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EDUCATION

- D.Min., 2015, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, MN.
Thesis: "Spiritual Practices: An Ancient-Future Path for Empowering Children on the Spiritual Journey." Advisor: Barbara Anne Keely. Readers: Sharon M. Tan, Mary E. Hess. Joseph B. Morris Award for the outstanding Doctor of Ministry student.
- M.Div., 1998, Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN.
Distinction in biblical studies and ministry studies.
- B.A., *cum laude*, 1989, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA.
English Education and Music Performance

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- Adjunct Faculty*, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, MN
Religious Education (Fall 2016, Fall 2014)
- Adjunct Faculty*, Brethren Academy, Richmond, IN (online undergraduate-level courses)
Trans/forming Faith: Introduction to Educational Ministry (Spring 2017)
Beyond Sunday School: Nurturing the Spiritual Lives of our Children (Spring 2014)
The Spiritual Life of the Congregation (Spring 2012)
The Church's Ministry with Children (Spring 2009)
Introduction to Teaching and Learning in the Church (Fall 2007, Fall 2004)
- Adjunct Faculty*, Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN
The Church's Ministry with Children (co-taught, August 2012, January 1998)

Pastoral Placements and Church Work

- Executive Director*, Resource Center for Churches, Minneapolis, MN, 1999-2006
An ecumenical ministry providing print and audio-visual resources for congregational use and professional growth experiences for clergy and lay leadership. Responsible for administration, resource selection, budget oversight, fund-raising, staff supervision, program development, workshop leadership, congregational consultations about the selection and use of resources, policy and procedures definition, publicity, and oversight of daily operations.

Counselor/Resource Instructor, Camp Swatara, Bethel, PA, Summer 1995

Responsible for program development. Taught music, drama, and arts and crafts classes. Responsible for twenty-four hour care of children, grades 1-8, and mentally handicapped adults: small group leadership, worship development, outdoor living skills development, recreation, and discipline.

Pastor of Christian Nurture, Palmyra Church of the Brethren, Palmyra, PA, 1991-1995

Responsible for administration, curriculum selection, and resourcing for all educational programs. Responsible for program development and resourcing for children, junior highs, senior highs, and young adults. Assisted in worship planning and leadership. Preached bi-monthly. Responsible for general and crisis visitation, especially with young people. Served as pastoral liaison to the Christian Education, Music and Worship, and Fellowship Commissions.

Youth Ministry Assistant, Church of the Brethren General Offices, Elgin, IL, 1989-1991

Coordinated denominational youth workcamps and national youth conference. Responsible for program development, policy and procedures definition, budget development, financial administration, registration, on-site logistics, staff selection, correspondence with leadership, editing, promotion, and general management.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Growing the Fruit of the Spirit: Devotions for Ash Wednesday Through Easter (Elgin, IL: Brethren Press, 2007).

Heart, Soul, and Mind: Becoming a Member of the Church of the Brethren, Leader's Guide and Membership Handbook (Elgin, IL: Brethren Press, 2000).

Articles

"Called by Christ, Blessed for the Journey Together." *Basin and Towel*, Vol. 5 Issue 2 (2014): 26-27.

"Teaching Mindful Giving." *Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation*, Vol. 12 (2010): 24.

Book Reviews

Listening to Children on the Spiritual Journey: Guidance for Those Who Teach and Nurture, by Catherine Stonehouse and Scottie May, Baker Academic, 2010, in *Brethren Life Thought*, Vol. 55 No. 3-4 (2010): 91-93.

Curriculum Design Teams

Piecing Together the Brethren Way, a heritage curriculum for children (project coordinator).
September 2006-June 2007

Bible Quest, Older Youth Electives, April 1998

Faith-based curriculum to discourage tobacco use among children and teens, November 1998

