



Jared Howard is a 3rd year Master of Divinity student at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Pastoral Intern at Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna, Ohio. At Trinity, Jared is actively involved in the Eco Justice and Spirituality group, SEEDS (Sustaining Earth and Environment Daily and Sustainably), serving as a Student Intern. As a member of SEEDS, he has offered prayers and lobbied at the Ohio State House on behalf of the environment.

Through the support of Ohio Interfaith Power and Light, Jared and the SEEDS team helped put Trinity Lutheran Seminary on the path toward becoming a GreenFaith Certified Seminary. Along with a fellow student, Jared conducted an independent study course on urban farming and food, where they toured Columbus area urban farms to see how they work to end food deserts in under-served neighborhoods. Jared is a trained Healthy Congregations Facilitator and a community organizer through the Ohio Organizing Collaborative.

Before Trinity, Jared graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with an interest in Native American history and culture. As a camp counselor at Camp Mowana in Mansfield, Ohio, he discovered his passion and spiritual connection to the earth. After his years at camp, Jared was a youth director, helping both adults and children discover their faith in new and exciting ways. Jared is an avid gardener with a passion to see people get their hands dirty to draw closer to God's creation. Currently, Jared lives in Gahanna, Ohio with his wife, 2 children, dog, compost, and garden.