

## VITAE

Joe E. Pennel Jr.

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Franklin Tennessee 37067

Born August 25, 1939

Married to Janene Dunavant Pennel

Daughters: Melanie Arnold and Heather Potts

### Education:

Treadwell High School, Memphis, Tennessee – Graduated in 1957

Lambuth University, Jackson, Tennessee - 1957-61

Major in History and English Literature

Vanderbilt Divinity School -1961-64

Master of Divinity

Vanderbilt Divinity School -1975-77

Doctor of Ministry

Major Emphasis in Preaching and Worship

### Pastorates:

1964-68	Associate Pastor	St. Luke United Methodist Church Memphis, Tennessee (3,200 members)
1968-71	Pastor	Harris Memorial United Methodist Church Memphis, Tennessee (475 members)
1971-77	Pastor	Frayser Heights United Methodist Church Memphis, Tennessee (800 members)
1977-88	Pastor	Belmont United Methodist Church Nashville, Tennessee (2,000 members)
1988-96	Pastor	Brentwood United Methodist Church Brentwood, Tennessee (4,500 members)
1996-04	Bishop	Bishop of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church

Delegate to:

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the UMC 1984, 1988, 1992

General Conference of the UMC 1996

National Council of Churches 1996-2000

World Methodist Council 1984-2002

Author of:

A Connectional Community (1982)

The Whisper of Christmas(1984)

From Anticipation to Transfiguration (1989)

Numerous articles to periodicals upon request.

Currently:

Serving as Professor of Pastoral Leadership at Vanderbilt Divinity School

Special Interests:

Golf, Hiking, Gardening, Reading, Teaching.

Clock Collecting.

Issues related to congregational and pastoral formation.

Preaching and teaching upon invitation.

**Previous Responsibilities Include:**

**Preacher for the 1984 Cole Lectures at Vanderbilt Divinity School  
Adjunct Faculty, Vanderbilt Divinity School and Scarritt College  
Adjunct Faculty Union Theological Seminary Richmond Virginia  
Chairperson, Advisory Council of Vanderbilt Divinity School and Candler School of  
Theology  
Member of World Methodist Council  
Represented the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church in Japan,  
Africa, Europe, Norway, Sweden, and Russia  
Chair of Council of Bishops Committee on Higher Education  
President of Southeastern Jurisdictional College of Bishops  
Member of Board of Governors of Wesley Theological Seminary and member of  
adjunct faculty  
Member of Board of Directors of the United Methodist Publishing House  
Member of Board of trustees of Ferrum College, Randolph-Macon College,  
Randolph Macon Woman's College, Shenandoah University, Virginia Wesleyan  
College and Lambuth University  
President of Downtown Churches Association in Memphis Tennessee in 1969  
Preached and lectured for pastor's schools, preaching missions for clergy and laity,  
United Methodist District and Conference gatherings and at National Cathedral in  
Washington D.C.**