

REVEREND DR. SHARON GRAY BREWSTER

MINISTRY LEADER • PASTORAL-CARE PRACTITIONER • COMMUNITY BUILDER

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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Ordained minister and pastoral-care leader with a Doctorate of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry, M.S. in Marriage & Family Therapy, and more than 25 years of experience integrating ministry, organizational leadership, community engagement, communications, and operations. Brings compassionate preaching and teaching, culturally responsive worship leadership, trauma-informed care, strategic planning, and a deep, long-standing commitment to Brockton.

MINISTRY & PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

We Just Pray | Brockton, MA

Visionary & Founder | 2019–Present

- Lead a para-church prayer and leadership ministry serving pastors, ministry leaders, and participants along the East Coast through weekly gatherings, prayer, teaching, pastoral encouragement, spiritual formation, and discipleship/soul care.
- Plan and lead a faith-based leadership retreat integrating prayer, worship, biblical teaching, healing, and practical ministry development; leverage Marriage and Family Therapy training to support trauma-informed pastoral care, emotional wellness, and spiritually grounded leadership, equipping cross-church participants to return renewed, clear in purpose, and prepared to serve.
- Design and lead intensives, trainings; design curriculum and lead Bible Studies and listening sessions; coordinate and host speakers, volunteers, communications, and participant post-event care/discipleship.
- Provide prayer, grief support, pastoral visitation, referral-aware follow-up, and consultation to clergy and ministry leaders; cultivate a safe, compassionate environment for people affected by trauma and bereavement.

Holy Tabernacle Church | Boston, MA

Ordained Minister & Ministerial Staff | 2025–Present

- Serve in altar prayer; pastoral care; women's ministry small groups, Bible Study, individual discipleship; worship support, and occasional preaching and teaching; offer appropriate connection to clinical or community resources.

COMMUNITY & CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Brockton Interfaith Community | Brockton, MA

Community Organizer | 2025–Present

- Facilitate one-on-one conversations, listening sessions, leadership development, and collaborative action planning that help diverse voices shape shared priorities.
- Engage clergy, congregations, residents, and civic partners to advance food access, racial and economic justice, and community well-being.
- Organize and develop young leaders of the Food Justice Team to plan community events to bring awareness and combat food insecurity in Brockton, provide mutual aid, and teach team building and planning skills to emerging leaders.

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SENIOR PASTOR APPLICATION — RÉSUMÉ

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LEADERSHIP, OPERATIONS & STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Brewster Branding | Brockton, MA

Founder & Principal Consultant | 2021–Present

- Advise pastors, ministry leaders, nonprofits, and small organizations on vision clarity, church and organizational planning, administration, communications, and project execution.
- Develop systems for client onboarding, proposal development, contracts, follow-up, scheduling, project management, and stakeholder communication—strengthening accountability and sustained engagement.
- Lead and coordinate multi-state project teams of project managers, designers, and client-experience associates; increased clientele and revenue by more than 40% while protecting service quality and relationship care.
- Create strategic communications, websites, campaigns, events, and brand materials that help organizations articulate mission, reach intended audiences, and mobilize support.
- Provide trusted consultation and practical encouragement to pastors and leaders along the East Coast, pairing spiritual discernment with organized implementation.

Institute for Spiritual Life & Psychotherapy | Norwell, MA

Administrative Manager | 2020–2021

- Led day-to-day operations, HR/payroll, staff communications, board and donor communications, and strategic planning across eight sites.
- Maintained HIPAA and state-regulatory requirements for more than 22 clinicians; facilitated all-staff meetings, external partner relations, and quarterly board reporting.
- Supported planning for marketing, development, outreach, and organizational growth.

United Way of Massachusetts Bay | Boston, MA

Art Director, Marketing | 2006–2017

- Partnered with development and events teams on fundraising campaigns, community initiatives, and convening; contributed to campaigns up to \$48M and events raising \$1M–\$3M.
- Created multilingual communications and toolkits used across five states and two countries, including materials in 23 languages; managed vendors, deadlines, and budgets.

THERAPEUTIC FORMATION & PASTORAL-CARE EXPERIENCE

New Life Counseling Center; The Well Pastoral Counseling Center | Massachusetts

Psychotherapist | 2011–2013

- Provided outpatient therapy to individuals, couples, families, children, and teens navigating grief and bereavement, anxiety and depression, relationship strain, trauma, substance misuse, suicidal ideation, self-harm, and survivor's guilt.
- Facilitated individual and group sessions; established a walk-in anxiety and depression group to reduce barriers to timely, compassionate support.
- Developed a support group for single parents reuniting with their children and trained other therapists to facilitate additional cohorts.
- Practiced trauma-informed, ethical, and family-systems-aware care, with clear boundaries and collaboration with appropriate clinical, pastoral, and community supports.

Norma Kent Pastoral Counseling Center | Abington, MA

Therapist Intern | 2011–2012

- Provided counseling to individuals, couples, families, children, teens, and seniors in office, home-visit, senior-housing, and shelter settings.
- Created group supports with childcare coordination to remove participation barriers; supported shelter-based programming and housing stability efforts.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

- Doctorate of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry — School of The Great Commission Bible College & Seminary
- M.S., Marriage & Family Therapy — Eastern Nazarene College
- B.F.A., Communication Design — Massachusetts College of Art & Design
- Mini-MBA, Digital Marketing — Rutgers University
- Prepare/Enrich Certified Facilitator; Motivational Interviewing Training; Youth Mental Health First Aid; School of Prophetic Action Certificate

CORE PASTORAL & LEADERSHIP STRENGTHS

- Biblical preaching, teaching, prayer leadership, discipleship, pastoral visitation, grief care, and compassionate follow-up
- Culturally responsive, intergenerational ministry and worship leadership; community bridge-building and congregational partnership
- Trauma-informed and family-systems-aware pastoral care; ethical boundaries, referral awareness, and collaborative support
- Vision casting, strategic planning, administration, team development, volunteer engagement, and event/program leadership
- Financial stewardship and budgeting, grant-making and compliance, board communication, fundraising communications, and organizational systems
- Clear written and visual communication; digital outreach, website management, campaign strategy, and stakeholder engagement

COMMUNITY & BOARD SERVICE

- Board Member, Fontbonne Academy, The Early College of Boston (2022–2025)
- Member, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Member, Chi Rho Alpha Christian Sorority, Inc.

SELECTED RECOGNITION

- Distinguished Alumna, Fontbonne Academy
- Business Woman of the Year, National Women's Empowerment Ministry
- Mentor of the Year, The Education Cooperative