

BREAKING NEWS from the Bull Run Unitarian Universalists' Ministerial Search Committee (MSC)
YES! We have a candidate, The Reverend Scott McNeill



It has been said that when the student is ready, the teacher will appear, and that seems to be the case here. Scott was not in search during the first round and it was only when BRUU appeared on the "Still in Search" list for the 2nd search cycle that he decided to apply based on his prior knowledge of and interest in BRUU. Karma? I'm inclined to think so. All that you do and have done that makes BRUU, BRUU has contributed to this happy result.

Scott is a native of North Carolina who was raised as a Southern Baptist, finding Unitarian Universalism while in high school. He completed a BA in Race and Gender Studies at the University of North Carolina-Asheville. In 2004, he was awarded the Mary Ella Holst Youth Activist award by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for his work on homelessness and voter registration.

He received his Master of Divinity degree at Meadville/Lombard Theological School where, in 2010, he was awarded The Charles Billings Prize in Preaching and The Clayton Bowen Prize in New Testament Studies. Scott completed his parish internship at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (VA), after being ordained there in May of 2010. Some of you may recall his sermon "Crossing Jordan" when he preached at BRUU on January 18, 2009. http://www.bruu.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/20090118_CrossingJordan.mp3

Scott has been serving as the settled minister at Second Unitarian Universalists in Omaha, Nebraska, since August 2010. Scott has been serving as the settled minister at Second Unitarian Church of Omaha (Nebraska), since August 2010. During his tenure in Omaha, Scott has been active in UUA activities serving on the [nominating committee](#) for the Moderator of the UUA, as well serving on the UUA [Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee](#), working on Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression/Multi-Culturalism.

He's married to the Reverend Sarah Gettie McNeill, also a UU minister, who has been serving as a chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Omaha. She studied in India and Sri Lanka, earned a BA in Religious Studies from Carleton College and a Masters in Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School. Sarah Gettie and Scott have a 15-month old son named Elijah.



This word cloud is composed of the descriptors used by Scott's references to describe him. Your MSC found these descriptions to be totally accurate which is why we believe we've found the candidate we were seeking.



The schedule for Candidating Week will give you two chances to hear Scott preach (Sunday, June 1 and Sunday, June 8) plus there are multiple meetings, social events, etc., being planned for everyone to get acquainted prior to the congregational vote that marks the end of Candidating Week and the beginning of the future at BRUU. When the schedule is finalized it will be posted on BRUUnet.org.

Blessed be!

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