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ECCLESIASTICAL STATUS

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Teaching Elder (*Honorably Retired*)

Presbytery Membership: National Capital Presbytery

Ordination Date: 9/20/1980

EDUCATION

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| 1996/Doctor of Ministry | Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: <i>"The Contrarian Preacher: Communicating Paradox in a Pragmatic World"</i>/Major focus: preaching and spirituality• Summa Cum Laude |
| 1980/Master of Theology | Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major: Historical Theology/Honors tutorial: American Puritanism• Summa Cum Laude |
| 1979/Master of Divinity | Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN and Regent's Park College, Oxford University, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bethel Seminary: Double Major in Preaching and New Testament• Regent's Park College, Oxford: Research paper on John Wesley and the early Wesleyan Movement• Summa Cum Laude/Todd Preaching Scholarship |
| 1974/Bachelor of Science | Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, IA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earned two BS degrees: Sociology and History• History Honors Thesis: <i>"The Development of Housing Reform Ideology and Its Expression in Chicago During the Progressive Era, 1880-1920"</i>• National Merit Scholar/Phi Beta Kappa/Magna Cum Laude |

TEACHING/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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| 2018, 2019 | Adjunct Faculty, Justo Mwale University, Lusaka, Zambia (Reformed Church of Zambia) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught three-week intensive preaching course including both lecture and preaching practicums |
| 2010—2014 | Professor of Systematic Theology, Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (PCUSA Missionary) [see https://egst.edu.et/] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught a wide variety of systematic theology courses at the only Protestant theological graduate school in the Horn of Africa offering five different MA degree programs.• Served two years as Academic Dean and was deeply involved in academic leadership during all four years; served three years as Coordinator of Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies degree program (15-20 graduates per year)• Created and coordinated year-long (two semester) spiritual formation program for 100 first-year students involving weekly student triads, personal journaling and mentoring by faculty• Supervised many thesis projects for both MA and ThM students |
| 1999 - 2005 | Adjunct Faculty, Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, CA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught three-unit upper division M. Div. Classes: one-semester "Contemporary Theology" and two-semester "Reformed Theology" sequence |
| 1977 - 1979 | Teaching Assistant, Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistant to Professor Robert Guelich/New Testament Department/led preceptorials and preaching practicums/30 hours per week |

CLASSES TAUGHT

Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, CA

- Contemporary Theology (one semester course)
- Reformed Theology I—Reformation and Calvin to end of 16th century
- Reformed Theology II—Puritans to Modern Era (two semester course sequence—taught it two years)

Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (all are one semester courses)

- God, Creation and Humanity (course #1 in systematic theology sequence—taught four years)]
- Foundations of Christian Theology (revised as a new course in philosophical theology—taught four years)
- Reformation History and Theology (taught three years)
- Pastoral Theology (created as a new course—taught three years)
- Personal Development (spiritual formation—created as a new course for all students in five degree programs; taught four years)

Justo Mwale University, Lusaka, Zambia

- Preaching 2 (intensive preaching course for second year B. Th. Students—have taught two years)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

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| 2019—ongoing | Leadership Coach/Consultant, The Outreach Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently I serve as a Mission Associate with the Outreach Foundation, a mission agency, coaching and equipping African denominational and NGO leaders |
| 2015—2017 | Interim Senior Pastor, Village Presbyterian Church, Northbrook, IL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple-staff/suburban church, 1,500 members, affluent suburb on Chicago's North Shore |
| 2014—2015 | Interim Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, MO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple-staff/downtown church, 700 members, college town (University of Missouri) |
| 1988 - 2010 | Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Visalia, CA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple-staff/downtown church/30 staff members, \$1.6 million budget |
| 1984 - 1987 | Senior Pastor, Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church, Palos Park, IL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple-staff/suburban metropolitan Chicago |
| 1980 - 1984 | Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, PA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple-staff/small town, rural atmosphere |
| 1979 | Chaplain, North Memorial Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training/50 hours per week |
| 1977 - 1978 | Assistant Chaplain, Breck Academy High School, Minneapolis, MN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Founded single-handed a new Young Life Club at this college-prep high school and assisted the school chaplain/20 hours/week |
| 1976 - 1977 | Young Life Club Leader, West High School, Minneapolis, MN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inner-city high school youth outreach ministry/20 hours per week |
| 1974 - 1976 | Community Program Director, Southdale Branch YMCA, Edina, MN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional position overseeing youth programs and summer camp/supervised 100 staff and \$300,000 budget |

