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EDUCATION

S.T.M. Pastoral Theology, University of Emmanuel College, Saskatoon, SK, 1997
Concentrations: spiritual formation, integration of psychology and spirituality,
history of spirituality
Thesis: The Spirituality of Young Adulthood: A Faith Transition from
Adolescence to Maturity

M.T.S. Theology, Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, ON, 1988
Concentrations: theology, church history

B.A. Psychology, Brandon University, Brandon, MB, 1985
Concentrations: developmental psychology, sociology

Diploma Biblical Studies, Steinbach Bible College, Steinbach, MB, 1982

EXPERIENCE

Professor of Practical Theology, Columbia Bible College, Abbotsford, BC, 2005-
Courses: Faith Formation & Spirituality, Spiritual Formation & Discipleship,
Anabaptist Theology, Contemporary Church, Peace & Justice Issues, Psalms

Director of Youth Work, Columbia Bible College, Abbotsford, BC, 2000-2005
Courses: Faith Formation & Spirituality, Spiritual Formation & Discipleship,
Introduction to Youth Work, Vocational Youth Work, Christianity and
Contemporary Thought, Jeremiah, Introduction to Biblical Studies
Responsibilities: departmental administration, conference planning, community
relations, youth work committee

Adjunct lecturer, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN, 2000-2002
Course: Spiritual Formation of Youth & Young Adults

Conference Youth Minister, Alberta & Northwest Mennonite Conferences, Calgary, AB, 1996-2000

Responsibilities: training youth workers, preaching and teaching, resource management, planning and directing conference youth events, pastoral support for youth workers, leadership development, networking with national and international youth ministry leaders and structures

Dean of Students, Swift Current Bible Institute, Swift Current, SK, 1994-1996

Responsibilities: supervision of residential life, counseling, developing student leadership

Courses: Current Events, Spiritual Disciplines, Community Life, Mark

Adjunct Lecturer, Providence College, Otterburne, MB, 1992-1994

Course: Adolescent Development

Youth Pastor, Braeside Evangelical Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, MB, 1988-1994

Responsibilities: direction and administration of youth programming from junior high to young adult, teaching and preaching, leadership recruitment and development, counseling, worship leading, denominational and Mennonite World Conference planning committees

Youth Pastor, Mount Salem Evangelical Mennonite Church, Aylmer, ON, 1986-1988

Responsibilities: direction and administration of youth programming, teaching and preaching, counseling

Youth Care Worker, Westman Child and Family Services, Brandon, MB, 1985-1986

Responsibilities: supervision of youth in residential facility

PUBLICATIONS

“How Anabaptist Theology and the Emergent Church Address the Issue of Individualism,” in *New Perspectives in Believers Church Ecclesiology*. Winnipeg, MB: CMU Press, 2010.

Under Construction: Reframing Men’s Spirituality. Waterloo, ON: Herald Press, 2009.

“Peace by Memory.” (On-line worship resource package www.mcc.org/peacesunday). Mennonite Central Committee. November, 2007.

“The Abomination of Desolation Found!” *Canadian Mennonite*. June 11, 2007.

“Born Again?” *Rhubarb: A Magazine of New Mennonite Writing*. Spring, 2007.

“Top Ten Reasons Why I Like/Don’t Like Being Called an Evangelical.” *Geez Magazine*. Winter, 2006.

“Transformation: Becoming Who God Created Us to Be.” *The Messenger*, July 5, 2006.

“What’s Most Important in Youth Ministry: Personal Formation, Methodology or Theology?” *Youth Worker Journal*, January/February, 2005.

“Copernicus was a Heretic and So Am I.” *Youth Worker Journal*, November/December, 2003.

“Let’s Party: A Baptismal Sermon with some Reflections.” *Vision*, Fall 2003.

“Lost Boy: The Journey of Healing from Childhood Sexual Abuse.” *Youth Worker Journal*, September/October, 2002.

“A Radical Christology for a Radical Youth Ministry.” *Direction*, Spring 2002.

“Prejudiced Against Postmodernism?” *Youth Guide*, Winter 2000-2001.

Awesome God. Fastlane Bible Studies. Newton, KS: Faith & Life Press, 1998.

SPECIAL SKILLS

Leading retreats:

- Experienced in leading retreats for adults and youth.
- Certified user of Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and trained in the use of the Enneagram.

Public speaking, preaching, poetry readings, workshops:

- Preaching in Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches in Canada, ongoing.
- Workshops at Mennonite Church Canada Assembly, July 2007 on “identity” and “simple lifestyle.”
- Plenary address to 5,000 youth on “authenticity” and workshop on “journaling” at Mennonite Church USA and Canada Assembly, July, 2005.
- Poetry reading at “Manifest” Vancouver Arts Network Festival, November, 2004.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Poetry, folk music, biking, hiking, family camping, rock collecting, gardening.