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EDUCATION

Ordination. Word and Sacrament Ministry, ELCA October 1998

M.Div. Trinity Lutheran Seminary May 1998
Honors Thesis: *William Hulme: Pioneer in Pastoral Theology*

B.A. Davidson College May 1994
History major; International Studies minor
Universidad de Sevilla Sept 1992 – May 1993
Junior Year Abroad in Sevilla, Spain

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program **Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN**
Director January 2017 - Present

- Direct a two-year program for early-career Indiana pastors in conversation with Indiana civic leaders to better understand pressing adaptive challenges in our state
- Oversee the budget of \$2M grant
- Lead study tours to South Africa, Ireland/Northern Ireland, Mexico to study the ways religious leaders contribute to flourishing of their communities
- Host annual gathering of all pastors in the network to continue learning about leadership and to continue peer bonding among the pastors across Indiana

Indiana Congregations & Cultural Polarization Project **Indiana University, Indianapolis**
Pastoral Consultant July 2023 - Present

- Pastoral consultant on senior research team to better understand how congregations are dealing with the growing cultural polarization in our state and nation
- The project seeks to engage these questions: How do congregations conceptualize cultural polarizations in their local communities? How can congregations help build and sustain a culture of forgiveness or mutual understanding?

Lake Institute on Faith and Giving **Indiana University, Indianapolis**
Adjunct Instructor January 2023 – Present

- Co-teach the eight-week online Executive Certificate for Religious Fundraising course for Lutheran participants
- Work with small groups of participants over the eight weeks to conceptualize and execute required final course project
- Resource participants with the tools of Lake Institute and IU School of Philanthropy

Supply Pastor for Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Grant Recipients

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Muncie

June 2023 – August 2023

Greencastle Presbyterian Church, Greencastle

June 2022 – August 2022

Christ Lutheran Church, Crawfordsville

June 2021 – August 2021

- Preached and presided for pastors on Lilly-funded three-month sabbatical leave
- Worked with staff & church councils while pastoral colleague was on sabbatical leave
- Helped to create a long-term congregational culture supportive of clergy sabbaticals

Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program

Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN

Associate Director

January 2013 – December 2017

- Designed study tours, annual reunions, and supported director in execution of the two-year program
- Designed the process by which pastors apply, and adjudicators select high-potential ecumenical Indiana pastors into the program
- Created two-day agendas on the following topics: Community Well-Being, Demography/Immigration, Economics, Education, Hunger/Poverty, Healthcare, Justice, Conflict Resolution, and Environment

Early Career Pastoral Initiative

Lilly Endowment, Indianapolis, IN

Consultant

June 2013 - Present

- Wrote and received a \$1.5M grant to fund and operationalize the early career pastoral initiative of Lilly Endowment
- Hosted annual gatherings of Lilly Endowment grantees from 16 national institutions receiving early career grants
- Created process by which grantees shared learnings and best practices across the programs

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church

Fishers, Indiana

Pastor

November 2008 – April 2017

- Oversaw the ministry of discipleship & mission
- Preached monthly, coordinated volunteers, and selected curriculum for classes, bible studies, small groups, and mission events

Trinity Lutheran Church

Tullahoma, Tennessee

Associate Pastor

October 1998 – January 2004

- Oversaw ministry to youth and young adults
- Organized mission trips, small groups, and discipleship formation for youth and young adults

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising, *Lake Institute @ IU*

January 2019

- An eight-week certificate fundraising program for religious leaders.

Convocation in Christian Leadership, *Duke Divinity School* April 2016 - April 2018

- A two-year program for thought leaders across the church and academy.

Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program, *Wabash College* January 2011 – December 2012

- A two-year ecumenical program for Indiana’s early career pastors in conversation with Indiana’s civic leaders.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Lutheran Child and Family Services, Foundation Board Member	January 2023 -
IN-KY Synod, ELCA, Nomination Committee	March 2023 -
Madison County Community Foundation Grants Committee	January 2022 -
Lake Institute on Faith and Giving, Vice President of Advisory Board	January 2022 -
Lake Institute on Faith and Giving Advisory Board Member	January 2018 – December 2022
Lapel High School Band Boosters Treasurer	August 2014-June2018
Women in Philanthropy Century Club, Madison County	January 2008 – December 2014
Indiana Beekeeping School Certification, Purdue University	February 2010
Festival of Trees Tree Decorator, Paramount Theater	January 2008 – December 2018
St. John’s Early Literacy Preschool Board of Directors	January 2004 – December 2009
Red Cross Blood Donor	January 2004 -

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