SABBATICALS

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| 2008/August-October | Regent's Park College, Oxford University, England <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awarded \$45,000 Sabbatical Grant from the Lilly Endowment |
| 2001/June-August | Regent's Park College, Oxford University, England <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awarded \$12,000 Sabbatical Grant from the Louisville Institute |
| 1995/June-August | Regent's Park College, Oxford University, England |

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (resident fellow: three weeks, June 2012)
- Missional Church training (Dr. Alan Roxburgh, Missional Leadership Institute, 2002-2006)
- Personal coaching/mentoring relationship (Dr. Buck Rogers, Church Resource Ministries, 2001-2004)
- "Deep Healing" two-week seminar (Dr. Charles Kraft, Fuller Seminary, 1999)
- "Releasing Your Church's Potential" two-week Natural Church Development Seminar (Dr. Bob Logan, Fuller Seminary, 1999)
- "Building Ministry Teams" two-week seminar (Dr. Paul Ford, Fuller Seminary, 1999)

- Two 40-hour Conflict Resolution Labs (MBBS Seminary, 1995; Alban Institute, 1987)
- Many evangelism training events (HELPER, Certified Evangelism Consultant, Celebration 87)
- Many preaching seminars (including week-long seminars with Earl Palmer, 1986 and Fred Craddock, 1987)
- Many conferences/seminars/workshops in small group ministry and church growth
- Stephen Ministry National Leadership Conference (1990)

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY (SELECTED)

2008 - 2010	Founder of "210 Connect" community forum in partnership with the <i>Visalia Times Delta</i> , our city's newspaper
2006	Founding Member of "Heart for the City" Visalia Consortium of Churches
2004	Clergy Commissioner to PCUSA General Assembly
2002 - 2006	Executive Leadership Team, San Joaquin Presbytery (group of four individuals selected by our Evangelist-Presbyter to meet with him monthly for advice and support)
2001 - 2006	Missional Leadership Development Team, San Joaquin Presbytery
1999 - 2003	Founder and Moderator, "No-Name Fellowship" of Visalia (city-wide leadership consortium of faith-based community leaders "caring for the soul of the city")
2000	Moderator, Presbytery Council, San Joaquin Presbytery
1999	Moderator, San Joaquin Presbytery
1998	Vice-Moderator, San Joaquin Presbytery
1998 - 2001	Spiritual Director for "Walk to Emmaus" (Cursillo) weekend retreats
1995 - 1999	Committee on Ministry, San Joaquin Presbytery
1998 - 2001	Presbytery Council Member, San Joaquin Presbytery
1990 - 1994	Chair, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, San Joaquin Presbytery
1991-1992	Vice-President, Visalia Ministerial Fellowship

HONORS AND AWARDS

- \$40,000 Sabbatical Grant from the Lilly Endowment (2008)
- \$12,000 Sabbatical Grant from the Louisville Institute (2001)
- Leadership Forum for pastors of large churches, Leadership Network (1986)
- J. Walker Malone Fellowship, Milliken University, Decatur, IL (1986)
- Outstanding Young Man of America (1978, 1979)
- Minneapolis YMCA's first ever awarded *Distinguished Program Service Award* (1976)
- Cardinal Key (Iowa State University's highest men's honorary society)

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (IN ADDITION TO 4 YEARS OF FULLTIME MISSIONARY SERVICE IN ETHIOPIA)

2009—Led 8-day mission trip to Cairo, Egypt

2008—Two-week trip to visit daughter teaching in Chiang Mai, Thailand (January); two-week trip to visit son and daughter-in-law working in Cairo, Egypt (May)

