

Résumé

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ACADEMIC DEGREES

- 2006** **Ph.D. in Theology**
Special Interdisciplinary Studies, Advanced Degree Program
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology
- 1980** **M.A. in Religious Studies**
Mundelein College, Chicago, Illinois
- 1977** **B.A. in Psychology and Biblical Studies**
Magna Cum Laude, Trinity College, Deerfield, Illinois

**AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIZATION:
CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY**

Pastoral Ministry in Small Towns and Rural Communities

Consultant on the practice of ordained and lay ministry in small membership churches and rural congregations throughout Canada and the United States. Specific emphasis on promoting collaborative pastoral strategies for rural congregational renewal and community development, with a view to revitalizing the mission and ministry of rural pastoral charges and local congregations in their respective small towns and rural communities.

Spiritual Formation and Adult Education

Consultant and facilitator for small group and local congregational programming on Christian spirituality and spiritual formation. Particular focus on fostering theological reflection and serious study of historical and contemporary Christian spirituality through adult education courses and workshops.

Managing Church Conflict

Consultant and mentor to local pastors and ministry personnel on strategic approaches for negotiating church conflict at the local congregational level. Particular emphasis on teaching ordained and lay congregational leaders how to analyze and interpret conflictual situations in light of systems theory, and discern subsequent contextual strategies for problem-solving and conflict resolution.

Congregational Ministry of Inclusion

Consultant to local congregational leaders in discerning their vital ministry with and among persons labeled with any kind of disability. Specific focus on facilitating inclusive congregational and parish-based leadership through

hospitality, evangelism and outreach to unchurched outsiders, with a view to welcoming and affirming the potential gifts of ministry by those same persons.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries, Congregational, Educational, and Community Ministries (CECM) Unit, General Council Office, The United Church of Canada (2008):

<https://ruralchurchnetwork.files.wordpress.com/2010/07/alive-and-kicking1.pdf>

ONLINE CONSULTATIONS AND WEBINARS

- 2013** **Webinar Presenter**, *Thrive Where You Are: From Survival to Sustainability*
Hosted by EDGE, Network for Ministry Development, The United Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, November 27, 2013, at: <http://www.edge-ucc.ca/webinars/>
- 2012** **Webinar Presenter**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
Hosted by EDGE, Network for Ministry Development, The United Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, May 9, 2012, at: <http://www.edge-ucc.ca/webinars/>
- 2012** **Consultant**, *Amalgamations Mergers & Other Forms of Cooperative Ministry*
Learning Circle, Toronto United Church Council, Richmond Hill, Ontario, February 15-16, 2012.

VOLUNTARY BOARD CONSULTATION

- 2016-2017** **Chair of Board of Directors**
Core (non-resident) Faculty
The Fox Institute for Creation Spirituality
1120 1/2 Pine Street
Boulder, CO, U.S.A. 80302
<https://www.foxinstitute-cs.org/>

NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF EXPERIENCE

- 2006-2007** **Program Coordinator**
Congregational Renewal and Community Development—Rural Ministries
Congregational, Educational, and Community Ministries (CECM)
General Council Office, The United Church of Canada (UCC), Toronto

INTERIM PART-TIME CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY

The United Church of Canada:

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- 2012-15 Interim Minister**
Port Rowan Pastoral Charge (Neal Memorial, St. Williams, and Walsingham United Churches), Erie Presbytery, Hamilton Conference, Port Rowan, Ontario
- 2012 Weekend Supply**
Shallow Lake United Church
Northern Waters Presbytery, Toronto Conference, Shallow Lake, Ontario
- 2011-2012 Weekend Supply**
Annesley United Church
Northern Waters Presbytery, Toronto Conference, Markdale, Ontario
- 2010-2011 Interim Minister**
Kemble Sarawak and Zion-Keppel Pastoral Charge
Northern Waters Presbytery, Toronto Conference, Owen Sound, Ontario

INTERIM PART-TIME CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY

Canadian Unitarian Council: (National organization for Unitarians, Unitarian Universalists, and Universalist Unitarians in Canada)

