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### PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

1995-2018	Dean, Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt
1980-95	Senior Minister, First Christian Church, Chicago Heights, Illinois
1979-80	Associate Minister, First Christian Church, Chicago Heights, Illinois
1978-81	Lead Youth Minister, Chicago Disciples Union. Initiated and led reorganization and revitalization of Chicago-area interracial Disciple youth work
1977-79	Assistant Minister, First Christian Church, Chicago Heights, Illinois
1976, 1977	Citizens Action Program, Chicago, Illinois
1973-75	Student Minister, First Christian Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana

### EDUCATION

1980	Ordination, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
1978-80	Doctoral-level work in theology, The Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Completed coursework. Adviser: Langdon Gilkey; primary coursework with Langdon Gilkey, Don Browning, David Tracy, David Bartlett, Anne Carr.
1978	Certification in Ministry (coursework and thesis), The Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Ministry Thesis: "Homosexuality and the Churches." Adviser: David Bartlett. Readers: Don S. Browning, Franklin Gamwell.

- 1977 A.M., The Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Activities and honors: Disciples House Scholar 1975-80; House Council President 1977-78; Stevens Memorial Scholarship 1978-80; First Christian Church of South Bend Scholarship 1975-80.
- 1975 B.A. magna cum laude, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana; Major: Religion. Urban Studies Semester in Philadelphia, 1974. Honors: four-year Honor Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, Eta Sigma Pi Classics Honorary, Mills Prize to Outstanding Senior in Religion, Macintosh Fellowship for graduate study.

### **CLASSES TAUGHT AT VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL**

“History and Theology of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)”—Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2013, Spring 2011, Fall 2008, 2006, 2004, 2002, 2000, 1998, 1996

“Prophetic Ministry in Mainline Congregations”— Fall 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2013, Spring 2012, Spring 2010

“Pastoral Lives”— Fall 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2014, Fall 2012, 2009, 2007

M.Div. Senior Seminar, Fall 2016, Fall 2011, Fall 1999

“Leadership and Ministry” (Masters of Divinity core course)—Spring 2005-09 and 2003, 2001, 1999, 1997

“Competence in Congregations/Surviving the Parish”—Fall 2003, Spring 2000

“Ministry and Morality” (previously titled “Parish-Centered Ethics”)—Fall 1996, Fall 1999, Spring 2002

“The Small Church”—Spring 1998

“Pastoral Transitions”—Fall 1997, Fall 1995

Reading courses in congregational ministry including “The Small Church”-Fall 1998, “Church Revitalization”-Spring 1998, “Spirituality and Ministry”-Spring 1998, “History of the Disciples”-Fall 1999 and Summer 2001, “Evangelical Traditions and the Social Gospel”-Spring 2000, MTS Project Supervision-Summer 2001, “Preventable Errors”-Spring 2004, “Theology and Practice of Outreach”-Fall 2006)

## OTHER TEACHING

Bible Lecturer, Holden Village, July 21-28, 2013. A week-long series of five presentations on “Living Together: Learning about community from the early church”

Other teaching is noted under “Workshops, Adult Education” below, page 13 ff.

Teaching Pastor for field education, University of Chicago Divinity School, 1993-94;  
Supervising Pastor for field education, Chicago Theological Seminary, 1980-81

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

Theopragmatics, under contract with Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming

### *Book Chapters*

“Ministry: How Disciples Understand It” in Chalice Introduction to Disciples Theology, Peter Heltzel, ed., Chalice Press, 2008, pp. 169-178

### *Refereed Journal Articles*

“Faltering Steps: imagining our way across the seminary-church divide,” Journal of Religious Leadership, forthcoming (Fall 2018)

“Re-valuing ‘Self-Care’ as a Practice of Ministry,” Journal of Religious Leadership, Volume 10, Number 1 (Spring 2011), pp. 109-134

### *Commentary*

“Pastoral Commentary” on Psalms 29, 103, and 104 (Day of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Proper 3 in Year B) for Feasting on the Word: the Lectionary Commentary Series, Year B, Volume III, Westminster John Knox, 2008

