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Personnel and Organizational Development in the Church: Professional Ministry

Pastor / Co-Pastor

Union African Methodist Episcopal Church, Easton PA (2018-present)

- Facilitate personal and spiritual formation and development for church members.
 - Conduct Baptismal, Funeral, and Wedding Services.
 - Direct Choir during practices and services.
 - Lead Outdoor Services and Door-to-Door witnessing.
 - Teach evening Bible Studies and preach selected worship services.
- Hosted the city Police Chief and Assistant Fire Chief for a community roundtable event.

Co-Pastor

Bradford Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bonham TX (2017-2018)

- Co-facilitated personal and spiritual formation and development for church members.
 - Oversaw Evangelism work.
 - Played piano to lead musical worship.
 - Taught evening Bible Studies and preached selected Sunday worship services.
 - Worked with Trustees to maintain and expand facilities.

Associate Minister

Smith Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Dallas TX (2017)

- Part of pulpit team for Sunday services and weekly Fellowship Meal.

Founding Pastor/Church Planter

Beloved Community African Methodist Episcopal Church, DeSoto/Frisco TX (2015-2017)

- Attended community events and government meetings.
- Developed and implemented digital and print media marketing.
- Facilitated personal and spiritual formation and development for church members.
- Made arrangements for congregational Sunday worship and Bible Study spaces.
 - Created and posted signage.
 - Partnered with two restaurants and another church.
 - Secured and transported pulpit furniture; blessed by God with chairs and drums.
- Marcher, with Rev. Al Sharpton and Eric Garner Family, Brooklyn NY (July 2016)
- Preacher, Greater Dallas District Founder's Day Service, Dallas TX (February 2016)
- Hosted Bible Studies and Church Services.
- Recruited and trained Core/Launch Team.
 - Taught Core Team how to facilitate Home-based Bible Studies.
- Visited 1000+ residences inviting people to church services.

Co-Pastor

Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Athens TX (2013-2015)

- Co-facilitated personal and spiritual formation and development for church members.
 - Coached and directed service, stewardship, study, witness, and worship programs.
 - Listened to and advised members on personal and spiritual issues.
 - Played piano and/or organ for musical worship.
 - Served Communion, led funeral services, and co-facilitated worship services.
 - Taught selected Sunday Schools and evening Bible Studies.
 - Drove Church Van to various events and services.
- Featured Speaker, Martin Luther King Jr. March and Rally, Athens TX (2015)
- Helped lead fundraising efforts for foundation, roof, and furnace repairs.
- Preached at other Churches on selected afternoons.

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Minister of Music

The African Methodist Episcopal Church, North Texas Annual Conference, Tyler District (2010-2013)

- Provided direction of all music worship activities during monthly meetings and other events.

Pastor

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Centerville TX (2011-2013)

Pleasant Springs African Methodist Episcopal Church, Pleasant Springs TX (2011-2013)

- Facilitated personal and spiritual development for church/community members.
- Led special worship services (Baptisms and Funerals, Annual Days) and Vacation Bible School.
- Offered free community breakfasts every Sunday morning.
- Oversaw Evangelism and Outreach ministries to the community.
 - Trained and led the congregation in personally visiting every residence in Centerville.
- Preached at afternoon services for other churches' events.
- Raised funds for repair of church electrical system and bathrooms.

Substitute Minister of Music (Director of Choirs and Musicians)

Adams Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Dallas TX (2010-2011)

- Led all music efforts, including adult and children's choirs and musicians, during rehearsals, corporate worship services, and special events.
- Led from organ, drums, or piano as necessary.

Contemporary Worship Service Leader, Substitute Organist

Palmyra First United Methodist Church, Palmyra PA (2006-2007)

- Coached, pastored, and developed nine musicians on the musical worship team.
- Coordinated and led weekly rehearsals.
- Discussed themes and sermons in weekly meetings with pastor.
- Led musical aspects of Contemporary Worship Services, from the piano, guitar, or bass.
- Selected appropriate music, set lists, and personnel for each worship service.
- Substituted on organ for occasional "Traditional Worship Services."