- 2005-2006 Program Facilitator**
Don Heights Unitarian Congregation, Toronto, Ontario
- 1996-2000 Program Coordinator**
The Unitarian Fellowship of Northwest Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

Professional Articles

- [“Are You Heavy Laden? A Healing Liturgy of Lament,”](#) *Liturgy*, Liturgy in Rural Settings, vol. 32, issue 4, 2017.
- “From Field to Table: A Workshop on Appreciating the Gift of Food,” *Mandate*, The United Church of Canada, May 2010.
- “Families under Siege: Spiritual Discipline at Home,” *Seeds & Sowers*, Family Ministries & Seniors, United Church of Canada, Fall 1993.
- “Re-imaging Rural Communities,” *Presbyterian Record*, October 1992.
- “The Topic is Men,” *Seeds & Sowers*, Family Ministries & Seniors, United Church of Canada, Spring 1992.
- “Rural Routes: Why Country Communities Need to Save the Small Post Offices,” *Our Times*, July 1988.
- “Denying Dignity,” Rural Ministry Issue, *PMC (Practice of Ministry in Canada)*, May 1988.
- “By the Sweat of Their Brows,” *Creation*, May/June 1986.
- “‘Going, Going, Gone’: Selling the Family Farm,” *Our Times*, March 1986.
- “Sowing Seeds of Hope,” *Creation*, November/December 1985.
- “Rural Women: ‘A Women’s Work is Never ~~Done~~ Recognized,’” *Our Times*, October 1984.
- “Serfs of the Soil,” *Catholic Rural Life*, July/August 1980.

- “Infidelity to the Creation,” *Spirituality Today*, December 1979.

FULL-TIME FACULTY—THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION:

2002-2005 **Visiting Instructor, Town and Country Ministries**
Endowed Chair of Town and Country Ministries
Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri

Courses Offered at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri:

2005 Rural Community and Church (Rural Immersion)
2005 Late Medieval Mysticism
2005/03 Spirituality and the Renewal of Rural Congregations (twice)
2004/03 Managing Church Conflict (twice)
2004/02 Theology of the Land (twice)
2004 Issues in Town and Country Ministries
2004 Diakonia: Ministry as Prophetic and Spiritual Leadership
2004/02 Rural Ministry Practicum (twice)
2004 The Church in Changing Rural Communities

ADJUNCT THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

1987-2012 **Adjunct Faculty and Sessional Lecturer**
 Numerous theological colleges and seminaries in Canada and the United States

Courses Offered at Other Institutions:

2009 Revitalizing Rural Ministries: From Survival To Sustainability, Centre for
 Rural Community Leadership and Ministry, Luther Theological Seminary,
 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

2002 Rural Community, Queen’s Theological College, Kingston, Ontario

2002 A Theology of the Land: Hebrew and Aboriginal (First Nations) Perspectives,
 Francis Sandy Theological Centre, Paris, Ontario

2001 Rural Communities and the Small Church, Garrett-Evangelical
 Theological Seminary, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

2001 Pastoral Theology: Rural Ministry, Huron College, University of Western Ontario,
 London, Ontario

2000/01 Rural Community, Queen’s Theological College, Kingston, Ontario (twice)

