

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

B.S. Pastoral Studies, 1980, magna cum laude

North Central University, Minneapolis, Minnesota

M.Div. New Testament, 1989

Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio

D.Min. Theological Reflection: Developing Strong Marriages Among Christian

College Couples. Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008 – present – Adjunct professor, SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary, Oakland, California

2009 – Present – Life Insurance Sales with National Agents Alliance, Burlington, North Carolina

2018 – Present Senior Pastor – Living Word Christian Center Assembly of God
Charleston, Wv

- 2004 – Present Substitute teacher Kanawha County Schools with long term teaching appointments at Stonewall Jackson Middle School in world history and special education and Riverside High School in theatre and speech.
- 2004-2008 Elim Seminary – Timisoaria, Romania – taught Galatians, Thessalonians, Evangelism and Pastoral Ministry – preached in the Pentecostal churches in the Timisoaria and Zalau, two weeks each year.
- 1990 – 2001 Associate Professor, Southeastern University, Lakeland, Florida
- 1995 – 2001 Supervisor of Ministerial Interns
- 1995 – 2001 Chair, Urban Development Committee, Southeastern University, Lakeland, Florida
- 1988 – 1990 Assistant Pastor and Co-Interim Pastor of Christ's Church, along with Dr. Gordon Anderson, Minneapolis, Mn
- 1989, 1990 Adjunct Faculty, North Central University, Minneapolis, Mn
- 1982-1988 Founding Pastor of Covenant Assembly of God, South Charleston, West Virginia
- 1979-1982 Assistant Pastor, Christ's Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1977 – 1979 Sales Engineer, Carlson Store Fixtures, Minneapolis, Mn
- 1964-1977 Sales Engineer, Hooten Equipment Company, Charleston, Wv
- 1960-1964 United States Air Force – Communication Specialist with Top Secret Security Clearance, working in San Antonio, Texas and Zweibrucken, Germany

PRESENT TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT SUM BIBLE COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Have taught some 40 different online 11-week trimester classes since 2008. These courses are taught live in three and one half hour blocks.

PAST TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

English Composition II

Christian Apologetics

History and Polity of the Assemblies of God

Evangelistic Work of the Church

Introduction to Theology

Urban Evangelism

Urban Church Planting

Urban Children and Youth

Computers for Ministry

SELECTED COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Chair, Faculty Advance Committee

Chair, Urban Development Committee

Member, Cultural and Gender Committee

Member, Pastoral Ministries Committee

Member, Student Ministries Committee

Writing

Study Guides: Evangelistic Work of the Church – Distance Education

History and Practice of Evangelism – Distance Education

COMMUNITY, SPEAKING AND OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Participation in North American College Student Inner City Evangelism Outreaches. Five Assemblies of God colleges worked together in different urban and suburban churches for a ten-day period each summer. We worked with the pastors of local churches to fulfill the church's vision.

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| 1994 - | San Francisco | – taught a marriage seminar to Chinese Christians, taught evangelism in the church, led a team of students in evangelism |
| 1995 | Philadelphia | taught marriage seminar at Acts Assembly of God, taught evangelism in the church, led a team of students in evangelism |
| 1996 | New Orleans | taught evangelism in the church, spoke at church jr. high graduation and led a team of students in evangelism. |
| 1997 | Seattle | led a team of students in evangelism, taught the church on evangelism |
| 1999 | Denver | worked with an inner city church with multi-cultural pastors, led a team of students in evangelism |

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

C.C.D.A. – Christian Community Development Association

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIAL

Ordained, The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield,

Missouri, 1981