Praise Band Leader, Music Arranger, Organist

Asbury Theological Seminary Annual Ministry Conference, Wilmore KY (2006)

- Arranged and scored all (six) instrumental parts for Ministry Conference Praise Band.
- Coached and led four vocalists and six band members in rehearsals and worship services.
- Played organ for selected worship services as required.

Organist/Pianist/Instrumentalist, Substitute Worship Leader

Youth Praise Band Coach

Wilmore United Methodist Church, Wilmore KY (2003-2006)

- Coached and developed the Youth Praise Band team (2004-2005).
- Helped construct blended worship through weekly planning team meetings and practices.
- Led occasional worship services as Minister of Music.
- Played piano, organ, keyboards, and/or guitar for all regular and special worship services.

Substitute Lay Preacher

Churches of the Red Bird Missionary Conference, Harlan & Letcher Counties, KY (2001-2002)

- Led worship services, including preaching, at several United Methodist Church congregations.

Personnel and Organizational Development in the Church: Facilitating, Presenting, and Teaching

Instructor and Examiner

The African Methodist Episcopal Church, North Texas Annual Conf. Board Of Examiners (2013-2018)

- Taught 50 candidates for Itinerant and Local Ministry Orders in yearlong classes and workshops.
 - Created and taught an Evangelist training course, which was later adopted for use by the entire 10th Episcopal District (225+ church congregations in Texas).
- Part of Examination Team which annually qualified candidates for Ministerial Orders.

Workshop Teacher

The African Methodist Episcopal Church, 10th Episcopal District Board Of Examiners

- *Church Growth through Evangelism* Fort Worth TX (2017)

Committee Report Creator and Presenter

The African Methodist Episcopal Church, North Texas Annual Conference

- *Church Growth and Evangelism* Dallas TX (2016)
- *Church Growth and Evangelism* Dallas TX (2015)
- *Church Growth and Evangelism* Tyler TX (2014)

Director and Co-Director, Evangelism and Church Expansion

The African Methodist Episcopal Church, Tyler District (2012-2015)

- Trained clergy and laity from 36 churches in evangelism and witnessing.

Workshop Teacher

The African Methodist Episcopal Church, Tyler District Conference

- *Evangelism* Tyler TX (2014)
- *Evangelism* Dallas TX (2013)
- *Evangelism* Garland TX (2012)
- *Evangelism* Bryan TX (2011)

Workshop Teacher

The African Methodist Episcopal Church, North Texas Annual Conference

- *Evangelism: The Digital Paradigm Shift* Dallas TX (2012)

Paper Presenter

Biennial National Faith-Based Service-Learning Conference

- *A Critical Assessment of Academic Service-Learning in Christian Higher Education*
Messiah College, Grantham PA (2008)

Paper Presenter

Association of Christians in Student Development National Conference

- *Service-Learning in Christian Higher Education: A Biblically-based Perspective*
University of Northwestern, St. Paul MN (2007)

Shortwave Radio Bible Teacher

Angel 5 World Harvest Radio, Africa and the Middle East audience, South Bend IN (2001-2002)

- *King of Kings* – Evangelism-oriented half hour-long weekly Bible studies.

Local Radio Bible Teacher

970 AM WFSR, Kentucky-Virginia-Tennessee audience, Harlan KY (2000-2002)

- *A Victory Hour* – Hour-long weekly Bible study.

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Member

Lancaster County Council of Churches, Service Ministries Advisory Committee,
Lancaster PA (2007-2008)

- Helped to advise the centralized social services of an association of over 140 churches.

Chairman

Together Everybody Achieves More (T.E.A.M.), Harlan KY (2002-2003)

- Chaired a committee of community leaders exploring the formation of a long-term disaster recovery planning group covering five counties in southeastern Kentucky.
- Worked under the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Coordinator of Volunteers

Harlan County, Harlan KY (2002)

- Coordinated volunteers engaged in cleaning up from a Cumberland River flood.

