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MINISTRY STATEMENT

I see God's family and household as a circle in which we are all integral parts. Each of us has various gifts and abilities we can share with others "to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope." I believe I am called to a ministry of actively using my own gifts to help others articulate, explore and share theirs.

CONGREGATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **October 2013 to present** – Lead Minister: Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care at Dunbar Heights United Church, Vancouver, British Columbia
- **July 2012 to September 2013** – Minister of Faith, Leadership and Spiritual Development at Golden Ears United Church, Maple Ridge, British Columbia (Amalgamation of St. Andrew's Haney UC & Hammond UC)
- **August 2006 to July 2012** – Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care at St. Andrew's Haney United Church, Maple Ridge, British Columbia
- **1998 to 2006** – Lead Minister: Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care at St. Marys United Church, St. Marys, Ontario
- **1994 to 1998** – Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care at Trinity United Church, Iroquois Falls, Ontario
- **1992 to 1993** – *Intern & Student Minister at Trinity United Church, Kirkland Lake, Ontario*

WIDER CHURCH EXPERIENCE

- *Coach – Individual and Congregational*
- *Mentor*
- *Conflict Resolution Facilitator and Healing Circle Facilitator*
- *Staff/Team Building Facilitator*
- *Congregational Amalgamation Facilitator*
- *Congregational Retreat Facilitator*
- *Large Group Worship Facilitator*
- *Workshop Facilitator* - Leadership Support, Discipleship Development, Stewardship Development, Worship Support, Structural & Governance Development, Congregational Life Support, Social Media Development
- Active in leadership in various Presbytery, Conference and General Council circles –
 - Presbytery Chairperson, Chairperson of Pastoral Relations, Pastoral Charge Supervisor
 - Chairperson, Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery Oversight Board for First United Church Mission
 - Conference President, Convenor, Conference Worship & Theme Planning, Parliamentarian and Proposals Coordinator; Business and Agenda Committee Facilitator
 - Representative to the Roman Catholic & United Church of Canada Dialogue (2004-2009)
 - Mission & Service Advisory Committee for The United Church of Canada (2015-present)
 - General Council Sessional Committee Facilitator
 - General Council Commissioner

FORMAL EDUCATION

- *Doctor of Ministry* at Canterbury College (Windsor, Ontario) and Ashland Seminary (Ashland, Ohio) Dissertation: *Collegial Caring: The Effect of Peer Supervision Groups on the Stress of Ministry Personnel in The United Church of Canada.* (2001-2003)
- *Diploma in Stewardship Studies* at Queen's Theological College (Kingston, Ontario) (2000-2002)
- *Certificate in Dispute Resolution* at Laurentian University (Sudbury, Ontario) (1998)
- *Master of Divinity* at Queen's Theological College (Kingston, Ontario) (1990-1994)
- *Bachelor of Social Sciences (Sociology & Women's Studies)* at University of Ottawa (Ottawa, Ontario) (1987-1990)

SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS

- *Interim Minister* (United Church of Canada)
- *Ministry of Supervision* (United Church of Canada)

PUBLISHED WORKS

- **Worship & Liturgy**
 - Prayers, liturgies and dramas in *Gathering: resources for worship planners*. The United Church of Canada. (Toronto, Ontario) (2001, 2003, 2005-2016)
 - Liturgy in *Salt and Light* stewardship program, The United Church of Canada (2016)*
 - Liturgy, Learning Together and Reflection on Scripture in *We Are Called To Be the Church* stewardship program, The United Church of Canada (2015)*
 - Communion Call, Prayer and Liturgy for World Communion Sunday in *The Best of Whole People of God Online*. Wood Lake Publishing Inc. (2015)*
 - Prayers and litanies in *From the Psalms to the Cloud: Connecting to the Digital Age* (eds. Maria Mankin and Maren C. Tirabassi). Pilgrim Press. Cleveland, Ohio (2013).
 - Prayers, litanies and a communion liturgy in *Gifts in Open Hands* (eds. Maren C. Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy). Pilgrim Press. Cleveland, Ohio (2011).
 - *Worship Outline: Esther (a prophetic leader)*. Article in *Mandate magazine*. The United Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario. (May 2011).*
 - Prayer in *Gathering – In the Potter's House: a prayer resource for GC40*. The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario. (2009).
 - *We Hold These Children: A Service for Children's Sunday*. Worship resource for the Children, Young Teens, and Youth desk of The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario (2008).*
 - *Christian Family Sunday Worship*. Resource in *Family Ministries Kit*. The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario. (Winter 2007). Co-written with the Rev. Ms Shannon Tennant.*
 - *A Family Christmas*. Article in *Exchange Magazine*. The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario. (Fall 2006). Co-written with the Rev. Ms Shannon Tennant.
- **Discipleship support**
 - *Lenten Challenge: because discipleship isn't a spectator sport*. Co-author, with the Rev. Dave Anderson, of a Lenten experience of the six marks of discipleship (2016, 2015, 2014, 2013).
 - *Immersion: Investing in God's World*. Co-author, with the Rev. Dave Anderson of an 8-week exploration of basic Christianity for people new to it. (2010-2016)
 - Editor and writer of “walking a disciple's path” a 3 book series focused on Adult Discipleship Development in The United Church of Canada (2010/2011)
- **Devotional Materials**
 - Devotionals for Holy Week in Lenten book, *With Us Always: Daily Devotions Framed By the Movies*, The United Church of Canada (2016)*
 - “Week 1.” Devotions and prayers in *Advent Awakenings*. The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario (2008).*
 - *Daily Scripture and Prayer Brochure*. (Publisher/Editor/Writer) Weekly web and print-based spiritual practice resource. Maple Ridge, British Columbia (2006-2009).
- **Other Resources**
 - *A New Chapter*. Workshop and resources on transformational change for *Emerging Spirit: Living the Hope*. The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario (2008). (Included as a chapter in *Living the Hope Journal*.)*
 - *Picture This: Digital Presentations*. Chapter in *Arts and the Spirit*. United Church Publishing House. Toronto, Ontario (2007).*
 - *An Asset-Based Interactive Stewardship Process for Lent or Pentecost*. Article in *Gathering: resources for worship planners*. The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario. (L/E/P 2006).
 - *Building a Lenten Labyrinth*. Article in *Exchange Magazine*. The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario. (Fall 2004).
 - *A Ministry of Reconnection*. Article in *Exchange Magazine*. The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario. (Fall 2003). (Reprinted in *Restless Churches*. Dr. R. Bibby. Woodlake Books. Kelowna, British Columbia. (2004)).
 - *A Steward?* Drama in *Gathering: resources for worship planners*. The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario. (S/A 2003) (Reprinted in *Worship for All Seasons: Year B*. The United Church of Canada. Toronto, Ontario. (2005)).

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