

## About Enikő Ferenczy...



Enikő is a native of Romania, from an ethnic Hungarian background. She holds a chemical engineering degree from the University of Babeş-Bolyai in Cluj, Romania, and is a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA where she earned both her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Her PhD dissertation is titled: “Beyond Borders: Toward a Migration-Conscious Theology of Mission for the Reformed Church in Hungary.” At Union, Enikő also served as the International Student Advisor.

Currently, Enikő serves as a Pastoral Assistant at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia. In the past six and a half years, she has taught Sunday School classes for various groups and Confirmation classes for the youth, preached regularly, and offered pastoral care to homebound members as well as those in need of critical care in the hospital. She has been the primary staff person facilitating the mission and outreach ministries of the church and she recently led Southminster to join the interfaith grassroots justice ministry group Richmonders Involved in Strengthening Communities (RISC).

Having established home on three continents, Enikő connects to people from various cultural backgrounds and diverse walks of life with ease and hopes to be a bridge builder among people with different values, outlooks, personalities or cultural heritage. She is passionate about wrestling with deep and difficult questions about the Bible, God, people and the world. Grateful for the privilege of accompanying people through significant times of transition, of experiences of crisis and turmoil within the community as well as the wider society, Enikő seeks to create spaces where the comforting and transforming presence and love of God can be recognized and experienced.

Prior to her doctoral studies, Enikő worked as Program Coordinator for an MA in Missiology program at the Protestant Institute for Mission Studies, as well as set up and coordinated a Refugee Integration Program within the Reformed Church in Hungary, based in Budapest.

Enikő loves exploring the intersection of faith and public life both in her ministry and personal life. Having spent significant time in Israel/Palestine as a PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer, and later as a participant in WCC's Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme for Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), she is a passionate advocate for peace and reconciliation in the region, and is happy to share about her experiences both through workshops and personal conversations.

Enjoying nature and exploring fun cultural events, and spending time with her goddaughters are things that keep Enikő's spirit and mind whole. Having grown up near the Carpathian Mountains, she loves hiking and even camping in a tent! While swimming is her preferred way to relax and refresh, she can be talked into putting on skates at the Ice Arena. She will also gladly join you for a ballet or theater performance, or any adventure involving music. Last but not least, Enikő is looking forward to savoring more goodies at Tulipán ☺