### *Web Journals, Blogs*

“Meditation on One,” John 17:20-21 Bible Study for the 2017 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), General Assembly website, <http://ga.disciples.org/education/bible-studies/>, accessed June 1, 2017

“Christmas at PADS, 1990,” South Suburban PADS website, <http://www.sspads.org/about.html>, accessed August 30, 2016

“Read this Book,” VDS Spire, November 2015

“How” Matters,” GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Disciples) Alliance 2014 Easter Writing Project, June 1, 2014, accessed at <http://gladalliance.org/site/category/easter-2014/>

“Seminary and church: similarities and differences,” Pastoral Excellence Network blog, September 18, 2013, accessed at <http://www.cpx.cts.edu/network/blog/pastoral-excellence-network/2013/09/19/seminary-and-church-similarities-and-differences>

“What a Shame,” GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Disciples) Alliance 2013 Easter Writing Project, May 5, 2013, [http://gladalliance.org/site/category/easter\\_2013/](http://gladalliance.org/site/category/easter_2013/)

“Assessment: Richer Perspectives,” GuideStar Newsletter, July 19, 2012, accessed at <http://www.guidestar.org/rxa/news/articles/2012/nonprofit-assessment-richer-perspectives.aspx>

“The Dark Side of Sabbatical,” Faith and Leadership Newsletter, December 7, 2010, accessed at <http://www.faithandleadership.com/content/the-dark-side-sabbatical>

### *Meditations, Bible Studies*

“Choices are how we flower,” invited meditation for First Christian Church, Wilson, North Carolina, July 3, 2017

“Meditation on One,” John 17:20-21 Bible Study for the 2017 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), General Assembly publication

### *Book Reviews*

Review of Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action, by Simon Sinek, Journal of Religious Leadership, forthcoming (Fall 2018)

Review of How To Get Along with Your Pastor: Creating Partnership for Doing Ministry, by George B. Thompson, Jr., Journal of Religious Leadership Volume 8, Number 2 (Fall 2009)

Review of 22 Keys to Being a Minister (without quitting or wishing for early retirement), by Jan G. Linn, Encounter Volume 65, Number 4 (Autumn 2004), p. 413

### *Professional and Denominational Periodicals*

“Leadership in Scarcity,” Congregations, V. 37, No. 4 (Fall 2010) pp. 16-19

“Taken for Granted? Four Ways to Do Church Better,” Congregations Volume 34 Number 3 (Summer 2008), pp. 14-16

“Signs of Excellence in Ministry,” DisciplesWorld Volume 6, Issue 8 (October 2007), pp. 11-12

“Two in a Canoe: Reflections on Marriage,” The Disciple, June 2000, co-authored with Bonnie Miller-McLemore, pp. 34-35

“Pieces of the Puzzle, Pieces of the Process,” part 1 of a 2-part article in The Five Stones: a Newsletter for Small Churches, Volume 15, Number 3, Summer 1997, pp. 2-6

“Vision: One Congregation’s Story,” part 2 of a 2-part article in The Five Stones: a Newsletter for Small Churches Volume 15, Number 4 (Fall 1997), pp. 13-18

“Advent Inviting,” Net Results: New Ideas in Church Vitality and Leadership, Volume 15, Number 10 (October 1994), pp. 1-2

“It’s Not Just the Bakkers and the Priests: An Abuse of Power and Trust,” The Disciple, October 1993, pp. 14-15

“Funerals for Non-Members,” Your Church Volume 32, Number 3 (May-June 1986), pp. 36-37

“The Lively Congregation,” The Disciple, February 1986, p. 32

“Ministry to Cancer Patients,” Your Church Volume 30, Number 5 (September-October 1984), pp. 29-32

### ***Books of Prayers***

“For Companions in the Call: A Convocation Prayer,” in Winged Words: Prayers for Common Worship and Common Life, Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, 2006, p. 80

### ***Humor***

“The Bibfeldt Hustle,” chapter in The Unrelieved Paradox: Studies in the Theology of Franz Bibfeldt, edited Martin E. Marty and Jerald C. Brauer, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994, pp.114-121

## **UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH and WRITING**

Review for publisher of Lindner, Varieties of Gifts: Multiplicity and the Well-Lived Pastoral Life (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016)

