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Ministry:

I have served as an ordered minister in The United Church of Canada for thirteen years primarily as a minister of word, sacrament and pastoral care in congregational settings. Recent contexts for my ministry have included administration, directing, teaching, workshop facilitator; supervising and coordinating. Consistent in these roles is my call to enable Christian faith formation and leadership through comfort and challenge; the comfort of God's love made real and the challenge of the Gospel in our daily lives and context.

Qualifications:

- Over ten years recent experience as a congregational minister
- Intercultural experience and leadership
- Sensitive and compassionate presence
- Strong communicator
- Knowledge of church and polity
- Experience in multidenominational settings
- Twelve years of personal faith development through receiving spiritual direction in one on one and retreat settings
- Clarity on the value and contribution of strong administration
- Gift and skill in the area of advocacy

Education:

- Master of Divinity (1997), Vancouver School of Theology
- Bachelor of Arts, Honours History, Psychology and Philosophy 1993, University of Winnipeg

Recent Continuing Education

- Powers of Leadership, Whidbey Institute at Chinook, Washington, USA. October-April 2011,2012
- Jung's Typology I and II: Understanding Difference and The Journey Towards Wholeness, (Naramata Centre 2009, 10)
- Self Directed Research on Leadership for Curriculum Development, 2008
- The Gift of Mentoring, Sharon Parks and Larry Daloz, The Whidbey Institute, 2008

- L.e.a.d.: Faith Formation Through The Arts (2004)
- Preaching to Rattle the Tea Cups and Wake the Dead (VST Summer School 2004)

Ministry Experience

BC Conference United Church of Canada, Project Manager Candidacy Pathway, Present

BC Conference United Church of Canada “Frameworks” Event Planner, 2011

Curriculum Writer, *Seasons Fusion: Lectionary Resources for Worship and Faith Formation*, 2012

Dunbar Heights United Church, Supply Minister 2009-2010

- Regular worship leadership and special services
- Administration and staff coordination
- Initiated and lead vision process in preparation for strategic ministry plan and capital campaign
- Assisted in conflict resolution process

Leadership Certificate Developer, British Columbia Conference 2008

- Researched and developed curriculum for Conference Leadership Program for Ministry Personnel
- Coordinated Planning Team
- Managed logistics and content for program

National Emerging Spirit Campaign, *Living The Welcome*, Workshop Presenter 2007

- Assisted in development and leading of workshop related to *Leveraging The Media*
- Knowledge of and assistance with communication related to stage one of Emerging Spirit Campaign
- Worked in team with other workshop leaders, Executive Director and Coordinator for Welcoming Ministries

Coordinator of Congregational Contact and Follow-up, Emerging Spirit Campaign 2007

Wilson Heights United Church, Vancouver 1997-2005

- Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care
- Facilitated restructuring of Unified Board and Committees

- Assisted with vision and implementation of Five Year Plan
- Resourced extensive evaluation of ministry and mission in partnership with Vancouver South Presbytery and BC Conference
- Coordination of staff team and oversight of staff transition
- Assisted in process and implementation of changes in facilities and worship space to reflect our vision statement
- Implemented New Outreach Programs: Community Kitchen, Youth Drop-In, Paralegal Advocacy, Weekly Community Meal.
- Fostered relationships with partner agencies in community

Related Wider Church Work

- Chair of BC Conference Settlement Committee (current)
- Pastoral Charge Supervisor, St. Stephens United Church (current)
- Chair Vancouver South Presbytery
- Convenor for the Conference Coordinating Committee on Sexual Abuse
- Planning Committee, AWE Worship BC Conference
- Field Education Supervisor for Vancouver School of Theology
- Vancouver South Presbytery Representative, Admissions Oversight Committee, Chown Memorial Chinese
- Committee Member, Water Project Multicultural Education and Action Group
- Conference Ethnic Ministries Committee
- World Council of Churches, Official Visitor, Young Adult Contingent, BC Conference
- Resource Staff, East Asia-North America Youth Forum
- National United Church Manual Committee

Publications:

Seasons of The Spirit Lectionary Resources For Worship, Faith Formation and Service

Biblical Reflector, Commentator: *Seasons Fusion*, Season of Creation 2012.

September 2, 2012 Genesis 1:1-25, September 9, 2012 Genesis 1:26-28

September 16, 2012 Jeremiah 4:23-28 September 30, 2012 Mark 9:38-50

References:

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