

Rev. Stephen F. Jenks, Ph.D.

Since 2020, Stephen has overseen the grant-funded programs for clergy and congregations at Marquette University. He directs *The Examen(ed) Church* which seeks to foster congregational vitality through training in reflection and communal discernment and *Companions in Ministry* which provides resources to support clergy in their vocational wellbeing. The most recent program, *FaithForm*, will be collaborating with the university and local congregations to create resources to support parents and caregivers in passing along the faith.

Throughout his career, Stephen has engaged in lay and pastoral work touching on virtually every aspect of church ministry and in diverse educational settings. For six years he pastored Union Christian Church, an interdenominational and international congregation in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He has provided pastoral training in Honduras, Mexico, Russia, and Chile. He is bilingual and works regularly with Spanish-speaking congregations in Wisconsin.

Stephen received his MDiv and ThM from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL and his Ph.D. in Systematic Theology (2014) from Marquette. His research and teaching interests concern theological interpretation of Scripture, intellectual history, and the revitalization of biblical and theological language in the modern context.

He currently lives in Racine with his wife and two daughters and spends his free time running, woodworking, playing guitar, and going to cross country meets.

Shorter form:

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