“Assessment of Preparation for Ministry at DDH and VDS,” report of a grant funded evaluative conference and conversations, 2014; report completed and circulated summer

2015 to Lilly Endowment, the Disciples Divinity House board, conference participants, and Vanderbilt Divinity School

## INVITED LECTURES AND ADDRESSES

“Faltering Steps: Limping Across the Seminary-Church Divide,” presented to the Academy of Religious Leadership Annual Meeting, April 12-14, 2018

“Theopragmatics,” five chapters presented for the Association of Disciple Pastors for Theological Discussion, October 10-12, 2016

General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), address to the Vanderbilt Disciple Alumni Lunch, July 22, 2015; July 8, 2017

“You Can’t Make This Up,” address to ministers and spouses of the Tennessee region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Regional Assembly in Memphis, October 19, 2012.

“Changing Disciple Congregational Cultures toward GLBT Inclusion,” paper presented for the Association of Disciple Pastors for Theological Discussion, October 8-10, 2012

“Re-valuing ‘Self-Care’ as a Practice of Ministry,” paper presented for the Association of Disciple Pastors for Theological Discussion, October 10-12, 2011

“The Disciples Divinity House Model of Theological Education,” presentation to the Regional Ministers (national “bishops” council) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at General Assembly, July 9, 2011

“The Irony of Disciple History,” “After the Thrill is Gone: Regaining Passion in Congregational Life” and “Leadership in Scarcity,” addresses to ministers of the Georgia region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and a sermon on ministry among Disciples, as the leader for the annual “Voices” clergy retreat, February 2-3, 2010

“The Disciples Divinity House Model of Theological Education,” presentation to the Society for the Advancement of Continuing Education for Ministry, January 23, 2010

“Transformational Ministry from the School Side,” presentations for the Leadership Summit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), October 26-28, 2009

“Peculiar People: What is the Glue? (Disciples’ distinctive ideals and their practical implications for congregational and denominational life),” lecture and moderated discussion with the College of Regional Ministers (national “bishops” council) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), August 7, 2008

“Peculiar Leadership,” paper presented for the Association of Disciple Pastors for Theological Discussion, October 3-5, 2007

“Disciples and Leadership,” three lectures presented to the Southeast Regional Ministers Fellowship (regional “bishops” council), September 23-25, 2007

“Teaching Leadership at Vanderbilt Divinity School,” presented to the Academy of Religious Leadership annual meeting, May 2007

“What’s Happening Here? Conundrums of Church Leaders,” “What Does Theology Have to do with Ministry? The Pastor’s Special Role,” and “Asking the Right Questions,” three lectures to 50 ministers from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee and Alabama as kickoff event for yearlong colleague study groups on leadership, January 23-24, 2006

“After the Thrill is Gone: Regaining Passion in Disciple Congregational Life,” paper presented for the Association of Disciple Pastors for Theological Discussion, October 3-5, 2005

General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), address to the Vanderbilt Disciple Alumni Lunch, July 26, 2005

Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt Graduation Dinner Remarks, May 12, 2005

“Church Leadership Case Study analysis,” Academy of Religious Leadership Annual Meeting, April 29-31, 2005

“Teaching Leadership in Ministry,” presentation to the College of Regional Ministers (“bishops” council) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), December 10, 2004

“The Irony of Disciple History,” lecture presented to the “Sessions 2004” Men’s Gathering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at Midway College, July 16, 2004

“75 Remarkable Years,” address at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt, Nashville, November 15, 2003

“That Old-Time Religion: Disciples and Cane Ridge,” lecture presented to the Transylvania University Program for the Theological Exploration of Vocation at Cane Ridge Meeting House, Paris, Kentucky, June 21, 2003

Panel discussions on “The Future of Congregations,” Wabash College, June 2, 2001

Presentations to the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Tennessee, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016

General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), address to the Vanderbilt Disciple Alumni Lunch, October 18, 1995

“Rejecting a Worshipper: What Are the Boundaries?” case study presented for the Association of Disciple Pastors for Theological Discussion, October 1994

“Vision: One Congregation’s Story,” paper presented for the Association of Disciple Pastors for Theological Discussion, October 1993

“With a Pulpit Around My Neck,” paper presented for the Association of Disciple Pastors for Theological Discussion, November 1988

## GRANTS AWARDED

Facilitator and grant writer, “Theology Camp: a project to develop a culture of call,” successful grant proposal of \$15,000 from the Oreon Scott Foundation to convene a two-year pilot project for several conversations with Disciple high school students with gifts for ministry, in collaboration with two regions and a dozen congregations in two states; part of an effort aimed at changing the denominational ecology of support for ministry.