2006, 2005, 2003, 1995—Led or participated in mission trips to former East Germany

2006—Led two-week, 20-person Christian heritage tour to Baltic Countries

2000—Led two-week, 30-person Oberammergau Passion Play/Christian Heritage Tour to Germany and Italy

1997—Led two-week, 35-person “Footsteps of Paul” Christian Heritage Tour to Greece and Turkey

1994, 2010—Led 10-day, 25-person Holy Land Pilgrimage

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Natural Church Development Coach (1999)
- Conflict Resolution and Management (1995)
- Stephen Ministry Leader/Trainer (1990)
- Evangelism Consultant, Synod of the Trinity (1983)
- Active Listening Skills Trainer (1982)
- Certificate in Relational Youth Ministry, Young Life (1979)
- Certified Camp Director by the American Camping Association (1975)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Reformed Theology and its application to 21st century issues
- Biblical paradox, especially how one might preach paradoxical issues as avenues to faith renewal and encountering the mystery of God
- Missional Theology, particularly how missional renewal is experienced by long-established congregations like the one I led for 21 years

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Paradox Lost: Rediscovering the Mystery of God* (Zondervan, 2016)
 - My book focuses on how Christians can reclaim and embrace biblical paradox as a pathway to more fully experiencing God, making use of my D. Min. dissertation research.

Book Chapters

- “Ephesians 6:12: The ‘Powers’ and Ethnic Identity” in *Global Perspectives on the Bible*, Mark Roncace and Joseph Weaver, editors (Pearson, 2013)
 - This book chapter was written out of my Ethiopian missionary experience.
- “The Playful Preacher” and “Making the Most of Biblical Paradoxes” in *The Art and Craft of Biblical Preaching: A Comprehensive Resource for Communicators*, Haddon Robinson and Craig Brian Larson, General Editors (Zondervan, 2005)
- “I Can’t Believe It!” *Best Sermons #1* (Harper and Row, 1988) [sermon selected competitively for publication from over 2,000 entrants]

Published Sermons

- “Preaching the Power of Paradox: Why the element of mystery is necessary...” Preaching Workshop Interview published in *Preaching Today* audiotapes—sent monthly to 3,000 pastors nationwide (2004)
- “Big Questions” sermon series featured on *Preaching Today* website (2006)
- “A Good Mystery,” “The Playful Preacher,” and “Making the Most of Biblical Paradoxes” articles featured on *Preaching Today* website’s preaching skills series (2006)
- “Thorns in the Flesh: Four Questions that Get Under our Skin” four sermons featured on *Preaching Today* website sermon builder series (2006)
- “The Jesus Who Came is Coming Again” three Advent messages featured on *Preaching Today* website sermon builder series (2004)

Journal Articles

- “Transforming the Dualistic Worldview of Ethiopian Evangelical Christians” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* (2014)
 - This academic article grew out of teaching systematic theology in Ethiopia.
- “Finding God’s Will, or Hearing God’s Voice?” *Books and Culture*, May/June, 2003
- “Is a Mustard Seed Enough?” *Books and Culture*, November/December 2002
- “Inadequate, Conflicted, and Content: A Contemporary Pastor Finds a Friend in Herbert,” *Leadership Journal*, Summer 2002
- “Questions about Devotions: Evaluating the four factors that determine all we do,” *Building Church Leaders: Prayer and Awakening* (Leadership Resources, 2000)

- "Unsolved Mysteries: Biblical Paradox Offers an Alternative to 'How To' Sermons" *Leadership Journal*, Winter 2000
- "Preaching Paradox in a Give-It-To-Me-Straight World," *Preaching*, January/February 1998
- "Conversations," *Leadership Journal*, Winter 1997
- "Compassion and Holiness: A Necessary Balance in the 'Gay Ordination' Issue," *ReNews*, a publication of *Presbyterians for Renewal*, June 1996
- "Why People Don't Pray," *Leadership Journal*, Fall 1994
- "The Playful Preacher," *Leadership Journal*, Spring 1994
- "The Sound of Clashing Expectations," *Leadership Journal*, Summer 1984