http://www.hmk-aem.ch>), Switzerland – supporting the persecuted church around the world
- March 2017 & March 2018, Ecumenical participation with St. Andrews Anglican Church, Zürich & Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche through joint services and service projects
- March 2017 - Guest Speaker, VBG Zurich, Historical Views of Jesus. Presented to international university students

Engagements in Europe

- August 2019 – Teaching leadership development/coaching with young adults in Czech Republic/Poland
- February 2019 – Attended AICEME Pastors gathering/retreat. Cairo, Egypt
- July/August 2018 – Teaching, Czech Republic English Camp, Kutna Hora, Czech Republic
- November 2017 - Guest Speaker AICEME Youth Retreat, Stockholm, Sweden
- May 2017 – Attended AICEME Pastors Training. Bratislava, Slovakia

Languages

- March 2019 – B1 Level German Certification

- A1 Level Spanish

Publications

- November 2017 – “You, Me, God, and Evil.” Essay on www.mbird.com
- August 2015 – “A Theology of Suffering.” M.A. Thesis Paper, Denver Seminary