



MINISTER AJ WISTI

CREDENTIAL

Universal Life Church
Ordained Minister

MINISTRY

A Different Path
Independent ministry &
spiritual education

PRIMARY FOCUS

- Spiritual autonomy
- Comparative religion
- Nontraditional ministry
- Homeless outreach
- Community resources
- Practical ethics

ONLINE PORTFOLIO

adifferentpath.org

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Independent Minister • Spiritual Educator • Community Outreach

MINISTERIAL PROFILE

Universal Life Church–ordained independent minister and founder of A Different Path, a public-facing platform devoted to spiritual inquiry, comparative religion, ethics, history, and personal autonomy. My ministry is intentionally nontraditional: I do not present one religious tradition as the exclusive holder of ultimate truth, nor do I approach ministry as an effort to convert people.

My focus is the why behind spiritual and religious belief—how beliefs develop, what they mean to the people who hold them, how they influence conduct, and how individuals can examine them honestly. Ministry, in this model, means listening, asking useful questions, providing practical assistance, and helping people retain responsibility for their own spiritual decisions.

MINISTRY & OUTREACH

A Different Path — Founder & Independent Minister

Ongoing • Online ministry and community-oriented outreach

- Develops educational and ministerial material concerning spirituality, religion, philosophy, ethics, history, and personal autonomy.
- Uses comparative study to examine traditions without requiring theological conformity.
- Builds practical resource material intended to help people navigate difficult circumstances.
- Maintains a particular interest in homeless outreach and the distinction between a person's circumstances and the person's identity.
- Approaches spiritual support as complementary to practical services—not as a substitute for medical, legal, psychiatric, or social-service professionals.
- Encourages respectful conversation across religious, philosophical, and nonreligious perspectives.

MINISTERIAL PHILOSOPHY

A minister does not need to claim every answer in order to be useful. A responsible ministry can help a person ask better questions, examine inherited assumptions, locate practical resources, and make informed decisions without demanding agreement with the minister's personal worldview.

Core principles: spiritual autonomy; non-coercion; intellectual honesty; respect for differing beliefs; practical service; personal responsibility; and recognition of professional boundaries.

HOMELESS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Resource navigation: helping people identify available housing, shelter, employment, educational, legal, and community resources.
- Human contact: listening without judgment and providing conversation, encouragement, and practical problem-solving when appropriate.
- Spiritual support: discussing belief, meaning, meditation, prayer, or personal reflection when requested by the individual.
- Respect for autonomy: assistance is not contingent upon adopting a particular religious doctrine.

MINISTERIAL PROFILE

APPROACH

- Non-dogmatic
- Comparative
- Question-driven
- Service-oriented
- Autonomy-centered
- Practical and ethical

STUDY AREAS

- Christian history & theology
- Norse/Germanic Heathenry
- Asatru
- Stoic philosophy
- LaVeyan philosophy
- Gnostic thought
- Mysticism
- Ethics & philosophy of religion

DIGITAL SKILLS

- HTML / CSS
- Responsive web projects
- AI-assisted workflows
- Windows / Linux
- Word & office software
- Content & visual planning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UPS — Seasonal Package Handler

November 2019 – January 2020

- Performed physically demanding material-handling work while following established procedures and safety expectations.

FedEx Express — Casual Package Handler

November 2020 – March 2021

- Worked in a fast-paced logistics environment requiring reliability, physical stamina, time awareness, and procedure compliance.

Alorica — Customer Service Representative

March – April 2021

- Communicated information clearly, followed structured workflows, documented interactions, and assisted customers through telephone-based service.

DialAmerica — Customer Service / Call Center

September – December 2021

- Provided telephone-based customer service and worked with computer systems, documentation, and structured communication processes.

Additional Practical Experience

Custodial / janitorial • cleaning • housekeeping • groundskeeping • maintenance • hand tools • material handling

- Broad hands-on experience supporting cleanliness, upkeep, physical work, independent task completion, and following customer or employer requirements.

CAREGIVING & LIFE EXPERIENCE

Long-term family responsibilities developed practical skills relevant to community ministry, including organization, scheduling, adaptability, problem-solving, patience, and completing necessary tasks with limited supervision. These are presented as transferable skills rather than as a substitute for professional clinical or social-service qualifications.

EDUCATION & CONTINUING STUDY

Central High School — Omaha, Nebraska

High School Diploma • May 1992

Metropolitan Community College — Omaha, Nebraska

GED • May 1997

Full Sail University — Web Design & Computer Science / Web Development Track

Coursework • December 2014 – February 2015

- Web development and computer-science-oriented coursework; program not completed.

Independent Religious & Philosophical Study

- Christian history and theology; Norse and Germanic Heathen traditions; Asatru; Stoic philosophy; LaVeyan philosophy; Gnostic thought; mysticism; ethics; philosophy of religion; and comparative religious study.

DIGITAL & COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- HTML/CSS and responsive website development; independent web-content planning and maintenance.
- AI-assisted research, drafting, editing, and content-development workflows.
- Microsoft Word and comparable office software; willingness to learn new systems.
- Windows and Linux troubleshooting; digital organization; proofreading and visual/content planning.

CREDENTIALS & PORTFOLIO

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A Different Path — independent ministerial and educational portfolio: adifferentpath.org

The public website provides representative writing and educational material demonstrating the ministry's approach to spirituality, comparative religion, ethics, history, personal autonomy, and community-oriented resource work.

Ministerial scope: spiritual education, comparative religious inquiry, community outreach, homeless-resource navigation, and non-dogmatic spiritual support. Ministerial work does not replace licensed medical, psychiatric, legal, or social-service care.