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MINISTRY GOAL: **Providing visionary and practical leadership to the United Methodist Church and its ecumenical and interfaith allies in its mission of making world-changing faith practitioners by means of various practices of cultural creativity.**

PERSONAL ASSETS:

- **A passionate vision of the transformation of the world through the formation of disciples of Jesus Christ;**
- **An interdisciplined approach to planning, problem-solving and accomplishment of objectives;**
- **Lifetime immersion in various ministries and programs of the United Methodist Church;**
- **Advanced spiritual formation and religious training;**
- **Doctoral level education in religious studies and performance, and 45 years of experience in theatre and other performing and visual arts.**

EDUCATION

Graduate Theological Union, Ph.D. 2001
Pacific School of Religion, Master of Arts, 1986
Pacific School of Religion, Master of Divinity, 1986
Yale Divinity School, 1982
Willamette University, Bachelor of Science (Biology), 1980
Willamette University, Bachelor of Theatre, 1980
Cerro Gordo Center for Creative Community, 1977

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Buddhist-Christian Dialogue, Joseph, Oregon, 2004-2005
Companions in Christ, leader/participant, 2002
Summer Trainings in Deep Ecology, 1996, 1997
Integral Transformative Practice Group, Berkeley, California, 1996-1998
Academy for Spiritual Formation #7, Burlingame, 1991-1993
One-week Academy for Spiritual Formation, 1989
Arts and Spirituality, Pacific School of Religion, 1982-1986

Contemplative Practices Prayer Group, Yale Divinity school, 1981-1982

MINISTERIAL ORDINATION

Elder, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, 1989
Deacon, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, 1983

MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Coburg and Junction City United Methodist Churches, 2015-Present
Pocatello First United Methodist Church, 2009-2015
Joseph United Methodist Church, 2002-2009
Heppner United Methodist Church, 1998-2002
Appointed to Attend School, 1992-1998
Jefferson United Methodist Church, 1991-1992
Sheridan United Methodist Church, 1986-1991
Willamina United Methodist Church, 1986-1990
Parkrose United Methodist Church, Seminary Intern, 1984-1985
Appointed to Attend School, 1983-1986

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Co-Founder and Incorporating President, 2Great4Hate, Inc., Pocatello, Idaho, 2010-2015
Vice President, Portneuf Valley Interfaith Fellowship, 2010-2015
Co-Chair, Committee on Spiritual, Religious and Ethical Life, Willamette University Board of Trustees, 2010-Present
Rotary Club of Wallowa County, President-elect, 2007-2008
Treasurer, West Valley Kiwanis, 1988-1991
Treasurer, West Valley Rodeo, Sheridan, OR, 1998-1991

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, "Getting It Together: A Class in Wisdom," Enterprise, Oregon, 2008
Instructor, *Peace and Non-violence*, Eastern Oregon University, 2005
Instructor, *A Brief Investigation of Islam*, Eastern Oregon University, 2003
Instructor, Adult Education Programs in Religion in Rural Communities, Oregon, 1984-1991, 1998-Present
Leitung, *Performance Hermeneutics,* Seminar, Evangelisches Studienwerk, Villigst, Germany, 1996
Instructor, *Performing Jeremiah,* Graduate Theological Union, 1995
Teaching Assistant, *Worship and the Arts* (Doug Adams), Pacific School of Religion, 1992, 1993
Instructor, Oregon Driver Training Institute, 1992, 1993
Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to the Study of Religion,* Willamette University, 1991

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Developer and Instructor, *Performance Midrash*, a performance-based approach to group Bible study and interpretation
Co-Founder, *Inspiracy: Artists In and Around the Graduate Theological Union*

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

"Foundations: Business Training Program," Northeast Oregon Economic Development District, 2008
"Working Effectively with Boards," Rural Development Initiatives (RDI), 2006
"Non-Profit Management Training," RDI, Enterprise, Oregon, 2004
"Effective Organizations," Kay Sohl, 2004
Intentional Interim Ministry Training Seminar, Intentional Growth Center, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, 2002
"Morrow Leadership Program, RDI," Morrow County, 2001
"e-Commerce Oregon Training," Blue Mountain Community College, 2001
Emergency Services Chaplains Training, Morrow County, 2001
"Action for Earth," Summer Training, Institute for Deep Ecology, Chinook Learning Center, Clinton, Washington 1997, 1998
Numata Lecture Series in Buddhism, Institute for Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, California, 1993-94
International Gathering of Buddhist Scholars, University of California, 1995
Buddhist-Christian Dialogue, Institute for Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, California, 1993
Introduction to Islam, University of California, Berkeley, 1992-93

PUBLICATIONS:

Journals and Books

Review of *Nature and Psyche*, in *Environmental Practice,* May 2002
Entries for the *Encyclopedia of Nature and Religion*, 2005:
"The Institute for Deep Ecology"
"Embodying Nature: An Experience in Deep Ecology"
"Joanna Macy"

Works in Progress

Book: *Becoming a Man after Jesus' Heart: The Spirituality of Jesus for His Male Disciples* (seeking publisher)
Book: *Journey to the Heart of God* (self-published)
Book in Development: *The Prayer that Changes Us* (on the Lord's Prayer)
Book in Development: *Getting It Together: Gleaning Wisdom from the World's Spiritual Traditions to Lead a Life of Integrity, Purpose and Harmony*
Book in Development: *Reboot! Your Life Operating System for the 21st Century*

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Junction City Arts Council, 2015-Present
Coburg Chamber of Commerce, 2016-Present
Interfaith Clergy United of Lane County, Oregon, 2015-Present
Junction City Ministerial Association, 2015-Present
Willamette University Board of Trustees, 2010-Present
2Great4Hate, 2010-2015
Portneuf Valley Interfaith Fellowship, 2009-2015
Rotary Club of Wallowa County, Club Service, 2004-2009
Building Healthy Families, Board Member, 2004-2009
Wallowa Valley Arts Council, Board Member, 2006-2009
Western Jurisdiction Committee on Theological Education and Ministry, Secretary, 2006-2007
Wallowa County Non-Profit Roundtable, Convenor, 2004-2005
Club Service Chair, Rotary Club of Wallowa County, 2006-2009
Member, Site Ministry team, Wallowa Lake Camp and Retreat Center, 2002-2009
Reader, SMART Reading Program, Joseph Elementary School, 2003-2007
Chair of Parade, St. Patrick's Celebration, Heppner, Oregon, 2001, 2002
Heppner Chamber of Commerce, 1998-2002
Special Friend, Heppner Elementary School, 1999-2000
South Morrow County Ministerial Association, 1998-2002
Co-Chair, Religion and the Arts Section,
American Academy of Religion, Western Region, 1999-2001
South Morrow County Scholarship Committee, 1998-2002
Mentor, Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless, 1996-1998
Founder, West Valley Emergency Services Chaplains, 1990-91
Volunteer Firefighter, Sheridan, Oregon, 1986-1991
Treasurer, West Valley Rodeo, Sheridan Oregon, 1989-1990
Treasurer, West Valley Kiwanis Club, Willamina, Oregon, 1987-1990
Church Conference Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries, 1987-91
Secretary of Site Committee, Alton L. Collins Retreat Center, 1989-91
Dean of Students Search Committee, Pacific School of Religion, 1983
Member, Admissions Committee, Pacific School of Religion, 1982-84
Member, Community Life Committee, Yale Divinity School, 1981-82
Member, Education Committee, Willamette University, 1976-77