2000 Doing Ministry in Rural Communities, Knox College, Toronto School of
 Theology

2000 Theology of the Land, Queen’s Theological College, Kingston, Ontario

1999 Understanding Rural Society: Rural Women and Congregational

- 1998 Leadership (Reading Course), Queen's Theological College, Kingston, Ontario
Doing Ministry in Rural Communities, Emmanuel College, Victoria University,
University of Toronto
- 1997 A Theology of the Land: Implications for Ministry, Emmanuel College at
Westminster College, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
- 1996 Doing Ministry in Rural Communities, Emmanuel College, Victoria University,
University of Toronto
- 1996 A Theology of the Land: Old Testament (Hebrew) and Aboriginal (First Nations)
Perspectives, Francis Sandy Theological Centre, Paris, Ontario
- 1996 Welcoming the Stranger: The Ministry of Inclusion, Continuing Education,
Toronto School of Theology
- 1994 Doing Ministry in Rural Communities, Emmanuel College, Victoria University,
University of Toronto
- 1994 Welcoming the Stranger: Ministry With Persons Who are Labelled, Continuing
Education, Toronto School of Theology
- 1992 Late Medieval Mysticism and the Roots of Dissent, Toronto School of Theology
- 1992 A Theology of the Land: Implications for Ministry, (Extension Course),
Emmanuel
College at Westminster College, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
- 1991/92 Doing Ministry in Rural Communities, Emmanuel College, Victoria University,
University of Toronto (twice)
- 1991 Re-mythologizing the World: Deep Ecology and Ecofeminism, Graduate
Religious Studies Program, Mundelein College, Chicago, Illinois
- 1990/91 Spiritual Forerunners of the Reformation, Toronto School of Theology (twice)
- 1990 Doing Ministry in Rural Communities, Toronto School of Theology
- 1990 A Spirituality for Today's Laity, Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University of
Chicago, Illinois
- 1990 Feminist Praxis for the Parish, Co-Instructor, Lutheran School of Theology at
Chicago, Illinois
- 1989/90 Challenges in Rural Ministry, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (twice)
- 1989 Religious Thought and Political Action, Graduate Religious Studies Program,
Mundelein College, Chicago, Illinois
- 1989 Doing Ministry in Rural Communities, Toronto School of Theology (twice)
- 1989 Reformation (Early Modern) History, Teaching Assistant, Knox College, Toronto
School of Theology
- 1988 Early Church History, Interim Lecturer, Knox College, Toronto School of
Theology
- 1988 Voices from the Third World, School of Continuing Studies, University of
Toronto
- 1987 Luther, Sessional Lecturer, Knox College, Toronto School of Theology
- 1987 Rural Life: Toward a Theology of a Distinctive Ministry, Continuing Education,
Toronto School of Theology
- 1984 Ministry and Culture, Teaching Assistant, Toronto School of Theology

- 1980 Psychology and Spirituality, Teaching Assistant, Graduate Religious Studies Program, Mundelein College, Chicago, Illinois
- 1978 Human Spirituality, Teaching Assistant, Psychology Department, Trinity College, Deerfield, Illinois

ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Courses Offered at the Port Rowan Pastoral Charge (The United Church of Canada), Erie Presbytery, Hamilton Conference, Port Rowan, Ontario:

- 2015 Taking the Heat: The Burden of Leadership
- 2015 Uppity Women of the Middle Ages: Hildegard of Bingen
- 2015 Spiritual Maturity: Choosing an Adult Faith
- 2014 Singin' and Studyin' the Spirituals (Black History Month)
- 2014 Spiritual Maturity: Choosing an Adult Faith
- 2014 Uppity Women of the Bible: Ruth and Naomi
- 2013 Lent as Lament
- 2012-2013 Reweaving Our Tapestry: Reviewing Our Lives and Legacies

Courses Offered at Annesley United Church, Northern Waters Presbytery, Toronto Conference, Markdale, Ontario:

- 2012 Reweaving Our Tapestry: Reviewing Our Lives and Legacies
- 2011 Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries

Courses Offered at Unitarian Universalist Congregations in the Greater Toronto Area:

- 2006 Reweaving Our Tapestry: Reviewing Our Lives and Legacies, Don Heights Unitarian Congregation, Toronto, Ontario
- 2005 The Power of Myth, Don Heights Unitarian Congregation, Toronto, Ontario
- 2000 Mysticism East and West: Kabir and Meister Eckhart, Neighbourhood Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Toronto, Ontario
- 2000 Creation Spirituality, Unitarian Fellowship of Northwest Toronto, Toronto
- 1999 Mysticism East and West: Mirabai and Marguerite Porete, Unitarian Fellowship of Northwest Toronto, Toronto
- 1999 Mysticism East and West: Kabir and Meister Eckhart, Unitarian Fellowship of Northwest Toronto
- 1999 The Power of Myth, Unitarian Fellowship of Northwest Toronto
- 1998 Archetypal Psychology and the Recovery of Soul, Unitarian Fellowship of Northwest Toronto
- 1996 Re-Storying Our Ancestral Myths, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario
- 1994 Creativity as Soul-making, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto

