



ELCA Fund for Leaders Federal Chaplaincy Scholarship

Wilmus “Roger” Randolph III

2019-2020 Class of Scholars

The ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program supports students of tremendous promise attending ELCA seminaries. By making seminary more affordable, the ELCA Fund for Leaders enables more future ministers to go to seminary and helps them graduate with less debt, empowering those whom God calls into ministry to go and serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

Wilmus “Roger” Randolph III is a student at United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, Penn., where he is pursuing a Master of Divinity with a concentration in Black Church Studies. He is a candidate for ordination in the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA. Roger received both a Fund for Leaders (FFL) Full-Tuition Scholarship and the FFL Federal Chaplaincy Scholarship and is currently serving as vicar at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Arlington, Mass., as their 41st vicar. He assists with the pastoral care of the community through preaching, teaching and helping with digital ministry. Roger is also a chaplain candidate in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, temporarily working with the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Roger’s scholarship relieved him of a huge financial burden, but most significantly, it has connected him to a vast network of ELCA Fund for Leaders peers and colleagues around the country. Upon graduation and ordination, Roger hopes to serve as both a full-time parish pastor and part-time National Guard chaplain. He’s also considering further education, with an interest in social work and clinical counseling.

“I am so excited for the ways in which the Holy Spirit is leading me in this discernment journey, and thankful for the space that the Fund for Leaders program has given me to pause, listen and follow.”



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