

# Sarah Ogletree

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## EDUCATION

### Master of Divinity

May 2019

Wake Forest University School of Divinity

- Concentration: Food, Faith, and Ecological Well-Being

### Bachelor of Arts, Sustainable Development

December 2014

Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

- Minor: Appalachian Studies
- Focus: Environmental Justice
- Cumulative GPA: 3.77
- Chancellor's List: Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011
- Dean's List: Fall 2013, Spring 2012

## SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

### Children's Ministry Intern

First Baptist Church Sylva, NC

August 2015-August 2016

- Taught Sunday School each week to children ages 5-11
- Developed and instructed Wednesday night children's activities
  - Studied Micah 6:8 and how to "do justice" as Christians by addressing issues of social and environmental injustice, while encouraging radical generosity of our time and gifts to benefit the least of these
- Worked weekly in church after school program (program to provide affordable after school care for children ages kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Developed and delivered weekly "Chapel Time" devotionals for our in-church preschool (The Play Factory)
- Developed and delivered each week's "Children's Message" during our Sunday morning service

- Preached when senior pastor was out of town or otherwise unable to do so
- Planned and oversaw outings within our community for both children and their families
- Managed the church nursery (scheduled workers—both hired and volunteered), stocked nursery, and provided age appropriate and developmentally beneficial curriculum
- Selected children's music for our children's choir, directed children in singing each Sunday, and led children in performances during our regular Sunday morning service

### **Intern**

Cullowhee United Methodist Church (CUMC), Cullowhee, NC

May 2014-June 2015

- Composed and delivered a sermon Sunday Aug. 3, 2014 (on our responsibility to all of Creation)
- Developed and organized a weekly adult book study that emphasized the theological foundation behind, and need for, sustainable practices in faith communities (Book: Rebekah Simon Peter's *Green Church: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice!*)
- Organized and led a weekly adult study focusing on the central role of justice in our lives as Christians. *Live Justly* (a publication of the organization Micah Challenge), worked to help participants live justly in six key areas of life: advocacy, prayer, consumption, generosity, creation care, and relationships.
- Assisted in leading our middle school youth group (developed age-appropriate curriculum, led Bible studies, planned and oversaw youth outings within the community, etc.)
- Coordinated and led music for Sunday worship on a weekly basis
- Assisted in organizing and facilitating Sunday service
- Assisted in the organization of Vacation Bible School

### **SELECTED VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

**United Methodist Women**

July 2016

Certified Study Leader for WNCC UMW Mission u (formerly known as School of Christian Mission)

- Led approximately 30 participants in eight hours of discussion regarding climate justice and the role of the church in responding to the world's changing ecological and social systems. We discussed the science behind climate change, ecological theology, and the steps that must be taken by our own faith communities (including political involvement).

**Interfaith Power & Light**

April 2016

- Organized, publicized, and worked and directed a local showing of the documentary *Racing Extinction*, in association with Interfaith Power & Light, and in recognition of Faith Climate Action Week (April 15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>).

**Creation Care Alliance of WNC**

October 2015-November 2015

- Developed and led an interdenominational book study of Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Laudato Si: On the Care of Our Common Home*, regarding climate change and the responsibility of communities of faith to respond to environmental degradation.

**Jackson County Jail**

October 2015-August 2016

- Volunteer Chaplain in the Women's Jail

**Love's Chapel United Methodist Church, Sylva, NC**

May–August 2014

- Developed and led middle-school youth Sunday school class; curriculum included the life and lessons of Jesus, environmental stewardship, and the importance of respecting others and oneself as taught throughout scripture.
- Planned and oversaw the "Children's Message" during Sunday worship throughout the summer
- Volunteered during Vacation Bible School (VBS)—organized activities for children ages 2-12

**Full Spectrum Farms (Non-Profit for adults with Autism) Summer 2012, Fall 2012, 2013, 2015**

- Volunteered during Sylva Farmer's Market (Summer 2012)
- Musical Volunteer for Starlight Night Fundraiser (Fall 2012, 2013, 2015)

## **ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

### **Publications/Communications Committee Member**

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Branch 54AB, Sylva,  
NC

July 2014-Present

- Creator and administrator of organizational Facebook page
- Liaison between community and organization through newspaper and social media publications and messages