Host and organizer, grant writer, “Assessment of Preparation for Ministry at DDH and VDS,” successful grant proposal of \$3,300 from the Oreon Scott Foundation, October 2012; in support of an evaluative conference and conversations, Jan. 23-25, 2014. The event brought to campus sixteen Disciples House-Vanderbilt graduates in pastoral ministry, including those who have been “pastoral residents” in the Congregational Immersion Project and a similar sized group who have not, for qualitative assessment of their experiences in education and subsequent transition into ministry. Partly underwritten by the Congregational Immersion Project grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. A report of the event is listed under “Web Journals, Blogs” above.

“Congregational Immersion Project,” successful renewal grant proposal to the Lilly Endowment, Inc., in the “Transition into Ministry” initiative; \$458,000, five-year grant awarded, January 2012—2018. Final report written and submitted July 2018.

Host and organizer, grant writer, “Transformational Ministry: the Leadership Professor’s Perspective,” successful grant proposal of \$7,200 from the Oreon Scott Foundation to convene a conference and conversations with Disciple faculty teaching leadership and ministry in seminary contexts; focused on “congregational transformation” and the Disciples’ Hope Partnership efforts and how teachers and seminaries can contribute to preparation of transformational ministers for congregations; January 26-27, 2012, Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville; part of an effort aimed at changing the denominational ecology of support for ministry; funded by a grant from the Oreon Scott Foundation.



“Theopragmatics,” successful Pastoral Study Project grant of \$15,000 awarded for fall semester 2010 sabbatical from the Louisville Institute

“Disciples Student Formation Retreat,” successful grant proposal of \$5,700 over two years (2009, 2010) for beginning of the year retreats for Disciples House students to discuss and learn about their preparation for ministry, Vanderbilt Divinity School, the path to ordination, and how better to live in community

“Congregational Immersion Project,” successful grant proposal to the Lilly Endowment, Inc., in the “Transition into Ministry” initiative; \$806,000 five-year grant awarded, December 2005—2010, extended to 2012

“Transition into Ministry,” successful grant proposal to the Lilly Endowment, Inc.; \$77,000 five-year grant awarded to augment academic preparation for congregational ministry at Disciples Divinity House-Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1999—2005. Under my leadership, Disciples House created a series of seminars for ministry funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., and designed to enhance the academic preparation for ministry in a fuller way. Seminars, usually held over a two-day span, included:

- “Transition into Ministry,” Summative Conference with 15 recent House graduates serving in pastoral ministry, October 24-26, 2005
- “Practical Theology for Ministry,” Don S Browning, November 13-14, 2003
- “Preaching,” Joey Jeter, November 11, 2003
- “Congregational Studies Field Trip” to visit four innovative Memphis congregations, May 2-4, 2003
- “How I Prepare a Sermon,” Fred Craddock, November 11-12, 2002

Eight grants totaling approximately \$80,000 from the Oreon E. Scott Foundation to Disciples Divinity House for two endowment funds, facility renovations, additional staff support, and diversity concerns, 1998-2008

\$25,000 Emergency Assistance grant to Disciples Divinity House from the Commission on Mission Funding of Basic Mission Finance, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1997-98

\$10,000 FEMA grant and \$2,000 Reconciliation Ministries grant written on behalf of and awarded to Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) in South Suburban Chicago, for work sheltering homeless persons in a church-based organization, 1990

## NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

Pastoral Excellence Network (initiative of the Lilly Endowment): Workshop leadership and coaching with congregations establishing pastoral residency programs, Indianapolis, April 11-13, 2016