- 1993/94 The Recovery of Soul, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto (twice)
 1993 The Power of Myth, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto
 1993 Beyond Psychotherapy, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto
 1992 Does the Body Matter? Sexuality and Spirituality Reconsidered, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto
- 1992 Late Medieval Mysticism and the Roots of Dissent, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto
- 1991 Witches, Mystics and Free Spirits, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto
 1991 Creation Spirituality, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto
 1990 Re-mythologizing the World: Deep Ecology and Ecofeminism, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto

Courses Offered at Other Programs:

- 2007-2010 Spiritual Growth, Wellspring Cancer Support Program, Toronto, Ontario
 2000-2002 Integrating the Spiritual Dimension in Cancer Care, Wellspring Cancer Support Program, Toronto, Ontario
 1981-1984 Creation Spirituality (twice) and Meditations with Meister Eckhart, Applewood Centre for Spiritual Studies, Toronto, Ontario

Keynote Presentations on Congregational Renewal and Rural Ministry:

- 2011 **Guest Preacher**, *2011 International Plowing Match*
 Ecumenical Community Worship Service, Chute-à-Blondeau, Prescott Russell, Ontario, September 18, 2011.
- 2010 **Keynote Speaker**, *Thrive Where You Are: The Ecology of Town and Country Congregations*, Annual Town and Country Ministry Team Retreat, Upper New York Conference, United Methodist Church of America, Casowasco Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, Moravia, New York, October 8-9, 2010.
- 2010 **Keynote Speaker**, *Revitalizing Rural Ministry*
 A Celebration of Designated Lay Ministry, Continuing Education Event, United Theological College, UCC, Montreal, Quebec, June 8-9, 2010.
- 2008 **Theme Speaker**, *Congregational Life: Seek, Serve, and Celebrate*
 Spring Meeting of East District, Newfoundland and Labrador Conference, UCC, St. John's, Newfoundland, May 24-25, 2008.
- 2008 **Panel Member**, *Toward Right Relations: A Journey of the Heart* and **Workshop Leader**, *Rural is Real*, 84th Annual Meeting of Hamilton Conference, UCC, Fergus, Ontario, May 23, 2008.
- 2008 **Keynote Speaker**, *Alive and Revived: The Rural Church in Changing Times*
 UCC Rural Ministry Conference, Seaway Valley Presbytery, Toronto Conference, Chesterville, Ontario, April 26, 2008.
- 2007 **Guest Speaker**, *Pastoral Oversight in Rural Congregations*
 Bruce Presbytery, Hamilton Conference, Kincardine, Ontario, June 19, 2007.

- 2006** **Key Convenor and Coordinator**
Discerning God's Call for the Rural Church Now
 National Consultation on Rural Ministry, General Council Office (UCC), Calling
 Lakes Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, November 6-8, 2006.
- 2006** **Keynote Speaker**, *On a Dish and a Prayer*
Your Roots are Showing, UCC Rural Ministry Conference, Kemble Pastoral
 Charge, Kemble, Ontario, May 4, 2006.
- 2005** **Keynote Speaker**, *Realities and Possibilities for the Rural Church*
 UCC Rural Ministry Conference, Caledon East Pastoral Charge, Caledon,
 Ontario, October 25, 2005.
- 2000** **Keynote Speaker**, *Alternative Models of Mission Strategy for Small and Rural*
Congregations, An International and Ecumenical Symposium about Life &
 Ministry in the Rural Church, Queen's Theological College, Kingston, Ontario,
 October, 2000.
- 1993** **Theme Speaker**, *Journeying Home: A Modern Pilgrimage*
 69th Annual Meeting of Bay of Quinte Conference, UCC, Summer, 1993.
- 1993** **Keynote Speaker**, *Who's Hurting in the Rural Community?*
 Huron-Perth Presbytery, London Conference Rural Life Committee, UCC
 Spring, 1993.
- 1992** **Visiting Theologian**, Visiting Theologian Program, Sheridan Lutheran Church,
 Lincoln, Nebraska.

