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# ANYA SAMMLER-MICHAEL

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## PROFILE

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael is a Unitarian Universalist minister with diverse life experience including the arts and management. She has proved her capacity as a leader and is seeking a new role, where she and her co-minister, husband, Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael can work together to help a large or mid-size congregation achieve it's boldest goals.

## EXPERIENCE

### MINISTER, UU CONGREGATION OF STERLING, VA – 2008-PRESENT

Led through vast change and growth, from a family size to a program size congregation. Her ministry is a source of pride for the congregation and the district.

### YOUTH DIRECTOR, WHITE PLAINS UU CHURCH – 2007-2008

Designed first youth staff position and served as the first director, establishing programs and developing outreach.

### INTERN MINISTER, UU FELLOWSHIP OF SUNNYVALE, CA – 2006-2007

Developed new justice programs, led worship, built a young-adult ministry, and orchestrated a website rebuild.

### RETAIL MANAGER, NORTHWEST CATERING COMPANY, SEATTLE, WA – 2002-2004

Managed staff and food preparation. Led the cafe of the catering company to double it's earnings, and slow employee turn-around.

### ASSOC. ARTIST, DIGITAL MEDIA CENTER, YALE, NEW HAVEN, CT – 2002-2004

Co-designed and produced exhibits to illustrate the capacity of digital and traditional photographic methods.

### HEAD CHEF, YALE CABARET, NEW HAVEN, CT – 2000-2001

Designed menus, managed food and beverage procurement, oversaw staff, prepared meals for over 100 diners an evening.

### CUSTOM PHOTO PRINTER, BLACK AND WHITE, ARLINGTON, VA – 1999-2001

Worked with and for artists, achieving self-assessed aesthetic goals. Clients included the Red Cross, National Geographic, Smithsonian Museums, and Award-Winning artists.

### CO-DIRECTOR, HAMMONASSETTE STATE PARK, MADISON, CT – 1994-1998

Staffed, trained and supervised a squad of 15 lifeguards on a 2.2 mile oceanfront.

## EDUCATION

### MEADVILLE LOMBARD THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL – MASTER OF DIVINITY, 2008

Concentration in Ethics, Theology, Religious History, Arts of Ministry, and Justice Ministry. Served on the Student Leadership Team. Took some classes at the University of Chicago, Union Theological and Drew University.

### UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE TN – MASTER OF ARTS, 1998

Double major in Philosophy and Fine Arts with a minor in English. Concentration in Ethics, Logic, Wittgenstein, Aristotle, Photography and Graphic Design. Activities included: Varsity Swimming, Varsity Soccer, Order of the Gownsmen (Academic Honor) and Photography Editor for the School Newspaper.