

2022- 2023 Life Together Fellow Bios

Emmaus Fellows

SARAH MATTEA LANE



Hi! My name is Sarah Mattea Lane and I use she/they pronouns. I graduated from New College of Florida in 2021 with a double major in History and Gender Studies. My site placement is [Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse](#), where I will be doing communications and local programming. I am a life-long Floridian who surprisingly really enjoyed Massachusetts winter and am looking forward to experiencing all four seasons! I love collaging, visiting museums, and eating ice cream. I also have a pretty rad coaster collection. As a returning fellow, I am hoping to build deeper roots in Boston, explore the layers of my spirituality, and live out my values of community and love.

JOEL OLGUIN



Hello everyone! My name is Joel (he/him) and much like the Odyssey, my story is one of many twists and turns as I travel on my way to my (spiritual) home. I'm excited to be taking this next step in the journey with the Life Together! A little about myself: I was raised in Miami and went on to receive my degree in Religious Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. After college, I traveled to Barcelona where I would spend the next three years completing a Master's. Unfortunately, the dream of a European adventure was dashed with my own struggles overcoming addiction. For last three years, I've been on an incredible journey of healing and self-growth, which has led me on several exciting new ventures such as traveling to India, becoming a yoga instructor, taking aerial and trapeze classes, becoming a voracious reader, and working for an incredible non-profit that seeks to promote access to justice to marginalized. I'm looking forward to sharing these experiences and gaining new ones this upcoming year with Life Together!

SANDRA SOTO



Hi! I'm Sandra (she/her)! I'm an enthusiastic student, constantly seeking to understand (and often change) everything happening around me, which quickly led me to the education field. My life as a teacher has taken me all over the place, from doing my student teaching in Australia to being a first-year teacher in D.C. Public Schools to teaching ESL online, to a suburb in California where I taught middle school special education math. I believe in the power of education to empower communities and transform society and am excited to continue exploring education outside of a traditional K-12 setting through my placement with Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción. I joined Life Together for its supported intentional community because I wanted to practice creating the kind of world I imagine. I hope to convey to the world the message that King Azaz and the Mathemagician gave my beloved Milo from *The Phantom Tollbooth*: "so many things are possible just as long as you don't know they're impossible."

Micah Fellows

LILA GREINER



Lila Greiner is a native of Alexandria Virginia interested in politics and social justice. She graduated from Rice University in 2022, then joined Life Together as a fellow working with GreenRoots. After working with Life Together, she plans to go to law school and hopes to eventually go into public interest law. Lila is thrilled to be a part of the 2022-2023 cohort to connect more with her faith and service.

SAM OSAKUE



Hi, my name is Sam Osakue (He/Him). I was originally born in New Jersey before years later moved to Atlanta, Georgia. My parents were originally from Nigeria before moving to the states. I graduated with a degree in Mathematics from Georgia State University. I recently converted and became confirmed into the Episcopal Church last year and found out about this program from my young adult leader in my church.

I look forward to being "Life Together" because of the opportunity to take part in and better understand the Anglican faith, as well as helping others that can help me in my future.

When I am not busy, I like to work out, either by running, the gym, or breaking a sweat in VR (Virtual Realty). I also enjoy watching movies, watching tv, reading audiobooks, playing games, and attending sports events, which I look forward to here in Boston.

KRIS VARGA



I'm Kris Varga (he/him) and I'll be at Church of Our Savior in Milton. I grew up Catholic, but rediscovered spirituality for myself while studying Film and Media Arts at Temple University. I began to practice meditation, influenced by buddhism and taoism, and eventually led myself to the Episcopal church, where I found home thanks to its beliefs and practices, as well as its similar liturgical service to the Catholic church. Throughout my twenties I did freelance work in the film industry, while also working as an audio/visual technician, farmer, after school teacher, and associate at various natural food stores. In 2018, I spent a year in a tiny home in central PA while truck driving for a local CSA. During this time I deepened my relationship with God through contemplative prayer, leading me to devoting my life to Christ. Afterwards, I became a reiki master while also supporting individuals with special needs. I eventually moved into the Camphill intentional community in Kimberton, PA (also supporting individuals with special needs), where I lived for the last two

years doing video work and running their orchard. I love to write poetry, make music, read, hike, play games and enjoy a good television series or movie. I'm looking forward to expanding my spiritual practice with others, while embellishing my own contemplation and prayer, deepening my relationship with Jesus. I'll also be discerning priesthood, so please pray for me!

MARGARET WALKER



My name is Margaret Walker (she/her). I grew up in Minneapolis, and I am a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota with majors in Anthropology and Spanish Studies as well as a minor in Family and Community Engagement. I have developed a passion for education and youth empowerment, which I was able to deepen through my work with a local non-profit. I enjoy spending time outdoors, reading, and cooking. I am excited to learn and grow in community with Life Together this year!