

# James Holt

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Desiring to serve the Church to the Glory of God, James has 3 years of Pastoral Ministry with an additional 15 years of experience in urban ministry and cross-cultural work. Trained at The Masters Seminary to understand and preach the Word of God, he desires to serve in a local church that seeks understands the importance of not compromising. James and his wife Rebekah have 6 boys and enjoy the challenge of discipling these unique gifts from God.

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## Skills

- Preaching/Teaching
- Coordination of Large Events
- Bilingual English/Spanish
- Worship Leading

## Hobbies

- Playing Soccer
- Music/Guitar
- Woodwork
- Running

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## Experience

MAY 2019 – PRESENT

### Associate Pastor

#### Grace Church of Orange.

Directing Local Outreach and Spanish Language ministries as well as participating in preaching, teaching, and pastoral care.

SEPTEMBER 2015 – AUGUST 2018

### Dean of Students for the Studies in Urban Ministry Program CE National/Urban Hope Training Center, Philadelphia, PA

Directing programs for college students in yearlong and summer internships as well as organizing weekend and weeklong experiences for church groups visiting Philadelphia. Training groups for evangelism and ministry in Urban areas.

MARCH 2013 – JUNE 2015

### Director Casa Monte Plata / Kids Alive International, Monte Plata, Dominican Republic

Responsible for training of staff and directing daily activities for the social, emotional, physical and spiritual well being of those involved in the program. Other responsibilities included

directing activities with visiting groups and communication with supporters through sponsorship program.

MARCH 2007 – OCTOBER 2012

**Social Studies Teacher / School District of Philadelphia**

Classroom Teacher for Junior High and High School Social Studies. Subjects taught included World History, American History, African American History, and various electives.

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## Education

MAY/2023 (PROJECTED GRADUATION DATE)

### Master of Divinity

The Masters Seminary, Sun Valley, CA

AUGUST/2012

### Master of Education

Cabrini College, Radnor, PA

AUGUST/2006

### B.S. Secondary Education Social Studies

Cairn University, Langhorne, PA

### B.S. Biblical Studies

Cairn University, Langhorne, PA

## Certification:

PA Certificate II Social Studies

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## References

Michael Sciarra: Senior Pastor of Grace Church of Orange, [msciarra@graceorange.org](mailto:msciarra@graceorange.org).

Jason Holt: (Brother) Director of the Urban Hope Training Center, [Jason@urbanhope.net](mailto:Jason@urbanhope.net)  
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## Areas of Responsibility and Experience

Associate Pastor at Grace Church of Orange

- Preaching and Teaching on a monthly basis in English and Spanish.
- Providing communication and connections for Spanish language believers.
- Developing and directing leadership teams for Local Outreach and Spanish Language ministries.
- Directing local outreach ministries in Spanish Language communities.
- Organizing and running events in the local community.
- Weekly meetings with Senior Pastor, all-staff meeting, and other meetings.
- Regular meetings with Ministry Leaders for planning, accountability and prayer.

- Involvement in Sunday morning and midweek services, as well as general pastoral duties such as weddings and funerals.
- Active engagement in pastoral care and counseling.
- Providing discipleship and mentoring through small groups and one-on-one interactions.

### **Dean of Students for the Studies in Urban Ministry Program (Urban Hope)**

- Supervise and evaluate 9-month internship and field work.
- Serve on academic and administrative committees that deal with institutional policies and academic issues.
- Teach courses and provide direction for undergraduate level students. Initiate, facilitate, and moderate classroom discussions.
- Organize events for recruitment and promotion.
- Organize weekly experiences outside of the classroom to broaden student experience.
- Set budget and plan weekend and week-long ministry experiences in other cities.

### **Director of Urban Hope Training Center Summer Programs (Urban Hope)**

- Confer with leadership and staff to discuss issues, coordinate activities, and resolve problems.
- Collaborate with staff to plan and develop ministry experiences, schedules, and menus.
- Recruit, hire, and evaluate staff and interns for summer programming.
- Prepare manuals and train interns and workers in proper operational procedures and policies.
- Investigate problems and settle disputes to maintain harmony among staff, interns, volunteers and participants.
- Represent organization and promote programs at official functions.
- Direct preparation and maintenance of facilities.
- Requisition necessary supplies, equipment, and services.

### **StreetWise Conference Coordinator (Urban Hope)**

- Collaborate with leadership and other staff members to formulate and implement policies, procedures, goals, and objectives.
- Direct a planning committee to oversee schedule and details of conference.
- Develop event seminars, choose featured speakers and organize ministry experiences.
- Conduct post-event evaluations to determine how future events could be improved.
- Negotiate contracts with artists and speakers for special events.
- Train, and supervise volunteers and support staff required for events.
- Organize registration of event participants.
- Monitor event activities to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and laws, satisfaction of participants, and resolution of any problems that arise.

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## **Bio**

James moved to an Urban neighborhood in Philadelphia in 2002 during college and spent fifteen years serving in ministry at Urban Hope. James met his wife Rebekah while she was teaching at a mission's school in the Dominican Republic, and they were married in 2010. Desiring to be in full-time ministry James and Rebekah raised support and spent two years serving as directors of a children's home in the Dominican Republic before returning to serve in Philadelphia. In 2019 James and Rebekah moved to Orange, CA to begin seminary and work at Grace Church of Orange directing Local Outreach and Spanish Language ministries. James and Rebekah have six boys: Elliot (10), Emmanuel (9), Santiago (7), Mateo (6), Solomon (4), and Phinneas (7 months).