Workshops on Congregational Renewal and Rural Ministry:

- 2013** **Workshop Leader**, *Thrive Where You Are: From Survival to Sustainability*
 Continuing Education, Emmanuel College & Hamilton Conference
 Delhi United Church, Delhi, Ontario, November 23, 2013.
- 2013** **Workshop Leader**, *Thrive Where You Are: From Survival to Sustainability*
 Rural United Ministries, St. Andrew's United Church, Bishop Mills, Ontario,
 November 18, 2013.
- 2013** **Workshop Leader**, *Thrive Where You Are – Clergy Workshop: For*
Those in Remote and Rural Charges
 The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
 Mississauga, Ontario, May 16, 2013.
- 2012** **Workshop Leader**, *Thrive Where You Are: From Survival to Sustainability*
 Annesley United Church, Markdale, Ontario, Continuing Education,
 Emmanuel College, Victoria University, September 29, 2012.
- 2011** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
 Alberta and Northwest Conference, UCC, Picture Butte, Three Hills, Oyen/
 Cereal, Viking, Barrhead, Beaumont, Fairview, Onoway (eight sites), Alberta,
 February 26-March 6, 2011.
- 2010** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*

- Northern Waters Presbytery, Toronto Conference, UCC, Owen Sound, Ontario, September 28, 2010.
- 2010** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
Renfrew Presbytery, Bay of Quinte Conference, UCC, Balderson, Schutt, Hallville, Ontario (three sites), November 3-5, 2010.
- 2010** **Workshop Leader**, *Tears of Transformation*, with **Rob Dalglish**,
Worship Matters, UCC, Montréal, Québec, October 15, 2010.
- 2010** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
“More Franchises: A Second Cup,” UCC, Toronto, Ontario, June 21, 2010.
- 2010** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
Montreal Presbytery, Montreal and Ottawa Conference, UCC, Deus Montagnes, Quebec, May 1, 2010.
- 2010** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
Dioceses of Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec and Vermont (two sites), The Anglican Church of Canada, St. Sauveur and Cowansville, Quebec, April 29-30, 2010.
- 2009** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
Bruce and Erie Presbyteries (two sites), Hamilton Conference, UCC, Walkerton and Courtland, Ontario, October 21-22, 2009.
- 2009** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
Oxford, Essex, Kent, and Huron-Perth Presbyteries (four sites), London Conference Rural Life Committee, UCC, Foldens, Harrow, Thamesville, and Brucefield, Ontario, September 21, 22, 23, 25, 2009.
- 2009** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbytery, UCC, Sherbrooke, Quebec, May 6-7, 2009.
- 2009** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
Montreal Presbytery, UCC, Hemmingford, Quebec, March 21, 2009.
- 2008** **Workshop Leader**, *Loss is More: Lament as the Door to Spiritual Renewal*
with **Rob Dalglish**, **116th Annual Conference, Queen’s Theological College**
Kingston, Ontario, October 21, 2008.
- 2008** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
Elgin, Essex, Huron-Perth, Oxford, and Lambton Presbyteries (five sites)
London Conference Rural Life Committee, UCC, Springfield, Ruthven, Londesborough, Innerkip and Camlachie, Ontario, September 22-26, 2008.
- 2008** **Workshop Leader**, *New Models for Small Membership and Rural Churches*
and *Liberating Lament: Releasing the Energy of Lament for Positive Change*,
“More Franchises than Tim Hortons? Vital Ministry in the Canadian Context,”
UCC, Toronto, Ontario, June 20, 2008.
- 2008** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*
84th Annual Meeting of London Conference, Aylmer, Ontario, May 22, 2008.
- 2007** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Well*, Kent Presbytery, London Conference, UCC,
Tilbury and Bothwell, Ontario, November 12, 2007.
- 2007** **Workshop Leader**, *Alive and Well*, Spirit Dancing Presbytery, Manitou

