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WORK EXPERIENCE

RHW Consulting

Owner – Life & Leadership Coach and Consultant

Houston, TX

Sep. 2016 – present

- Accompany individuals, communities and organizations as they grow as adaptive leaders
- Provide inspirational speaking and writing services
- Offer transitional life and transformational leadership coaching
- Consult with individuals and teams in the strategic planning and visioning process

Mission Year

Houston City Director

Houston, TX

Aug. 2016 – July 2018

- Pastoral leader for young adults between 18 and 30 years of age living and working in Houston
- Curate partnerships and networks throughout the city of Houston focused on engaging issues of injustice
- Create trainings, formation experiences and leadership development opportunities that integrate faith, justice and culture
- Manage programmatic budget and logistics needed to maintain two housing properties

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Program Director, Young Adult Ministry

Chicago, IL

Mar. 2013 – July 2016

- Responsible for developing and nurturing networks that support young adults as they form faith, discover their identity, uncover their vocation and develop as servant leaders who do justice in the world
- Manage various program budgets ranging from \$25,000 to \$400,000
- Create programs focused on young adult leadership development that include location, national and international opportunities
- Oversee planning and execution of the tri-annual Multicultural Youth Leadership Event that gathers approximately 600 people and manage team leaders who execute event plans

Independent Contractor and Consultant

Feb. 2009 – Mar. 2013

- Coordinated various projects (The Sojourning Project – focused on developing resources and curriculum around missional engagement), events (The Multicultural Youth Leadership Event – focused on celebrating culture, faith and service among youth and young adults of color) and workshop leader (Glocal Mission Gatherings – leading workshops on culture, short term mission and the theological methodology of accompaniment)

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Minister to Youth, Families and Young Adults

Atlanta, GA

Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2012

- Planned various programs for Christian education of middle and high school youth, families and young adults
- Provided pastoral care and counseling, faith formation resources and leadership training in the context of congregational ministry
- Provided vocational coaching and discernment support to youth and young adults

Mediator Lutheran Church

Minister for Youth and Families

Philadelphia, PA

Sep. 2007 – May 2010

- Developed programming for middle and high school youth with an emphasis on pastoral care and counseling
- Created a youth and family ministry leadership team
- Trained congregational leaders in the areas of communication, conflict resolution and visioning

Texas - Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA

Ministry Coordinator, Youth and Family Ministry

Houston, TX

Nov. 2002 – Aug. 2007

- Consulted with congregations throughout East Texas and Louisiana in the areas of youth, family and young adult ministry

- Planned and executed youth gatherings for 200-450 youth and adults including programming, finances and team management
- Created a leadership development program for youth from Texas and Louisiana that focused on skills, gifts, passions and addressed the needs of the community
- Engaged in denominational networks, events and interfaith collaborations

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Houston, TX

Minister to Youth and Families

Aug. 2002 – Mar. 2004

- Developed a day-camp ministry for area children and youth
- Created a connection with the local juvenile courts to provide alternative options to community service that focused on youth rehabilitation and family support
- Developed and led programming for teens in the community

EDUCATION

EMORY CENTER FOR PASTORAL SERVICES

Atlanta, GA

May 2010; Aug. 2012 – Feb. 2013

- Chaplain Intern and Resident

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, PA

Master of Arts in Religion, Practical Theology, May 2010

- Honors Graduate

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Houston, TX

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Minor in African History, May 2007

- Cum Laude Graduate

WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dubuque, IA

Certification in Youth and Family Ministry, Nov. 2002

WILLOWRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Houston, TX

High School Diploma, May 1999

- Magna Cum Laude Graduate

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, #LoveBig: The Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the World, Fortress Press (Coming 2018)
- Contributing Author, Anonymous: Naming the God of Esther and the Women Who Plant Churches, Create Space 2017
- Co-Author, Work Out Guide, Create Space 2017
- Contributing Author, Free Indeed: Devotions for Lent 2017, Augsburg Fortress 2016
- Blog Contributor: The Mudroom, ShePreaches Magazine, The Salt Collective, Believe Out Loud, Living Lutheran, Café
- “Soul Sisters”, Gather Magazine, December 2015
- “The Future of Outdoor Ministry”, ELCA Youth Ministry Network Connect Journal, Fall 2014
- “If Not For the Women”, Gather Magazine, March 2014
- “Change Our Posture by Serving the Other”, Renew 52: 50+ Ideas to Revitalize Your Congregation from Leaders under 50, Luther Seminary, 2012
- Blog Author: Embracing My Shadow, 2012 - Present

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Fellow, The Beatitudes Society, Berkeley, CA, 2014-2015
- Participant, Inaugural Leadership Development Program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chicago, IL, 2014-2015
- Multicultural Youth Leadership Event Coordinator Asante Festival Community Partner, New Orleans, LA, 2012
- Honors Graduate, The Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, 2010
- Leroy Aden Scholarship in Pastoral Care, The Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, 2010
- Joseph Q. Jackson Award of Merit for Academic Excellence, The Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, 2009
- Cum Laude Graduate, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX, 2007
- Top 30 Under 30 Young Urban Professional by Houston Style Magazine, Houston, TX, 2003

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Coaching
- Community Outreach
- Conflict Resolution
- Finding joy in dire circumstances
- Grant Writing
- Leadership Development
- Public Speaking
- Racial Justice Education
- Social Media
- Team Management
- Teaching
- Writing