

Education

Ph.D. in Modern Theology	University of Cambridge	1993
American Friends of Cambridge University Scholarship Overseas Research Studentship		
M.A. in Systematic Theology	Denver Seminary	1988
Graduated with Honors Teaching Assistant, New Testament Theology and Old Testament		
B.A. in Religion, High Honors	Haverford College	1981
Phi Beta Kappa		
Training in Spiritual Guidance	Pecos Benedictine Monastery	2015

Graduate Teaching Experience

Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary—MA and Doctor of Ministry	2015-2021
SF 501 MA: Spiritual Formation for Ministry PS 1011/12: Pastoral Theology in Practice: Deepening the Call PS 1023/24: Pastoral Theology in Practice: Caring for the Flock PS 1035/36: Pastoral Theology in Practice: Proclaiming the Word	
Phoenix Seminary—Doctor of Ministry	2018
DM 718: Missional Theology	
Biblical Theological Seminary: MA, MDiv, and Doctor of Ministry	2011-2017
DM 912: Missional Theology CAM 611: Counseling and Theology: God and Human Beings TH 521: Theology I: God, Creation and Revelation TH 502: Introduction to the Evangelical Tradition PS 500: Spiritual Formation and Mission	
LBC Graduate School/Capital Seminary—M.A. in Pastoral Ministry	2000-2010
MIN 505: Theological Foundations of Ministry PS 502: Local Church Revitalization	

Research Interests

- Theological reflection on pastoral ministry; spiritual leadership formation
- Spiritual Formation and its soteriological foundations
- Biblical Exposition and Preaching
- Evangelical theology and history; Barth interpretation

Pastoral Ministry Experience

Senior Minister (Interim)	Park Street Church Boston, Massachusetts	2017-2019
Leadership Consultant Interim Pastor	Churches of God, Eastern Region Evangelical Free Church, Eastern District	2014-2017
Senior Pastor	West Shore Evangelical Free Church Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania	1992-2013
Executive Pastor Preaching Associate	South Evangelical Presbyterian Fellowship Denver, Colorado	1984-1988
Minister to Students	Church of the Savior Wayne, Pennsylvania	1979-1981

Ordained in the Evangelical Free Church of America

Demonstrated Teaching and Pastoral Leadership Skills

- Teaching Scripture, theology, spiritual formation and leadership in both church and academy
- Mentoring pastors as leadership coach, doctoral mentor and spiritual guide
- Preaching engaging, biblical sermons in churches, conferences and retreats for three decades, and coaching other pastors in the art of biblical preaching
- Building strong, enduring teams for two decades in one church; casting vision, cultivating unity and facilitating healthy interpersonal relationships with support and accountability
- Serving as intentional interim pastor for churches in difficult leadership transitions, including most recently, historic Park Street Church in Boston
- Providing pastoral care and counsel through all of life's stages and challenges
- Casting vision, facilitating strategic planning and providing spiritual oversight for a pastoral team of twelve and staff of forty in a large and growing congregation
- Leading a church through multiple stages of growth (600 to 2000+) and a twenty-two million dollar relocation and building project
- Chairing a seminary governance committee and serving on the executive council during a period of strategic transition in mission, governance and senior leadership
- Consulting with churches and denominations on issues of church health and leadership; leading a denominational region through a twelve-month strategic planning process
- Encouraging a passion for mission among God's people; launching missionary ventures which became separate organizations and sent hundreds of people on mission into the world
- Partnering with other leaders to develop a pastors' network which crossed denominational lines to sponsor joint ministry and create pastors' prayer groups throughout the region
- Developing a groundbreaking ministry to children orphaned by AIDS—Forgotten Voices International—in partnership with a network of churches in Southern Africa

Publications

Thursdays with Naomi: Stand Still and Look Until You Really See (Moody Publishers, 2013)

"Sabbath and Sacred Time," in Welcoming God's Presence (West Shore Free Press, Mechanicsburg, 2013)

Blessed Are You: Meditations on the Beatitudes, editor and contributor (West Shore Free Press, Mechanicsburg, 2012)