- Conference, UCC, North Bay, Ontario, October 20, 2007.
- 2007** **Workshop Leader**, *Rural and Small Town Ministry*, The Summer Collegium, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia, June 27, 2007.
- 2007** **Focus Group Leader**, *Whetting the Spiritual Appetite: Growing Congregations by Feeding Them*, Maritime Annual Conference, UCC, Sackville, New Brunswick, June 2, 2007.
- 2007** **Workshop Leader**, *Can We Save the World? Lament in Lieu of Doom and Gloom*, “Faith in the City: Sustainability: Cosmos, Community, Congregations,” UCC, Montréal, Quebec, May 19, 2007.
- 2006** **Workshop Leader**, *Beyond Survival Mode: Re-Sourcing and Revitalizing Rural Congregations* (A Workshop for Ministry Personnel), Bay of Quinte Conference, UCC, March 30, 2006.
- 2006** **Workshop Leader**, *Where Two or Three Are Gathered, There is Conflict* (A Workshop on Managing Church Conflict), Lindsay West Presbytery, Bay of Quinte Conference, UCC, March 7 and April 25, 2006.
- 2005** **Member**, Town and Country Leadership Advisory Team
National Comprehensive Plan for Town and Country Ministries, The General Board of Global Ministries, UMCA, Gulfport, Mississippi, December 5-7, 2004 and Kansas City, Missouri, May 2, 2005.
- 2004** **Key Organizer**, Consultation on Town and Country Ministry
Toward Resourcing and Renewing the Rural Church: Historical Roots, Ecumenical Routes, and **Presenter**, Panel Forum on *Historical Roots of Rural Ministry in the 20th Century*, Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri, in cooperation with the Rural Church Network of the United States and Canada, September 22-23, 2004.
- 2004** **Workshop Leader**, *The Art of Pastoral Visitation*
Clinton District and other districts, Oklahoma Annual Conference, UMCA Weatherford, Oklahoma.
- 2004** **Workshop Leader**, *The Pastor as Stranger and Sojourner*
Small Membership Churches, College of Bishops (Bishops’ Weekend), South Central Jurisdiction, UMCA, Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas.
- 2004** **Workshop Leader**, *Spirituality and the Renewal of Rural Congregations*
Kansas East and West Conferences of the United Methodist Church, Kansas Area Committee on Cooperative Ministries, and the Kansas Area United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Dodge City, Manhattan and Eureka, Kansas (3 sites).
- 2003** **Workshop Leader**, *Spirituality and the Renewal of Rural Congregations*
Kansas East and West Conferences of the United Methodist Church, Kansas Area Committee on Cooperative Ministries and the Kansas Area United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Wakeeney, Kansas.
- 2003** **Workshop Leader**, “Clergy as ‘Outsiders’ (Strangers) and the ‘Adoption’ Process,” *The Right Start: Beginning in a New Ministry Setting*
Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri.

- 2002** **Guest Participant**, *Small Membership Church Summit*
The General Board of Discipleship, The United Methodist Church of America
Nashville, Tennessee.
- 2002** **Workshop Facilitator**, *Men in Ministry*
Office of Parish Social Ministry, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of
Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.
- 1991** **Theological Reflector**, Consultation on Agriculture and the Environment
Division of Mission, General Council Office, UCC, Westminster College,
University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.
- 1991** **Workshop Leader**, *Becoming a Welcoming Church*
Northern Pastoral Region, UCC, Minden, Ontario.

Workshops on Community Development and/or Social Ministry:

- 2007-2008** **Workshop Facilitator**, *Care for the Professional Caregiver*
Wellspring Cancer Support Program, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2001** **Workshop Facilitator**, *The Burden of Leadership*
Individual and Family Services, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society of Canada,
Ontario Division.
- 2000/2001** **Workshop Facilitator**, *Spirituality and Cultural Diversity*
15th and 16th Conferences for People Who Provide Support Services for People
with Disabilities, Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy.
- 2000** **Poster Presentations**, *Daring Men to be Caring Men: The Dilemma of*
Disability for Male Care Givers and Diversity, Diagnosis, and Disability: A 3
Dimensional Look at Multicultural/Multi-Faith Communities, Annual Meeting of
the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 2000** **Workshop Leader**, *The Burden of Leadership*
47th Annual Conference of the Ontario Association for Community Living.
- 1999** **Workshop Leader**, *Daring Men to be Caring Men: The Dilemma of Disability*
for Male Care Givers
Individual and Family Services, MS Society of Canada, Ontario Division.
- 1997** **Workshop Facilitator**, *Diversity, Diagnosis, and Disability: A 3 Dimensional*
Look at Multicultural/Multi-Faith Communities
Individual and Family Services, MS Society of Canada, Ontario Division.
- 1996** **Workshop Leader**, *Building Communication in Families*
Individual and Family Services, MS Society of Canada, Ontario Division,
Scarborough Chapter.
- 1995** **Workshop Leader**, *Drawing the Line: The Dilemma of Professional Support*
Individual and Family Services, MS Society of Canada, Ontario Division.
- 1994** **Workshop Facilitator** on *Becoming Partners*
Metropolitan Toronto Association for Community Living, Scarborough Region.
- 1993** **Workshop Leader**, *The Psychology of "Labelling"*

