

Andrew Highland



Andrew S. Highland, a Church and Community Worker, is serving as a missionary at Westside Mission in Syracuse, beginning July 1, 2010, with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Previously, Andrew served with Looking Glass Community Services, (LGCS) a faith based, tax exempt, non-profit agency located in the southwest corner of Shiawassee County, Michigan. LGCS collaborates with individuals, families, groups and agencies to enable and empower those in need to tear down any barriers that may cause them to feel alone and isolated from the community as a whole. The mission of LGCS is to serve human need in southwest Shiawassee County through programs and services that build community connections. LGCS also work toward positive change in social forces that cause human suffering.

Ministries of social justice are the ministries to which Andrew feels most called. Because of his involvement in social justice ministries throughout college, Andrew has been motivated by two understandings: the understanding that very little separates him from the people whom he serves, and the understanding that in serving others he is serving Jesus.

When in high school and volunteering at a local soup kitchen, Andrew saw a painting of an old man sitting by himself on a park bench. On the painting was reference to Matthew 25 concerning 'the least of these', and the combination of the words and image touched Andrew deeply. He felt he was called to pursue a vocation in mission service. **"I believe that God is leading me to mission service because it is where I can best serve. Mission service represents the place where the things that the world needs and the things that excite me come together."**

Born in Charleston, WV, Andrew attended Duke University in North Carolina and received his BA in History and Religion. He earned his MDiv from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta GA. Andrew worked as a Church Sponsorship Developer for the Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta, GA, and as a Community Organizer for the United Mine Workers of America.