Pastoral Excellence Network consultation with the Lilly Endowment, Indianapolis, May 20-22, 2013; February 10-12, 2014; April 13-15, 2015

Consultation on project design for the Mission First! Proposal for the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), February, 2015

“Transition into Ministry” annual consultations with the Lilly Endowment’s Transition initiative, 2000-2005, 2006-2011

Pulpit and Pew Forum on “Excellence in Ministry,” sponsored by Pulpit and Pew: the Duke Center for Excellence in Ministry, Indianapolis, May 3-5, 2006

## SERMONS

Woodmont Christian Church, The Bridge service, “Ellie, Magda, & PADS,” March 18, 2018

Vanderbilt Divinity School, “Prayer—who, me?,” October 4, 2017

Eastwood Christian Church, Nashville, titled “Christmas at PADS, 1990,” September 20, 2015

Holden Village, Washington, titled “Bread and Water,” July 23, 2013

First Christian Church, Livingston, Tennessee, titled “The Lives of the Saints (of the church),” August 26, 2012

Holden Village, Washington, titled “Endurance,” July 19, 2012

Central Christian Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, titled “A New Set of Specs,” Lent 1, February 26, 2012

Vanderbilt Divinity School, titled “The Axe is at the Root,” Advent 2, November 30, 2011

Central Christian Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, titled “The Making of Ministers,”  
December 6, 2009

First Christian Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, titled “The Call,” May 10, 2009

New Covenant Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee, titled “Are You on Call?”  
February 15, 2009

First Christian Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, titled “Thinking Like a Minister,”  
November 16, 2008

Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, titled “Singing the Lord’s Song: What  
Theologians Do,” October 8, 2006

Wabash College Reunion Alumni Chapel Sermon, titled “Words, Words, Words,” June  
5, 2005

Vanderbilt Divinity School Chapel, titled “Reaching our Limits: From Dust to Dust,”  
Ash Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Installation of Janetta Cravens at First Christian Church, Macon, Georgia, titled  
“Wondrous Love,” November 7, 2004

Ordination Sermon for Kyung Lee, Bellevue Christian Church, Nashville, titled “Mind  
of the Maker,” June 13, 2004

First Christian Church, Livingston, Tennessee, titled “God’s Calling, our Callings,”  
August 10, 2003

First Christian Church, Chicago Heights, Illinois, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, titled  
“To the Saints,” February 23, 2003

First Christian Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, titled “Of Lasting Value,” February 16,  
2003

Vanderbilt Divinity School Chapel, titled “Waltzing on Water,” February 20, 2002

Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, titled “Why is that Pig Smiling?” January 27,  
2002

Team Leaders Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)—a convocation  
of regional and national Disciple church leaders, titled “Waltzing on Water,” February 16,  
2001

Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, titled "Why is that Pig Smiling?" October 15, 2000

Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, titled "A Sad Case: Ananias and Sapphira," April 2, 2000

Wedding, Oak Park, Illinois, titled "Homily for a Wedding," July 1999

Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, titled "The Case for Christian Stewardship," March 10, 1999

First Christian Church, Galesburg, Illinois, February 1999

Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, June 14, 1998

First Christian Church, Paris, Tennessee, November 4, 1997

Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 1997, series on the life of David

Vine Street Christian Church Women's Fellowship Lenten Gathering, Nashville, March 1997

Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, May 1996

Middle Tennessee Area Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Murfreesboro, April 1997

Ecumenical Lenten Service for the Hillsboro Pike churches, at Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, March 1996

Eastwood Christian Church, Nashville, February 1996

Vanderbilt Divinity School Chapel, October 1995

Graduation Convocation, Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, June 1995

## **PRESENTATIONS FOR MINISTRY STUDENTS**

I have competency in most areas of pastoral ministry and have led sessions in the following at Disciples Divinity House and Vanderbilt Divinity School, and in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), including:

- Mistakes to avoid in your first year in ministry
- Compensation for ministers: structures
- Compensation for ministers: negotiating
- What is Good Disciple Worship?
- The art of worship planning
- Leading worship
- Reading Scripture in public worship
- Music in worship
- Performing baptisms
- Baptism preparation classes
- Performing weddings
- Wedding preparation counseling
- Stewardship theology and programs
- Church budgeting
- Small church ministry
- Time management for ministers
- Discernment and decision-making in faith communities
- Leading change in churches
- The moral lives of churches
- Dealing with difficult parishioners
- Discerning your calling

## **WORKSHOPS, ADULT EDUCATION**

“Theology and Practice” doctoral student colloquium on teaching for ministry, March 31, 2017.

