



Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff was born in Schenectady, NY and grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota where her family belonged to Macalester-Plymouth United Church, a congregation affiliated with both the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ. A graduate of Yale University (B.A. 1989) and Harvard Divinity School (M.Div. 1994), Heather was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 1994.

She served as Minister of the First Congregational Church of Somerville, MA from 1994 until 2002. She then moved to Maryland where she served as the Director of the Interfaith Families Project of Greater Washington, D.C. for two years before being called to lead the Kittamaqundi Community Church in Columbia, Maryland. While at the "KC" church, the congregation developed a Sacred Garden, installed an elevator and sponsored a refugee family of 6 from Afghanistan. Heather also co-founded and led a non-profit that purchased homes to rent at below-market rates to families who had experienced homelessness.

In June, 2017, Heather and her husband Dan moved to Albany so that Dan could accept a position as Research Scientist at UL Renewables in Colonie. They purchased a home at 35 Dove Street, half a block from Westminster, drawn to the diverse urban community of Center Square. Since moving to Albany, Heather has served as the interim Campus Protestant Minister at Union College and coordinated the New York State Council of Churches' "Who Is My Neighbor?" initiative. She has served as the Wednesday Chaplain for the FOCUS Breakfast since August 2017.

Heather has a passion for prison ministry and has volunteered in prisons since her seminary days. While in Maryland, Heather became involved with the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), a program first developed by Quakers and inmates of the Green Haven Correctional Facility in New York. Heather is now the Lead Volunteer for the AVP program at Greene Correctional Facility in Coxsackie where she works with a team of six inmate facilitators to run anti-violence trainings for over 100 inmates each year.

Heather and Dan have been married for 27 years and are proud parents of 25-year-old twins Paul and Isaac and Rosa, a junior at Williams College. They are also proud foster parents of Kara, and foster grand-parents to Hailey and Ryan. Heather and Dan love to hike, cross-country ski and gather friends around their table for good food and good conversation. Heather is the co-author of two books, *Talking Faith* (Chalice Press, 2004) and *Dare to Dive In: Strategies and Resources for Involving Your Whole Church in Worship* (Abingdon, 2006).