

Rev. Anthony Mtuaswa Johnson

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SUMMARY

A compassionate, responsible and detail-oriented ordained Unitarian Universalist minister with strong management experience and people skills. Trustworthy, hard-working and dedicated. Organized, punctual, a great listener and a quick learner.

EXPERIENCE

July 2020-present

Entrepreneur Minister, Cornville, AZ.

Currently serving a number of Unitarian Universalist congregations as guest Minister, including: Beacon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Flagstaff, AZ. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman, Montana, Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church, Marietta, Georgia, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, AZ., The Chaplaincy Institute, Berkeley, CA., Sedona Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Sedona, AZ., and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, of Tuolumne, CA. Also serving as Racial Justice Co-Facilitator and Men's Group Leader at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix. Developed and conducted Zoom based Multicultural Awareness Workshops for congregations and Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona. (UUJAZ) Member, Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association, currently serving on national anti-racism team.

August 2019-June 2020 Minister, Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Bayside, CA.

Served a Northern California congregation as Lead Minister. Responsible for worship planning and services, congregation management, staff development and pastoral care. Responsible for conducting at least two monthly sermons and coordinating with worship services team for all monthly worship services. Pastoral visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and pastoral meetings. Led congregation into video conferencing using Zoom.

Facilitated monthly Soul Matters group, reflecting on monthly themes. Performed memorial services, rites of passage and celebration of life services. Developed and implemented "Compassion and Policy", a congregational homelessness policy. Worked with congregational leadership to transition from Ministerial Relations Committee to Committee on Ministry model. Conducted search and hired new DRE. Arranged and conducted Zoom Meetings with membership professional which led to the development of a New Pathways to Membership program. Conducted multicultural workshops focusing on Race, Class and Gender Issues. Developed Youth and Multi-Generation Worship Service Project.

Social Action projects included: True North Organizing Network; developing “Belonging Circles”, gatherings of tribal and community residents to develop relationships and community-based power. Also served on True North Spiritual Caucus and Board of Directors. Attended monthly meetings of interfaith leaders in our community.

August 2018-June 2019 Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix

Director for Congregational Life

- The Director (or Assistant Minister) for Congregational Life provides professional/ministerial leadership under the supervision of the Lead Minister.
- Areas of responsibility include Pastoral Care, Small Group Ministry, Adult Faith Development and Social Justice.
- Preach approximately one Sunday a month.
- Working collaboratively with Lead Minister, Music Director, Director of Children’s Ministries and Worship Associates on the planning and leading of worship.
- Direct and guide the work of the Unicare caring ministries including the Unicare Coordinator, Memorial Services ministry, Friendship Partners ministry, and the leaders and volunteers in this ministry.
- Organize a pastoral response from the congregation staff and/or ministers to members.
- Lead developer of Faith Development Curriculum: Living Our Vision Everyday.
- Teach and facilitate classes: Racial Justice Collaborative, Spiritual Practices and Men’s Group: Future Masculine.
- Develop budgets for specific ministry areas in collaboration with other appropriate staff and committees.
- Oversees the Justice Ministry Teams at UUCP and support the development of new teams consistent with the Mission, Vision and Strategic Ends of the congregation.
- Writes a monthly reflective column highlighting the monthly theme and its relationship to an area of congregational life (Pastoral Care, Adult Faith Development, Justice Ministries)
- Supports the vision of the congregation to be theologically diverse, radically inclusive and justice centered, working to become a diverse, multicultural, multiracial community.

June 2018 to August 2018

Banner Desert Medical Center Phoenix, AZ.

Chaplain

- Served as Chaplain at the sixth busiest trauma center in the nation.
- Excelled at small group peer relations.
- Served Catholic, Mormon, Protestant and Muslim families.

September 2017 to June 2018

Sedona UU Fellowship

Sedona, AZ.

Intern Minister

- Lead worship services and give sermons, challenge and help guide the congregation's spiritual focus, provide pastoral care and counseling, conduct special services and represent Unitarian Universalism in the community.
- Teach Adult Leadership Development skills: UUA Harvest the Power Program.
- Founder and Facilitator of on-going monthly SUUF Men's Group.
- Co-Facilitator UUJAZ Racial Justice Program
- Graduate OWL Facilitator Training; Grades 7-9 and 10-12
- Work collaboratively with Lead Minister on all congregational issues.

September 2016 to May 2017

UUSS

Sacramento, CA.

Seminary Field Work

- Lead Facilitator "Neighboring Faiths" Religious Education Program Junior High
- Prepared and delivered Quarterly Sermons.
- Developed enhanced version of Religious curriculum to include multicultural perspectives.
- Led visitations to Muslim, Buddhist, and African Methodist Episcopal Congregations.
- Work collaboratively with Lead Minister and Religious Education Coordinator.

August 2015 to May 2018

Starr King School

Berkeley, CA.

- Tony and Laura Bushman Scholar "Embracing a UU Future Masculine"
- Hilda Mason Scholar and Instructor "Indigenous African Spirituality"
- Graduating 2018 Starr King Class Vice President

Active Unitarian Universalist Memberships

UUMA

Black Lives UU

DRUMM

Finding Our Way Home

Guest Preaching

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

Berkeley, CA.

First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA.

Unitarian Universalist Society Sacramento

Sacramento, CA.

Our Home Universalist Unitarian Church

Ellisville, MS.

Hattiesburg Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Hattiesburg, MS.

Unitarian Universalist Church

Jackson, MS.

Sedona Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Sedona, AZ.

Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Flagstaff, AZ.

Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Prescott, AZ.

1995-2015**Anthony N. Johnson and Associates****Producer**

- Producer to an array of corporations and media companies, including ABC-News, Koppel Communications, Black Entertainment Television, Edelman Public Relations Worldwide, The World Bank, Henninger Media Services, Georgetown University, Merck & Co., Bank of America, American Bankers Association and the Smithsonian Institution.
- Responsible for the company's overall performance, increasing company revenue, establishing the name and brand.

1993-1995**Black Entertainment Television Washington, DC****Director Production and Operations**

- Directed production of all scheduled and special cable television programming.
- Responsible for work assignment and scheduling for creative staff of over eighty.
- Responsibilities included recruiting, hiring and training new staff.

1975-93**Media Producer**

A former United States Army Officer, Anthony has served as a Military Instructor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He has worked as a Writer/ Producer of military training films and interactive videodiscs. In the late 1980's, he became one of the country's leading producers of 3-D animation. The New York International recognized his Producer skills for Computer Animation with a Silver Medal. As an independent producer, he has creatively managed and produced dozens of productions, including a nationally televised one-hour special. The show, "The 1999 From Whence We Came Awards", hosted by Blair Underwood and Lynn Whitfield and featuring Nancy Wilson, the O'Jays and the Georgia Mass Choir, aired to over fifty-million homes.

Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree; Radio-TV-Film, Northern Illinois University, 1972

Master of Arts Degree; Human Learning and Development, Governors State University, 1973

Master of Divinity Degree, Starr King School for the Ministry, 2018

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