“What is Education for Ministry?” presentation to 75 adults at Woodmont Christian Church, May 6, 2014.

“Disciples Theology and Culture,” two sessions at Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, March-April, 2014.

“Who are the Disciples of Christ? A View to the Peculiars,” six sessions for an adult education class at Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, August-September, 2013

Bible Lecturer, Holden Village, July 21-28, 2013. A week-long series of five presentations on “Living Together: Learning about community from the early church”

Guest Teacher, Holden Village, July 14-28, 2012. Two week-long classes: “Can We Be Christian in Church? The Moral Lives of Congregations” and “Thriving Church: Helping your Congregation Navigate Tricky Times”

“Leadership in Scarcity,” Cal Turner Program Leadership Breakfast, April 26, 2012

“The Disciples Divinity House Model of Theological Education,” presentation to Adult education gathering, First Christian Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, October 16, 2011

“Theopracticals: ecclesial theology,” two day lectures and case studies workshop for the Company of New Pastors, a transition into ministry program of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for first call pastors, October 21-22, 2009

“Theological Education for Disciples,” Workshop and panel discussion moderator, General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Ft. Worth, 2007; Indianapolis, 2009

“Privacy and the Professions,” Presentation for a symposium sponsored by the Cal Turner Center for Moral Leadership in the Professions, Vanderbilt Divinity School, October 18, 2005

“What Disciples Believe,” six session adult education class, at Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, September-October 2006

“Sin,” six session adult education class for elders at Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, April-May 2005

“How Disciples Think,” eight session adult education class at Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, January-March 2005

“Leading Churches through Change,” workshop at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Charlotte, October 2003

“Balancing the Academy and a Family,” workshop at Vanderbilt Divinity School (with Bonnie Miller-McLemore), March 20, 2003

“Discernment in the Church,” yearlong adult education class at Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, August 2002-May 2003

“Leading Churches through Change,” workshop at the Seminarian’s Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Nashville, November 1, 2002

“Leading Churches through Change,” workshop at the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Tennessee, Rockwood, October 18-20, 2002

“How Does Faith Still Change Lives?” Presentation at the Annual Men’s Retreat of the Christian Church in Tennessee, Bethany Hills, November 9-10, 2001

“Leading Your Church Through Change” and “The Moral Lives of Churches,” workshops at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Kansas City, July 2001

Facilitator for Fund for Theological Education event for undergraduate Ministry Fellows held at Vanderbilt, June 2001

“The Call to Ministry,” workshop at the regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Memphis, October 2000

“The Call to Ministry,” workshop at senior high church camp, Bethany Hills, June 2000

“Leading Change in Congregations” and “The Moral Lives of Churches,” workshops at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cincinnati, October 1999

“The Moral Lives of Churches,” workshop at the Middle Area Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee, Tullahoma, September 1999

“Reflections on China,” Vine Street Christian Church Adult Education, Nashville, September 1999

“Reflections on China,” Woodmont Christian Church Adult Education, Nashville, August 1999

“The Call to Ministry,” workshop at senior high church camp, Bethany Hills, June 1999  
 “Personal Stewardship for Ministers,” Disciples Stewardship Institute, April 1999

“Stewardship for Disciples,” Adult Education and elders training for Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, March-April 1999

“Clergy Self-Care” for the Disciples Seminarians Conference, Nashville, October 1998

Kerygma Bible Study leader (33 sessions), Woodmont Christian Church, September 1998-May 1999

“Inclusive Language in Worship and Life,” Adult Education, Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, May-June 1998

“Men, Fatherhood, Feminism, and Faith,” Knoxville area Christian Men’s Fellowship of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), March 1998

Adult Education for Chattanooga area Christian Men’s Fellowship, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), February 1998

"Men, Fatherhood, Feminism, and Faith," Tennessee Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Christian Men's Fellowship, September 1997