"A Clear View from Mount Perspective," retitled, "Sabbatical helps..." *Church Executive Magazine*, March 3, 2011

Evangelicalism and Karl Barth: His Reception and Influence in North American Evangelical Theology, Princeton Theological Monograph Series (Wipf and Stock Publishers, 1995)

Representative Speaking Engagements

Brethren in Christ Pastoral Leadership Conference

"A Clear View from Mount Perspective: Leadership Lessons Learned at Mid-Life"

C.S. Lewis Institute Fellows Program

"God's Empowering Presence: An Applied Theology of the Holy Spirit"

"Plumbing the Depth of Sin (and Salvation) in the Christian Life"

"Seven Deadly Sins: A Closer Look at Purgation in the Spiritual Life"

CBMC Leadership Conference, North Atlantic Region

"Holy Habits of Sabbath Rest and Sacred Listening," presented over three sessions

CRU at Harvard University

"He Who Has Ears Let Him Hear: A Word to the Church of Ephesus"

Evangelical Theological Seminary

"The Challenge and Promise of Pastoral Ministry," Commencement Address

Evangelical Free Church of America, Eastern District

"Confessions of a Megachurch Pastor," Keynote address at District Conference

"Exercising Church Discipline: A Practical Theological Reflection," presented at a Leadership Symposium on legal and pastoral dimensions of church discipline

"Working with Governing Boards," District Leadership Symposium

"Maintaining Spiritual and Emotional Health in Pastoral Ministry," District Workshop

Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Lecturer and Theologian in Residence

"Preaching Twenty Years to One Congregation without Losing Interest—Theirs or Yours"

"The Challenge and Responsibility of Theological Preaching"

"Dark Night of the Senses: My Experience in the Wilderness with God"

"Cultivating Union with Christ: Heart of Spiritual Formation"

"Vision Casting and Strategic Planning—Theory and Practise"

Latin American Mission Annual Leadership Retreat, Mexico

"Learning to Enjoy God's Beautiful, Life-Giving Presence," presented over three sessions

Speaking Engagements Continued

Harvey Cedars Bible Conference (six lectures per topic)

- “The ‘Big Ideas’ in the Theology of Paul”
- “I Quit: A Personal Invitation to a more Honest, Healthy and Centered Life”
- “Reflections on the Psalms, Mirror of the Soul”
- “Meditations on the Beatitudes: It’s all so Upside-Down”
- “Parables and Miracle Stories: Listening Deeply to Jesus”
- “The Journey of Faith in the Life of Abraham”
- “Life-Giving Wisdom from the Book of James”

Messiah College

- “The Sacred Rhythm of Sabbath Rest,” keynote address at the National Conference for The Christian Society of Kinesiology and Leisure Studies
- “Philip Jenkins’ *The Next Christendom: An Analysis and Appraisal*,” presented at a Colloquium for the Honors Program
- “A Response to *UnChristian* by David Kinamen and *Soul Searching* by Christian Smith,” presented at Messiah College’s Conference on Ministry to Young Adults
- “The Cosmic Christ in Colossians,” and “Be the Tree: Gateway to the Book of Psalms,” messages delivered in the College Chapel series on biblical preaching

Sermon Series

- Expository book-length studies of Genesis, Exodus, Ruth, Mark, John, Acts, Romans, I Corinthians, James, and Revelation
- Expository studies of the Ten Commandments, Sermon on the Mount, Jesus’ Parables, The Lord’s Prayer, Life of Abraham, Life of David, Birth Narratives in Matthew and Luke, Forty Selected Psalms, etc.
- Expository theological studies of Spiritual Formation, the Apostle’s Creed, Pauline Theology, Gospel and Salvation, Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, Mission of the Church, Theology of Work, Theology of Stewardship, Family Life, etc.

Board Service

Founding Member Vice Chairman	Forgotten Voices International	2005-2013
Board Member Chair of Governance Committee	Biblical Theological Seminary	2008-2012
Founding Member Vice Chairman	Harrisburg Area Pastors’ Network	2000-2008