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### Curriculum Vitae

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#### Education

- 1996 Master of Arts (Systematic Theology), Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA  
1995 Master of Divinity, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA  
1986 Bachelor of Arts (Linguistics), University of British Columbia
- 1997 – 1999 Doctoral Studies (Systematic Theology), Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA
- 1989-1991 Unclassified Studies  
University of Victoria (Public Administration)  
Simon Fraser University (Adult Education, Sociology)  
University of British Columbia (Adult Education)
- 1986 Certification to teach English as a Second Language (ESL), University of BC

#### Teaching

- 2013 – Senior Seminar in Public and Pastoral Leadership  
2009 – Spiritual and Theological Foundations for Public and Pastor Leadership  
2006 – Denominational Studies (United Church of Canada)

#### Recent Professional Development

- 2013 FEAST, Mission Shaped Ministry Regional Assessment and Planning, Cardiff, UK
- 2012 *Academy of Religious Leadership (ARL)* Annual Collegium, Seattle, WA
- 2011 *Ecology, Ethics and Interdependence* Consultation with the Dalai Lama  
Mind and Life Institute, Dharmasala, India
- 2009-2010 Powers of Leadership: Meeting the Challenges of the New Commons  
Whidbey Institute, WA
- 2009 Contextual Theology and Intercultural Ministries Conference  
Charles Sturt University, Sydney, Australia

#### Current Positions

- 2009 – Present Assistant Professor of Public and Pastoral Leadership  
Vancouver School of Theology
- 2006 – Present Director of Denominational Formation (United Church of Canada)  
Vancouver School of Theology

#### Former Positions

- 2002 – 2006 Teaching Assistant (Dr. Sallie McFague, Constructive Theology)  
Vancouver School of Theology
- 2002- 2006 Resource Staff for Faith Formation  
St. David's United Church, West Vancouver
- Fall 2004 Interim Preacher and Worship Leader

2001 Mt. Seymour United Church, North Vancouver  
 Congregational Revitalization

1997 – 1999 Lower Mainland Presbyteries and Chalmers Institute, Summer 2001  
 ATS “Incarnating Globalization Project” Project Assistant (Dr. Judith Berling)  
 ATS Task Force on Globalization of Theological Education

1995 – 1997 Teaching Assistant, Pastoral Theology (Dr. S.Thornton, Pastoral Theology)  
 Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA

1996 Research Assistant (Dr. Jeffrey Kuan, Biblical Studies)  
 Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA

1995 Intern Minister  
 Robert McClure United Church, Calgary, AB

1994 Intern Minister  
 Highlands United Church, North Vancouver, BC

Recent Board or Council Positions

2013 – Leadership Roundtable  
 BC Conference of the United Church of Canada

2009 – 2011 Faculty Collective: Education for Intercultural Ministries  
 United Church of Canada, General Council Office

2006 – 2010 First United Church Mission Oversight Board

2003 – 2008 Theology and Faith Committee  
 Standing Committee of General Council of United Church of Canada

2005 – 2006 Education and Students’ Committee  
 Vancouver Burrard Presbytery

2001 – 2005 Learning and Leadership Council  
 B.C. Conference of the United Church

2005 Curriculum Consultation on Faith Formation BC and ANW Conferences  
 UCC Faith Formation & Education Unit’s Local Planning Team

1995 Canadian Council of Churches, Governing Board

Recent Preaching and Pastoral Leadership (Highlights)

Fall 2013 Stewardship Preacher, Highlands United Church, North Vancouver

Spring 2012 “Christianity and Suffering” for Interfaith Dialogue Series  
 St. Andrew’s Wesley United Church, Vancouver

Spring 2011 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Preachers Series, Ryerson United

October 2010 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Preacher, High River United Church, Alberta

2010-2011 Leadership Team  
 “Sowing Seeds” Professional Leadership Development  
 BC Conference

2009 & 2011 “Sermons that Speak” Penticton United Church

2007 Plenary Theme Speaker  
 “Realities and Dilemmas in Faith Formation”  
 Naramata Centre

2004 – 2006 Mentor to students in Youth and Young Adult Ministry Certificate Programme,  
 B.C. Conference

2003 – 2005 Advent and Women’s Prayer Retreats  
 St. David’s United; Mt. Seymour United

2005 Young Adult Retreat, “*The Holy Hidden Heart of It*”  
 Bowen Island, B.C.

2004 Congregational Retreat, “*Listening to Our Lives*”  
 Crescent United Church, White Rock, B.C.

Lectures and Papers

2011 Profile on Dorothee Soelle for *Touchstone*

2008 “The Next Chapter” Preparing for Future Ministries

2008 West Vancouver United Church  
Three essays in *What Would Jesus Say?* Reflections for Lent 2009  
United Church of Canada Publishing House

2007 "To what end is the work of theology today?"  
Research Colloquium, Vancouver School of Theology