

Counselor's Corner: *Introducing Mary Keen*

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Westminster Counseling Center has been a resource in my file for years. Now I find myself with a key to the Counseling Center and my name on a placard outside the office. My eyes are still adjusting to sights, sounds, and sacred space of Westminster as I grow into being on staff.

Walking with people in their joy and sorrow, triumphs and tribulations has been a sacred journey and privilege for me in ministry. Ordained as a United Methodist clergy in 1986, I have served as pastor in a variety of settings, from small rural to large suburban, mostly in the Twin Cities area. Eight years at Walker Methodist Health Center as chaplain confirmed for me my gifts and interest in counseling. With further educa-

tion and experience, the field of Marriage and Family Therapy became my focus. For five years I have had a private practice working with individuals, couples and families in addition to serving part-time as a pastor. In July of 2008, I stepped out in faith to doing therapy full time.

With humble gratitude I am honored to be a staff pastoral counselor and psychotherapist at Westminster Counseling Center. As I've said many times in the past month, I hope I can live into the reputation I have had of the place for years.



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