



# Shavon Sterling-Louis

Facilitator for 2019 Synod of the Sun Leadership Summit

Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis grew up in St. Petersburg, Florida. She graduated with honors from St. Leo University with a B.A. Psychology. After traveling as an armed services spouse, she entered Columbia Theological Seminary and graduated with a Masters in Divinity in May 2013. While at Columbia, she distinguished herself in her in-depth research efforts at the intersection of anti-racism, art, worship, and multi-culturalism for which she was awarded honors in the area of practical theology. Upon her graduation, she was awarded the William Dudley Award for excellence in the area of evangelism and church growth. Since seminary, Shavon has served calls as pastor at the First Presbyterian church in Midwest City, Oklahoma, a suburb of Oklahoma City and Providence Presbyterian Church in Providence, RI . She is now transitioning to serve in ministry in the Charlotte, NC as her husband begins a seminary this Fall.

She finds profound joy in crafting worship, pastoral care, encouraging as many people as possible to be involved with congregational life, and in leading the community in faithful discernment. For the past 5 years, she has been dedicated to servicing the wider church through leadership in the NEXT Church movement.