"Cases in Church Life," Woodmont Christian Church Women's Fellowship, March 1997

Adult Education for Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, January 1997

Adult Education for the Nashville area Christian Men's Fellowship of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), December 1996

"Clergy Self-Care" for the Seminarians Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Nashville (with Bonnie Miller-McLemore), October 1996

"Hard Choices in Church," adult education for the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee, Chattanooga, October 1996

"Hard Choices in Church," adult education for Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, November 1995

"Recovering Your Vision," workshop for Assembly of the Chicago Disciples Union Assembly, Chicago, Illinois, 1989

"Discovering Your Niche," program at Hometown Christian Church, Hometown, Illinois, 1989

"Pastoral Care to the Dying and Grieving," training session for Hospice Suburban South, Chicago Heights, Illinois, 1989

Evangelism Workshop Leader, Chicago Disciples Union Leadership Workshops at Christian Church of Arlington Heights, 1986

"Discovery Weekend" Leader, First Christian Church, Downers Grove, Illinois, May 1986

"Discovery Weekend" Leader, Bethany Christian Church, Bethany, Illinois, February 1986

"The P.I.E. Program: Persons Involved in Evangelism," workshop at the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Illinois-Wisconsin, Macomb, Illinois, 1984

"Pastoral Care of the Dying," training session for Hospice Suburban South, Hazel Crest, Illinois, 1984



"Building a Youth Group," workshop for Chicago Disciples Union Assembly, Villa Park, Illinois, 1982

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Leader, First Christian Church, South Bend, Indiana, January 1979

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Academy Of Religious Leadership, 2005-present

Association of Disciples Pastors for Theological Discussion, founding member, 1988-95, 2001-present

## **DIVINITY SCHOOL SERVICE**

Committee for Congregational Leadership Concentration, 2017-18

Teaching, Theology and Practice Seminar, October 2015, March 2017

Worship Committee 2009-10, 2013-14

Academic Programs Committee, 2012-13

Ad hoc "Quadrangler" Professional Standards Disciplinary Committee Fall 2009

Divinity School student session: Transition into Ministry programs (Fall 2009), Pastoral Compensation (Spring 2010)

Convener of "practice-related" teachers for discussion of the coherence and improvement of the "fields" and courses related to ministry practice, 2008-09

Community Affairs Committee 1997-98, 1999-2000

Honor Council 2001-02, 2008-09, 2011-12, 2017-18

Admissions Committee, 1997-98 and 2004-05

Admissions Director Search Committee, 2005

Masters of Theological Studies Degree Revision Committee, 2001-02

Faculty Globalization Immersion Trip to China, June 1999

Norton Lectures: Jack Forstman (1997), Liston Mills (1998), Fred Craddock (1999), Craig Dykstra (2005), Bill Paulsell (2007)

## **DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE**

Council on Theological Education of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) conference on “Excellence in Pastoral Ministry,” Nashville, Tennessee, April 15-17, 2015

Council on Theological Education of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) conference on “The Role of Theological Schools in Sustaining Pastoral Ministry,” Indianapolis, Indiana, September 13-15, 2012

Host and convener, Conference on Transformational Ministry with Disciples who teach ministry and leadership and denominational leaders, Nashville, Tennessee, January 26-27, 2012, funded by a grant from the Oreon Scott Foundation

Theologians’ Consultation, Transforming the Christian Church in Tennessee, November 3-4, 2011, Nashville, Tennessee.

Council on Theological Education, seminary presidents and deans of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1995-2018; chair 2007-2011

Board, Higher Education and Leadership Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 2007-11

Disciples Leadership Summit, October 2009; presenter on congregational leadership and change.

