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Carthage names Rev. Adam Miller-Stubbendick campus pastor

KENOSHA, Wis. – Carthage College has appointed the Rev. Adam Miller-Stubbendick as campus pastor, the College announced Monday.

Miller-Stubbendick’s enthusiasm for working with young adults and his strong background in intercultural and global ministry, rooted in the Lutheran tradition, has prepared him for this role at Carthage. Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Carthage welcomes students from all faith and non-faith traditions.

“Pastor Adam’s student-focused perspective impressed everyone on the search committee,” said David Timmerman, Carthage’s provost and executive vice president for operations. “His commitment to supporting young adults in their faith formation and nurturing a sense of belonging makes him the ideal person for this integral role for our campus community.”

Previously, Miller-Stubbendick served in Nebraska and western New York as a congregational pastor and at Elon University in North Carolina as assistant chaplain and director of religious and spiritual life.

In 2022, he and his family accepted a call to Jerusalem and the West Bank through an ELCA program that coordinates international ministry opportunities for young adults. The placement was to last until 2026, but it ended in October 2023 when the Israel-Hamas war forced them to evacuate.

Starting in July, he will lead the Center of Faith and Spirituality, which is planning an orientation worship to welcome new students as they begin at Carthage in the fall. Featuring a robust student staff, the center coordinates worship services, facilitates interfaith dialogue, and collaborates with The Aspire Program, Carthage’s career services center, to help students find purpose in their lives and careers.

“It is a unique privilege to walk with young adults as they figure out their next steps,” said Miller-Stubbendick. “On a college campus, there is a new set of people every four years. This brings fresh energy and viewpoints, which I love.”

The Rev. Paul D. Erickson, bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA and Carthage trustee, will lead Miller-Stubbendick's installation service in April 2025. Also next spring, Carthage will commemorate the A. F. Siebert Chapel, which has been the chief symbol of spiritual life at Carthage and is the primary space in which the Carthage community assembles for worship, convocations, and other events that are essential to the Carthage identity and heritage.

The Rev. Thomas Gaulke served as interim campus pastor for the 2023-24 school year following the death of the Rev. Kara Baylor in May 2023.

Originally from Nebraska, Miller-Stubbendick earned a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and a bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus College. His wife, Jordan, is an ordained ELCA minister who recently completed her Doctorate in Ministry in creative writing and public theology. They have two sons.



About Carthage

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