Conference on *Young Children in a Violent World*, North York Inter-Agency and Community Council, Toronto, Ontario.

- 1992** **Workshop Leader, *Men at Home***
Man to Man: A Conference for Men in the Helping Fields, Youthlink of Metro Toronto.

PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2017** “Dwelling in Joy: The Mysticism of Marguerite Porete,” The Christian Community, Vaughan, Ontario, May 14, 2017.
- 2016** “Making Holy What We Do: Meditations from the Christian Mystics,” The Christian Community, Vaughan, Ontario, October 14, 2016.
- 2012** “‘All are Called’: The Reformation Roots of Lay Theology and Protestant Mysticism,” Advent Meditation Series, Scarboro Missions, Scarborough, Ontario, November 30, 2012.
- 2010** “Reweaving Our Tapestry: Reviewing Our Lives and Legacies,” Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre Wellness Series, Toronto, Ontario, May 6, 2010.
- 2008** “Making Sense of Spirituality,” Discussion Series for Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Program, Thorold, Ontario, January, 2008, and Wellspring Sunnybrook Cancer Support Program, Toronto, Ontario, October, 2008.
- 2008** “Praying with Meister Eckhart,” Lent Meditation Series, Scarboro Missions, Scarborough, Ontario, February 13, 2008.
- 2005** “Out of Sight, Out of Mind”: The Relegation of Unwanted Wastes and Faces to Rural Spaces,” Saint Paul School of Theology, Faculty Forum, Kansas City, Missouri, May 2005.
- 2003** “Sacred Cows and Fattened Sows: Hunger and the Historic Status of Eating Meat,” Ryerson University, Guest Lecture for course on the “Sociology of Food,” Centre for Studies in Food Security, Toronto, Ontario, February 2003.
- 1999** “The Desecration of the Land: Lament as a Liberative Act,” 30th World Congress, International Association for Religious Freedom, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, August, 1999.
- 1997** “Rescuing Spirituality from the Supermarket” and “The Re-discovery of Spiritual Eldering,” Learning Unlimited, Fall Lecture Series, Etobicoke, Ontario, Fall, 1997.
- 1996** “‘Proud to Be a Father’: The Conscious Parenting of Self-Conscious Fathers,” Quality of Life: An International Conference for Families and Professionals on Developmental and Related Disabilities, Surrey Place Centre, Toronto, Spring, 1996.
- 1995** “Christian Anti-Judaism in Medieval and Reformation Europe,” Beth David B’Nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, Rabbi’s Seminar, Toronto, Ontario, Spring 1995.

PROFESSIONAL EDITING

- 1992-1993** **Manuscript Editor**
Faithstyles in Congregations: Living Together in a Christian Community
 by Rev. Wilena G. Brown (The United Church Publishing House, 1994).
- 1980** **Research Assistant**
Breakthrough: Meister Eckhart's Creation Spirituality in New Translation
 by Matthew Fox, O.P. (Doubleday & Company, 1980)

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

United Church of Canada
 Minden United Church
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United Methodist Church of America
 One Spirit United Methodist Church
 7900 Blue Ridge Blvd.
 Kansas City, MO
 U.S.A. 64138

Rural Chaplains Association
 Inducted as a Rural Chaplain (2014)
 United Methodist Church of America

References on Request