SERVICE

- Church of the Brethren, Ordained Minister, since 1998
- Church of the Brethren Annual Conference
 Annual Conference Program and Arrangements Committee, 2014-present
 Annual Conference Revitalization Committee, 2011-2012
 Age Group Coordinator (Children, Grades 3-5), 2012, 2006
 300th Anniversary Committee, Recorder, 2000-2008
- Church of the Brethren National Youth Conference
 National Youth Cabinet Advisor, 2014
 Worship Coordinator, 2010, 2002
 Small Group Coordinator, 2006
 Housing Coordinator, 1998, 1994
- Bethany Theological Seminary
 Board of Trustees, Alumni Representative, 2006-2014
 Presidential Search Committee, Chair, 2012-2013
 Student Government, Co-Coordinator, 1996-1997
 Worship Committee, 1997-1998
 Godspell, cast and crew, 1997-1998
 Choir, 1996-1998
- Church of the Brethren National Junior High Task Force, 1990-1998
- Church of the Brethren Program for Women Steering Committee, 1991-1993
- Northern Plains District, Church of the Brethren
 Moderator, 2015-2016
 Moderator-Elect, 2014-2015
 Board, 2008-2014
 Chair 2012-2014
 Nurture Commission Chair, 2011-2012
 Ministry and Nurture Commissions
 District Staff Search Committee, Chair, 2014
 Camp Pine Lake
 Middler Camp (Grades 3-5) Dean, 2010-present
 Director Search Committee, 2012-2013, 2016-2017
 District Conference Planning Committee, 2001-2004
- Open Circle Church of the Brethren, Burnsville, MN
 Member, 1998-present
 Volunteer Coordinator of Ministry with Children and Youth, 1998-present
 Worship Planning Team, 2013-present
- Lake Harriet Community School
 Classroom Volunteer, 2004-present
 Art Adventure "Picture Person", 2009-2012
 Accelerated Reading Volunteer, 2006-2007, 2009-2011
 Junior Achievement Volunteer, 2007
- Minnesota Council of Churches, Commission on Unity and Relationships, member, 1998-2008

Palmyra Area Cooperating Churches

Ministerium, 1991-1995

Youth Ministries Committee, 1991-1995

Weekday School of Religious Education Board, 1993-1995, chair, 1994-1995

World Council of Churches General Assembly, Steward, 1991

PADS Program, homeless shelter and soup kitchen, volunteer, 1989-1991

Bridgewater College

Student Council on Religious Activities, 1986-1989; President, 1987-1989

Oratorio Choir, 1985-1989; Concert Choir, 1985-1989; Chorale, 1986-1989

Concert Band, 1985-1989; Student Conductor, 1988-1989; Stage Band, 1985-1986

Pinion Players, cast and/or crew for 12 theatrical productions, 1985-1989

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, RETREATS

Beyond Sunday School: Trans/forming Faith Formation

Ancient Future Faith Formation

Nurturing the Spiritual Life of the Child without Squelching the Spirit

Story-Linking: Narrative and the Spiritual Life of the Child

Weaving a Tapestry of Faith: The Role of Spiritual Practices in Nurturing the Spiritual Formation of Children

Be Still: Children and the Spiritual Practice of Silence

From a Distance: Online Education for Ministry

The Relational Costs of Pornography (co-leader)

The Church's Ministry with Children

Making a Home for Faith (The Role of Home and Family in Faith Formation)

Including Children in Worship

Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teens (based on the book by Christian Smith)

Multiple Intelligences in the Sunday School Classroom

Church of the Brethren Atlantic Northeast District Jr. High Retreat (2001)

Church of the Brethren Virginia District Junior High Retreat (1995)

Church of the Brethren Middle Pennsylvania District Senior High Retreat (1994)

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Plowing the Soil of our Souls, 2017

Mark's Message for the 21st Century Church, 2017

The Power of Story, 2016

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus, 2016

Faith Forward, 2014

Healthy Boundaries 201 – Beyond Basics (FaithTrust Institute/Church of the Brethren), 2014

ConNext, 2013, 2010

Resource Center Directors' Conference, 2004, 2002
Bethany Theological Seminary, Online Teaching Seminar, 2003
University of St. Thomas, Center for Nonprofit Management
 Mini-MBA for Nonprofit Organizations, 2001
 Grant Writing Essentials, 2002
Minnesota Nonprofits Assistance Fund, Step-By-Step Bookkeeping, 2001
Ecumenical Christian Educators Conference, 2000, 1993
United Theological Seminary Convocation, Liturgy and the Arts, 1998
Earlham School of Religion, Writers' Symposium, 1996
Philhaven Teleconference Series for Clergy and Church Workers
 Telling the Story in Centers of Power, 1995
 Telling the Story to a People Who Have Lost Theirs, 1995
 Telling the Story from One Generation to Another, 1994
 Telling the Story by Story Telling, 1994
Lighten Up! Skills for Surviving and Thriving, 1994
Church of the Brethren Association of Christian Educators Conference, 1994
Children's Ministry Workshop, 1994
Pennsylvania State Pastors' Conference, 1994, 1992, 1991
Church of the Brethren Ministers' Association Conference, 1994, 1993, 1992
Youth Ministry University, Group Publishing, 1992, 1990
 (Took classes in Young Adult Ministry, Community Building, Building Relationships
 with Upper Elementary Children, Foundations of Youth Ministry, Creative Worship,
 Discipleship, Creative Bible Study, and Using Music in Meetings)