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Ecclesiastical Status: PC(USA) Minister of Word and Sacrament

Presbytery Membership: Presbytery of East Iowa

Ordination Date: October 2, 2010

*“The place God calls you to is the place where
your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”*

~ Frederick Buechner ~

Formal Education:

Doctor of Ministry in Contextual Leadership
with concentration in Religion and Public Policy
Graduation Date: May 2021
Palmer Theological Seminary
of Eastern University
Philadelphia, PA

Graduate Certificate
in Public Management
Program Completion: August 2018
Truman School of Public Affairs
at the University of Missouri
Columbia, MO

Graduate Certificate
in Engaged Compassion
Program Completion: May 2015
Claremont School of Theology
Claremont, CA

Graduate Certificate
in Executive Leadership
Program Completion: September 2011
McCormick Theological Seminary
Chicago, IL

Master of Divinity
Graduation Date: May 2010
Eden Theological Seminary
St. Louis, MO

Bachelor of Science
Graduation Date: May 2006
Major: Speech Communication
Minor: Political Science
University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, MO

Academic Awards and Recognition:

Doctoral Thesis Recognition – 2021
Passed doctoral defense *with distinction*, which is the highest honor conferred in the doctoral program, for Doctoral Thesis titled, “Compassionate Conversations: A Compassion-Based Framework for Moderating Civil Discourse in the Intersection of Religion and Public Policy in the Presbyterian Church (USA).”

GPA Recognition - 2020
Achieved a 4.0 GPA in the coursework portion of the Doctor of Ministry in Contextual Leadership with concentration in Religion and Public Policy through Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University.

Subscription Award for Academic Achievement - 2010
This subscription award to Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology is given to an Eden Theological Seminary graduating student, who in the judgment of the Dean of Students and the faculty, has demonstrated outstanding scholarship and academic achievement.

Outstanding Scholar in Speech Communication - 2006
This award is given to a UCM graduating senior who, in the judgment of the Dept. of Communication faculty, has demonstrated excellence in the art of Speech Communication, and who shows the greatest potential for excelling in the field of Speech Communication.

Continuing Education:

Stand-Up Comedy: Level 1

Course Dates: June – July 2022

Manhattan Comedy School (NYC)

A course designed to help public speakers boost their skills with the art of humorous storytelling

Responding to Clergy Misconduct

Course Date: January – February 2022

FaithTrust Institute

Trauma-Informed Response Team Training

Antiracist Practices for Faithful Leadership

Course Dates: November 2021 – January 2022

NEXT Church

Antiracism Training and Coaching

Darkness to Light: Facilitator Workshop

Workshop Date: May 2019

Darkness to Light

Authorized Child Abuse Prevention Facilitator

Contemplative Retreat:

Waking Up to Our Lives

Retreat Date: June 2014

Led by Dr. Frank Rogers

Professor of Spiritual Formation
(Claremont School of Theology)

Ashland, OR

The Blaze: A Formative Gathering for Leaders of Youth

Conference Date: January 2014

Montreat Conference Center

Montreat, NC

Prepare/Enrich: Facilitator Training

Training Date: 2012

Offered by: Samaritan Counseling Center

Farmington Hills, MI

Certified Prepare/Enrich Facilitator offering

Premarital / Marriage Counseling & Assessment

Top 5 StrengthFinder Themes

Connectedness:	People exceptionally talented in the Connectedness theme have faith in the links among all things. They believe there are few coincidences and that almost every event has meaning.
Belief:	People exceptionally talented in the Belief theme have certain core values that are unchanging. Out of these values emerges a defined purpose for their lives.
Developer:	People exceptionally talented in the Developer theme recognize and cultivate the potential in others. They spot the signs of each small improvement and derive satisfaction from evidence of progress.
Futuristic:	People exceptionally talented in the Futuristic theme are inspired by the future and what could be. They energize others with their visions of the future.
Strategic:	People exceptionally talented in the Strategic theme create alternative ways to proceed. Faced with any given scenario, they can quickly spot the relevant patterns and issues.

Work Experience:

Ordained Ministry: 15+ years
(Pastor/Head of Staff – 9+ years)
(Associate Pastor (Program Ministry) – 6+ years)

Non-Ordained Church Professional: 7 years
(Children's, Youth and Family Ministry)

Ecclesiastical Work History:

Pastor/Head of Staff
First Presbyterian Church
(500+/- members)
January 2023 – Present
Community Type: Urban
1702 Iowa St.
Davenport, IA 52803
www.fpcdavenport.org

Director of Youth Ministries
First United Presbyterian Church
(800+/- members)
September 2006 – September 2010
Community Type: Metro-East Suburb of St. Louis
1303 Royal Heights Road
Belleville, IL 62223
www.firstunitedpres.org

Pastor/Head of Staff
Presbyterian Church of Deep Run
(200+/- members)
February 2017 – 2023
Community Type: Rural/Suburban
16 Irish Meetinghouse Rd.
Perkasie, PA 18944
www.pcdeeprun.org

Director of Youth Ministries
Broadway Presbyterian Church
(250+/- members)
August 2005 – August 2006
Community Type: Town
209 W. Broadway
Sedalia, MO 65301
www.exploretheway.org

Associate Pastor
Christ Presbyterian Church
(600+/- members)
October 2010 – January 2017
Community Type: Urban
4225 W. Sylvania Ave.
Toledo, OH 43623
www.cpctoledo.org

Program Director/Senior Counselor
Mound Ridge Presbyterian Camp
May 2004 – July 2004;
May 2005 – July 2005
Community Type: Church Camp for
Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery
31 Agape Lane
Cook Station, MO 65449
www.moundridge.org

*“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life. . .
On either side of the river is the tree of life. . .
and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”*

Service to the Church:

Presbytery of East Iowa
Position: Moderator of the Presbytery
2025 – 2026

Presbytery of East Iowa
Position: Vice Moderator of the Presbytery
2024 – 2025

Presbytery of East Iowa
Administrative Commission
Position: Commission Member
(Facilitated a Faithful and Compassionate Church Closure)
2024 – Present

Presbytery of East Iowa
Commission on Ministry and Vitality
Position: Co-Moderator of COMV (2023 – 2024)
Commission Member (2025 – Present)

General Assembly of the PC(USA)
Survivors of Sexual Misconduct Task Force
Position: Task Force Member
2019 – 2022

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Sexual Misconduct & Abuse Response Team (SMART)
Position: Response Team Member
2021 – 2022

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Sexual Misconduct Policy Update Team
Position: Team Moderator
2021 – 2022

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Committee on Nominations
Position: Committee Member
2021 – 2022

Presbytery of Philadelphia
with Princeton Theological Seminary
Leadership and Ministry Incubator
Position: Supervised Two Seminary Interns
2020 – 2021 Academic Year

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Vital Congregations Discernment Team
Position: Discernment Team Member
2019 – 2022

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Child Protection Policy Update Team
Position: Key Policy Editor
2018 – 2020

Toledo Campus Ministry
at the University of Toledo
Board of Trustees
Position: Chair of Development
2016 – 2017

Maumee Valley Presbytery
Branch of Congregational Life
Position: Branch Member
2015 – 2016

Toledo Area Ministries
Toledo-Area CROP Walk Planning Team
Position: Planning Team Member;
Media Spokesperson
2013 – 2015

Toledo Campus Ministry
at the University of Toledo
Board of Trustees
Vice President of the Board / Personnel Team
2011 – 2013

Maumee Valley Presbytery
Branch of Service to the World
Position: Branch Member
2011 – 2013