

Rev. Tyler Nylen*Panelist*

Reverend Tyler Nylen serves as Associate Pastor at Fountain of Life Covenant Church in Madison, WI, a Black-led, multicultural congregation. Nylen has served at Fountain of Life under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Alexander Gee, Jr. since 2016, beginning as a pastoral intern before joining the pastoral staff in 2017.

As Associate Pastor, he serves across a wide range of areas, including preaching and teaching, discipleship, pastoral care, student ministries, ministry operations, and equipping and developing leaders throughout the congregation. He is passionate about helping people engage Scripture deeply and discover how the biblical story speaks faithfully and powerfully into everyday life. He especially loves creating spaces where people can ask honest and curious questions, grow as disciples of Jesus, and become equipped to serve others.

Nylen also serves as the Faith Community Liaison at the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development, where he builds partnerships between local churches and Nehemiah's community-based ministries, particularly its work with men returning to the community following incarceration.

Nylen earned his Master of Divinity from North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago. His ministry has been deeply shaped by serving within a Black-led, multicultural church as a white male and by learning what it means to lead faithfully as an associate pastor. For him, that involves supporting the vision of senior leadership while also developing his own pastoral voice, stewarding significant responsibility, and helping ministries and people flourish.

Nylen and his wife, Halie, are the proud parents of their son, Ira.