Team Leadership Conference, 1997-2018

Commission on Ministry, Christian Church in Tennessee, 1995- 2017; Sexual Misconduct Investigation Response team 1996-97

Regional Board, Christian Church in Tennessee, 1995–2018

College of Professional Christian Ministers, Christian Church in Illinois-Wisconsin, 1978-1995; President, Chicago Chapters, 1986-88

Christian Church in Illinois-Wisconsin: Colleague Care Committee, 1993-1995; Regional Evangelism Committee, 1984-86; Counseled at 7 and co-directed 1 high school youth camps, 1978-1984; Regional Youth Committee, 1979-82

Chicago Disciples Union (CDU): Convener, Pastor's Forum on Re-visioning CDU, 1989; Nurture Committee, 1979-81; CDU Youth Minister, 1978-81

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville: Elder, 1999-2002 and 2004-2007; Stewardship Campaign chair, 1999 and 2000. Youth sports coach: soccer, Williamson County Soccer Association, 1995-1997; basketball, Grassland Athletic Association, 1998-2003; football, Grassland Eagles Youth football club, 1999-2002

Chicago Heights (IL) Ministerial Association, 1979-1995; President, 1984-86 and 1990-92; Vice-President, 1983-84 and 1989-90; initiated and led interchurch community Lenten series, interchurch community Advent series, interchurch community Good Friday worship, interracial and interchurch community pulpit exchanges, and community ministers' retreats

South Suburban (Chicago) Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) homeless advocacy and shelter organization: initiator and founding member of the Board, 1991-95; Social Action Committee chair, 1991-93; Steering Committee, 1990-91

Organizer and Host Pastor, Conference on "Problems and Potential in the South Suburbs: Where Do Religious Organizations Fit?" 1988

Community Blood Drive Organizer, 1994-95; School District 161 Committee on Religion in the Public Schools, 1994; United Way Community Needs Assessment Committee, 1990; Interracial Brotherhood Banquet Committee, 1989-90; Salvation Army Advisory Board, 1989-1990; Community Leadership for Fair Housing Committee, 1989; St. James Hospital Pastoral Care Advisory Council, 1982-83; Interchurch Youth Ministry of Chicago Heights, Leadership Committee Chair, 1978-79

## CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Association of Disciple Pastors for Theological Discussion; presenter, respondent, and participant, 1988-1995, 2004-present

Pulpit and Pew Forum on "Excellence in Ministry," sponsored by Pulpit and Pew: the Duke Center for Excellence in Ministry, Indianapolis, May 3-5, 2006

"Fundraising for Small Nonprofits," The Fund Raising School, Indianapolis, November 2004

Association for Practical Theology Annual Meeting, St. Louis, April 17-19, 1998

Net Workshops: "Stewardship Lifters," "Effective Worship," "Building and Leading a Magnetic Church," Herb Miller, National Evangelism Association, May 10-12, 1994

Sabbatical leave, January-March 1992

- visits to and research on local, growing, and activist congregations
- writing project on "Hard Choices in Ministry"
- writing project "On Any Given Sunday," (book-length project, unpublished, with two colleagues) on case studies in ethics in the local congregation

"Clergy Sexual Ethics," College of Professional Christian Ministers Retreat, March 13-14, 1990

"Planning for Your Church's Ministry in the 1990s," Lyle E. Schaller, Naperville, Illinois, October 10-11, 1989

"The Pastor as Professional Leader," Lyle E. Schaller, Yokefellow Institute, Richmond, Indiana, May 9-13, 1988

"Disciples in the Twenty-First Century," Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 29-31, 1987

Evangelism Seminars, Herb Miller, National Evangelism Association, Decatur, Illinois.  
 "Evangelism Flight Check List," "Fishing School," "Discovery Weekend" (Certified Instructor for Discovery Weekends), November 7-10, 1985

Advanced coursework at the Divinity School, the University of Chicago: Jon Levenson, "Israelite Wisdom Literature," Spring 1984; Arthur Droge, "Pauline Christianity," Fall 1984

National Evangelism Workshop (NEW 84), Louisville, Kentucky, May 7-9, 1984

"The Bored and Inactive Church Member," John Savage, LEAD Consultants, Crete, Illinois, September 1983

"Preventing Burnout in the Care-Giving Professions," Donald A. Tubesing, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois, June 1983

Regional Evangelism Workshop, Herb Miller, National Evangelism Association, Mattoon, Illinois, May 1983

## FAMILY

I have been married since 1980 to Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, the Carpenter Professor of Religion, Personality, and Culture at Vanderbilt Divinity School. We have three sons.