

**Walter Mueller, III, B.A.,
M.Div., D.Min.**

EDUCATION:

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA
Doctor of Ministry, May 2005, Ministry to Postmodern Generations
Thesis: Mars Hill Ministry - Understanding and Using Culture to
Impact the Emerging Generations
Master of Divinity, May 1986, Summa Cum Laude
Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA
Bachelor of Arts, May 1978,
Major: Sociology

**PRESENT
EMPLOYMENT:**

President, Center for Parent/Youth Understanding – 1990 to Present

- Provide information and analysis on contemporary youth culture from a distinctively Christian perspective to those working with the emerging generations (parents, youth workers, pastors, educators, etc.)
- Founded CPYU in 1989 and have developed resources and initiatives since that time.
- Face-to-face educational presentations to 30,000 attendees annually.
- Developing and writing content for dissemination through web, print, live, and digital outlets
- Writer/Editor of online content at www.cpyu.org and *learningmylines* blog.
- Write and host *Youth Culture Today* daily radio spot heard on over 900 stations across North America and the Caribbean, and as a podcast.
- Host the *Youth Culture Matters Podcast*.

**PREVIOUS
FULL-TIME
EMPLOYMENT:**

Youth Pastor, Supplee Presbyterian Church, Maple Glen, PA, 1985-1990.;
Campus Minister with the Coalition for Christian Outreach, Pittsburgh,
PA, 1978-1981; Resident Director at Geneva College, 1976-1978.

KEY SKILL AREAS:

- Communication - teaching, writing
- Research and Analysis - investigating, analyzing, conceptualizing
- Leadership - initiating, coordinating, creating
- Cultural Exegesis – translating, interpreting

**ACADEMIC
INTERESTS:**

Sociology, Faith and Culture, Practical Theology, Christian Education, Postmodernity, Generational Analysis, Emerging Generations, Youth Ministry, Missiology, Contextualization, Sexuality and Gender, Anthropology.

HONORS & AWARDS

- The President's Scholarship in Evangelism, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 1985.
- Phi Alpha Chi Honor Society, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 1986.
- Phi Alpha Chi Award, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, (Graduating Student, Highest GPA), 1986.
- Gold Medallion Book Award in Christian Ministry, *Understanding Today's Youth Culture*, 1995.
- Higher Goals in Christian Journalism Awards – multiple writing awards.
- Honorary Doctorate, D.Litt., Geneva College, 2000.
- Alumni Distinguished Service Award, Geneva College, 2023.

BOOKS AUTHORED: Ministry to Families With Teenagers, Group Publishing, 1988.

Understanding Today's Youth Culture, Tyndale House, 1994.

Understanding Today's Youth Culture – Revised and Updated Edition, Tyndale House, 1999.

Engaging the Soul of Youth Culture: Bridging Teen Worldviews and Christian Truth, InterVarsity, 2006.

I Want to Talk to My Teen About Movies, Music, and More, Standard, 2006.

Youth Culture 101, Zondervan, 2007.

Opie Doesn't Live Here Anymore: Where Faith, Family, and Culture Collide, Standard, 2007.

The Space Between: A Parent's Guide to Teenage Development, Zondervan, 2009.

99 Thoughts for Parents of Teenagers: The Truth on Raising Teenagers From Parents Who Have Been There, Group Publishing, 2011.

A Student's Guide To Navigating Culture, Christian Focus, 2021.

Additional contributions in edited volumes and collections.

**ADDITIONAL
WRITING:**

Researched and written over 1,000 articles for a variety of printed periodicals. Responsible for developing regular daily online content for cpyu.org. Write regular columns for *Youthworker Journal*, *GROUP Magazine*, and *Living With Teenagers*. Have contributed articles to numerous other periodicals including *New Man*, *Discipleship Journal*, *Group*, *Junior High Ministry*, *Today's Father*, *Youthworker Update*, *Christian Camp and Conference Journal*, *9Marks*, *Ligonier Tabletalk*, etc.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: Presenting to 30,000 attendees annually through live and virtual seminars. Regular presenter at The National Youthworkers Convention, the Simply Youth Ministry Conference, the D6 Conference, the Shift Conference, the Annual Conference of the Indiana Youth Initiative, the Annual Conference of Christian Camping and Conference Ministries, Legacy Grandparenting Conference, Canadian Youthworkers Convention, and the National Youth Ministry Conference. Additional presentations for a variety of groups including the United States Department of Justice, The White House Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, the Salvation Army, Christian Schools International, Association of Christian Schools International, Classical Christian Schools, Youth For Christ, Youth For Christ Europe, the Presbyterian Church of Northern Ireland, FLY Convention, etc. Regularly present at denominational conferences, churches, public schools, Christian schools, and professional associations.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE TEACHING: Have taught graduate and undergraduate courses at Briarcrest College and Seminary, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Sioux Falls Seminary, Huntington University, Vanguard College, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Azusa Pacific University, The Coalition For Youth Ministry Excellence, and Geneva College. All courses have been in Understanding, Exegeting, and Ministering to Today's Youth Culture.

Currently a co-mentor/instructor of multiple Doctor of Ministry cohorts in Ministry to Emerging Generations at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (2011 to present).

Have lectured and presented at a variety of educational institutions including Gordon College, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary, Covenant Theological Seminary, Geneva College, Grove City College, Hope College, Calvin College, Liberty University, Kuyper College, Cornerstone University, Lancaster Bible College, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Cairn University, Tyndale University, Eastern University, Lubbock Christian University, Abilene Christian University, Denver Theological Seminary, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Northwestern College, Bethel University, Bethel College, Messiah University, Vanguard College, Malone University, Cedarville University, and Olivet Nazarene University.

MEDIA RELATIONS: Conducted over 500 print and broadcast media interviews on local, national, and international outlets including *Time Magazine*, FoxNews, PBS, CNN, the BBC, NBC, CBS, ABC, *USA Today*, and *Christianity Today*.

