



# Sarah Layman

## Youth Minister

### Degree(s):

B.A. in Classical Studies, Dual Minor in Religious Studies and Peace & Conflict Studies

### Current Position:

Youth Minister at St. Joseph of Nazareth and Holy Family Anglican Churches.

### Post-graduate study:

M.T.S.- Masters in Theological Studies,  
Th.M.- Masters of Theology,  
B.Ed.- Bachelor's of Education.

### Crucial and useful skill(s) learned through your studies:

Two of the most crucial skills I learned in Classics was how to write well and how to effectively research-- and I don't mean how to find stuff in a book at the library, I mean how take the information I found and look at it critically, synthesize the information, and appreciate the importance of primary resources. (which sometimes requires languages other than English!) Also, the confidence to express my opinions and ideas both in class and in my writing.

### What career advice would you give to your younger self?

Don't panic! You don't need to have it all figured out. People will look at you funny when you say you study Ancient Rome or you're taking Ancient Greek, or learning about science and technology of the Middle Ages-- let them look! You're building skills and a knowledge base that can take you all over the place when you finish. My love of history and research turned into a love of exegesis and historical theology, and now I work as a Youth Minister in the Anglican Church. Never in my wildest dreams would 3rd or even 4th year undergraduate me have envisioned that. But those skills I learned in Classics took me to graduate school (twice!) and I still use them today in my work as well.

### What is a detail about you that all must know?

If could go back in time to meet someone I would love to have a pint with C.S. Lewis. I've read every single thing he wrote. (Even his science fiction, which is really, really weird) I was also a 'C' student in elementary school, and never really had a whole lot of faith in myself and my abilities, until my professors in Classics helped me realize how much I actually loved to learn and I wholly blame my overflowing bookcases on them. Totally.