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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)

God, Cornbread and Elvis: Pondering the Things of Everyday Life (2008)

The Gift of Presence: A Guide to Helping Those Who Suffer (2009)

Serving as Professor of Pastoral Leadership at Vanderbilt Divinity School

Courses That I Teach at Vanderbilt Divinity School:

The Mission of the Church in the World

United Methodist Polity and Program

Evangelism in the Wesleyan Tradition

Theology of Pastoral Ministry

Leading the Congregation

Senior Seminar

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.

Special Interests:

Golf, Hiking, Gardening, Reading

Clock Collecting

Issues related to congregational and pastoral formation

Preaching and teaching upon invitation

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