



WHERE THE GOSPEL MEETS OUR DAILY LIVES

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Dueling Directors

Crossings Board Appoints CoExecutive Directors

Meet Candice Wassell and Sherman Lee, the new Co-EDs of The Crossings Community. In this case Co-ED means Co-Executive Director. At its January meeting, the Crossings board of directors appointed the two to share this part-time to share this part-time position. They began work on March 1 of this year.

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Sherman is an adult convert to Christianity. Just as he started graduate school in Computer Science, he was baptized. Shortly thereafter, he became a youth counselor. After three years he reported feeling some burnout with youth work and answered the invitation to attend a Crossings workshop. Eventually, he co-led workshops with Crossings founder Ed Schroeder. He says Crossings provided the theological depth he needed to continue in his ministry formally with the youth group and eventually in his career in financial services.



Candice was going through a difficult period in her life when she heard her pastor say, “Christ absorbs the critique of the cross.” The words stuck with her and led her to seek out her pastor, Ron Neustadt, a long-time contributor to Crossings, for conversation. She received her MDiv from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 2013 and currently serves Faith Lutheran Church in O’Fallon, IL.

Candice and Sherman have a working synergy developed over years of friendship from the time Candice served her internship at Bethel Lutheran Church in University City, Missouri where Sherman is a member. They inspire each other and hold one another accountable: Sherman sees the big picture, and Candice asks the practical questions.

St. Louis. They met 5 years ago on match.com, which Candice “highly recommends for you single, middle-aged preachers!” They live together with her two teen-aged children from a previous marriage.

Sherman met his wife, Denise Bonzon, after he filled in for her chaperoning youth on a ski trip from a neighboring church where she was a youth counselor. They took a semester-long Crossings class, which he refers to as their pre-marital counseling. They have two adult children.

Their immediate goals include working to get all Crossings does to people in a more effective way; increasing the audience to a younger generation; continued friend making and audience building. They hope to widen the appeal of Crossings, in Sherman’s words “to share the absolute goodness of law/gospel theology.”

Candice married Kevin Eiler last October. He is a theology professor at Fontbonne University in Sherman and Candice report being delighted with the enthusiasm for Crossings they have encountered from those they have met in their first months on the job. They are encouraged by the loyalty of those involved with Crossings and their willingness to volunteer.

Candice and Sherman will have a regular column in future newsletters. You can contact them at candice.was-sell@crossings.org and sherman.lee@crossings.org. Check out their video on the Crossings website www.crossings.org.





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