

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Rev. James M. Singleton Jr., Th.D.**  
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**Brief Biography**

Born into a Presbyterian pastor's family, I am grew up very close to the church. Both my father and my mother instilled in me a love for Jesus Christ and for the Church. My calling to ministry began to emerge as early as high school, then intensified during my college years, and became clear during a period while working as a social worker for the state of Tennessee. My interests in seminary drew me towards the fields of mission and evangelism. Throughout my years in pastoral ministry (1983-2012) the mission of the local church has been of utmost importance to me. Trying to discern why some congregations did evangelism and mission joyfully, and why other congregations avoided it, drew me back to graduate school (Boston University, 1988-1991) to learn better how to assist congregations in their mission.

For 40 years now, I have been delightfully married to Sara, the daughter of another Presbyterian pastor. After a twenty year career as a nurse, Sara returned to school and received her M.Div from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (2005), and a DMin. (GCTS, 2010), and was ordained as a PCUSA pastor in 2007. She is currently the pastor at Old South Presbyterian Church in Newburyport, MA. We have one son, James, and a daughter, Rachel, and 3 delightful grandchildren, one of whom we raise full time.

Beyond the utter delight of ministry, I still love to play most games with a ball. I am particularly an avid baseball fan. Actually, too many of my brain cells are devoted to knowing baseball statistics and history. I love to hike in the summer and cross-country ski in the winter.

It is hard to know where to call home. I was born and raised in Oklahoma; went to high school in Arkansas; college in Memphis; seminary in Boston and Richmond, VA; and have pastored churches in Texas, Washington, and Colorado.

**Pastoral Experience**

First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, Senior Pastor (2005-2012).

First Presbyterian is a downtown congregation.

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas, Senior Pastor (1999-2005).

Covenant is a suburban congregation on the near west side of Austin

Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church, Spokane, Washington, Senior Pastor (1991-1999). This congregation is on the campus of Whitworth University.

First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, Texas, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, Mission and Young Adults (1983-1988). FPC is a downtown congregation.

### **Teaching Experience**

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (2012-present) Associate Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Evangelism. Director of Thriving in Ministry (Lilly Grant) and Regular participant in Discipleship Initiative.

Fuller Theological Seminary (2006, 2007, 2010) Adjunct Professor in Evangelism.

Justo Mwale Theological College, Lusaka, Zambia (2004, 2007). Visiting Professor of Missions.

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas (1993, 2000-2004)  
Adjunct Professor in Mission, Evangelism, Church History.  
Intern Supervisor in Supervised Practice of Ministry.

Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington (1991-1999)  
Adjunct Professor in Evangelism and Discipleship.

Moscow Baptist Seminary, Moscow (1998), Visiting Professor in Evangelism.

### **Education**

Th.D. – Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Massachusetts (1996)  
Residency (1988-1991) Areas of Discipline (Church History, Evangelism)

M.Div. – Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia (1983)  
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, S. Hamilton, MA (1980-81)

B.A. (Religion) – Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee (1978)

### **Service to the Larger Church**

ECO (Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians) Board Chair (2011-2020)

The Fellowship of Presbyterians, Board Chair (2011-2014)

Whitworth College (Spokane, Washington), Board of Trustees (1997-2014)

Vice Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee (2003-2014)

Co-Chair of the Presidential Search Committee (2010)

Ecumenical Service Ministries (Colorado Spring) Board Member (2005-2012)

Camps Committee, Presbytery of the Inland Empire, Board Chair (1994-1999)

Co-Chair, Capital Campaign Committee of Camp Spalding, Washington (1997-1999)

### **Service at Gordon-Conwell**

Member of FPPC (2017-present)

Member of Trustee Task Force on Strategic Planning (2015-2016)

Member of Academic Affairs Committee (2013-2014, 2020-present)

Regular Participant in the Discipleship Initiative (2014-present)

### **Publications**

“Are the Works of God Completely Surprising?” in Great Awakenings: Historical Perspective for Today, David Horn and Gordon L. Isaac, editors. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2016

Allin, Dana, David Hancock, and Jim Singleton. Together on Mission: Building Gospel-Centered Missional Communities. Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive, 2014.

“The Great Commission or Omission,” in A Passion for the Gospel: Confessing Jesus Christ for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Mark Achtemeier and Andrew Purves, editors, 2000.

“The Whitworth Story.” Reformed Liturgy & Music, Volume XXXII, Number 1, 1998.

Dissertation – “The Changing Place and Priority of Evangelism in the Southern Presbyterian Church, 1861-1961.” Boston University School of Theology, 1996.

### **Mission Experiences**

Nicaragua (2013) Ecuador (2008), Egypt (2007), Zambia (2004, 2007), Cuba (2003), Tijuana, Mexico (2003-2004), Russia (1998), Yucatan, Mexico (1983-1987, 1994), St. Lawrence Island, Alaska (1992), India (1990, 2011), Kenya (1987)