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Objective

To creatively engage long-standing problems of social inequity and injustice with the transformative power of human ingenuity and compassion.

Education

Drew University, Madison, NJ

Fall 1997 – Spring 2000

Graduated *cum laude* from Drew Theological Seminary with the M. Div. degree.

Health Care Chaplaincy, New York, NY

Fall 2000 – Spring 2001

Completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at New York University Hospital.

Union Theological Seminary, New York City, NY

Fall 1993 - Winter 1995

Began work towards the M.Div. degree.

Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX

Fall 1989 - Spring 1993

B.A. in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics. Liberal Arts degree with a strong emphasis in religion.

Ecclesial

Elder, New York Annual Conference, June 2005

Probationary Member, New York Annual Conference, June 2002

Certified Candidate, Metropolitan North District, New York Annual Conference

Secretary, Commission on Religion and Race, New York Annual Conference, 2000

Chair, Board of Church and Society, New York Annual Conference, 2004

Board Membership

Chair 2010-Present, Board of Directors, Hands on Hartford, Served as Secretary, 2008-9.

Board of Directors, Greater Hartford Interfaith Coalition for Equity and Justice, 2006-9.

Experience

Pastor, United Methodist Church of Hartford, Hartford, CT

July 2005 – February 2011

- 200-member congregation located in the West End of Hartford, CT.
- Appointed as a full-time pastor fulfilling all pastoral duties.
- Led congregation through a visioning process to discern congregational future and assure vitality.
- Affiliated with caucuses and associations such as the Greater Hartford Interfaith Coalition for Equity and Justice and Center City Churches.
- Began process in 2010 to restructure the congregation's leadership in order to focus resources on core areas of concern including congregational vitality, facilities, and leadership development.

Pastor, Washington Square United Methodist Church, New York, NY
July 2002 – July 2005

- 120-member congregation located in Greenwich Village, New York City.
- Appointed as a full-time pastor fulfilling all pastoral duties.
- Led congregation through massive change effort:
 - Evaluated financial viability of congregation
 - Explored strategies and options
 - Formed congregational leadership around change issues
 - Fostered expression of concerns and fears
 - Created new partnerships in community
 - Managed annual conference relationships and garnered support
- Established internet presence.
- Created new ministry programs for students and young adults.
- Managed two properties in need of major renovations.

Associate Pastor, Park Avenue United Methodist Church, New York, NY
June 2000 – June 2002

- Appointed as a full-time local pastor.
- Designed worship, including frequent preaching.
- Shared all pastoral duties: visitation, counseling, committees.
- Performed marriages and funerals.
- Created outreach programs, including a prison outreach.
- Managed budget for various programs.
- Facilitated and planned for fellowship groups.
- Managed building use and facility rentals.
- Developed and maintained web presence and technology strategy for church.

Student Pastor, Park Avenue United Methodist Church, New York, NY
Fall 1999 – Spring 2000

- Led worship, including frequent preaching.
- Taught weekly adult bible study.
- Facilitated and planned for young adult group.
- Purchased new office technology.
- Installed and maintained network and other technology needs.

Administrative Coordinator, United Methodist Communications
March 1995 - June 1997

Administrative Experience:

- Managed all aspects of office operation including the maintaining and purchasing of equipment, streamlining of office procedures and budgeting.
- Managed and organized registration process for satellite teleconferences including the collection of funds.
- Coordinated visitations by new Annual Conference communications staff to Nashville offices.

Communication Experience:

- Wrote or edited regular communications “Idea Mart” column for Interpreter Magazine.
- Assisted in all aspects of satellite teleconference production: Designed and placed promotional materials, arranged travel and accommodations, and oversaw budgets.
- Supervised production and distribution of Network newsletter, a quarterly publication.

Information Technology Experience:

- Developed database of satellite downlink sites. Automated the database with computer software (FoxPro).
- Created and updated the UMTC web site on the Internet.

Student Pastor, Port Washington United Methodist Church, Port Washington, NY

Fall 1993 - Spring 1995

- Led and designed all aspects of worship. Preached at least monthly.
- Taught and organized confirmation classes.
- Performed visitations with shut-ins and hospital patients.
- Organized and ran youth programs.
- Directed, designed and promoted summer Vacation Bible School program for over 100 children.

Personal Interests:

Reading, travel, technology, social justice, liturgy, postmodernity, liberation theology, community.

References: Available upon request.