Facilitator of Community Development Organizations

Gatherings of non-profit organizations (2001-2003) and churches (2002). Harlan KY

- Brought together and facilitated monthly gatherings of all house building and construction agencies and groups operating in Harlan County KY.
 - Appalachian Service Project (ASP)
 - Cranks Creek Survival Center
 - Christian Outreach with Appalachian People, Inc. (COAP)
 - Laurel Mission
 - Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP)
- Networked and facilitated the meetings of leaders from different Christian denominations, to discuss, plan, and coordinate the better delivery of social services to those in need.
 - Christian (Disciples of Christ)
 - Holiness
 - Mennonite
 - Missionary Baptist
 - Presbyterian Church
 - Southern Baptist
 - United Church of Christ
 - United Methodist

Coordinator of Volunteers

Christian Outreach with Appalachian People, Inc. (COAP), Harlan KY. (1999-2001)

- Coordinated and helped plan the work weeks, logistics, and accommodations of volunteer mission trip and workcamp groups from high schools, colleges, and churches in 25 states and 15 different denominations, orders, ministries, and other groups:
 - 2001 – 63 groups of 1430 volunteers.
 - 2000 – 50 groups of 1330 volunteers.
 - 1999 – 73 groups of 1550 volunteers.
- Acted as COAP/SWAP spokesman for Harlan County's Huff Park Summer Nights program.
- Built and maintained relationships with local and regional social service non-profits.
- Designed, ordered, and distributed COAP T-shirts.
- Picked up and delivered carpenter and/or job supplies as necessary.
- Scheduled all weekly housing assignments.
- Supervised seasonal volunteer staff (one in 2001; one in 2000; two in 1999).

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- Helped to prepare, maintain, and improve the volunteer living quarters, grounds, and associated facilities, including sixteen buildings, with 205 beds, in three locations.
- Was responsible for creating the COAP web site.
- Worked with volunteers:
 - Advised and counseled individuals.
 - Arranged for limited volunteer work projects at non-COAP sites, resolved related problems, and evaluated past volunteer groups, all with the construction coordinator.
 - Checked groups in and out of living accommodations.
 - Collected and profiled all volunteer group fees (@ \$240,000 yearly) and hours worked.
 - Delivered mail and messages to volunteers.
 - Enforced on-site living rules.
 - Envisioned, created, published, and distributed reflection, discussion, and community information material to volunteers.
 - Facilitated and tracked cultural and recreational activities for volunteers.
 - Informed groups of any schedule, project, or personnel changes.
 - Led group devotionals and reflection sessions.
 - Maintained and provided volunteer weekly schedules.
 - Mediated conflicts and issues between volunteers and between volunteers and carpenters.
 - Oriented and debriefed volunteer groups.
 - Personally facilitated the overall experience of most volunteer groups:
 - 40 in 2001.
 - 37 in 2000.
 - 41 in 1999.
 - Reported on volunteer activities to COAP staff and board and area organizations.
 - Took pictures of volunteers and COAP staff, developing organization picture albums.
 - Visited work sites daily and was an on-site resource person.
- Wrote two Grant Proposals:
 - @\$5000 for new office computers capable of being networked: funded.
 - @\$750,000 for house construction endowment funds: status unknown.

Executive Assistant

Austin Habitat for Humanity, Austin TX (1999-2000)

- Assisted Executive Director and other officers with various duties.

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Mission Trip/Alternative Spring Break Volunteer Coordinator

The African Methodist Episcopal Church, 10th Episcopal District, Young Persons' Department
Dallas TX (2014)

- Arranged and helped facilitate a workcamp trip to West, Texas, rebuilding homes.

Door-to-Door Evangelism Leader

Adams Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Dallas TX (2010-2011)

- Taught and led monthly Sunday School evangelism efforts covering entire church neighborhood.

Chaplain

Transport for Christ Mobile Chapel, Frystown PA (2008)

- Staffed a truck stop chapel ministering to interstate truck drivers.
- Counseled several drivers regarding personal issues.

Movie Writer, Producer, and Director

Living Water Christian whitewater film, Salida CO, Altoona PA, and Bryson City NC (Summer 2004)

- Contracted with kayaker Tanya Shuman and negotiated with Olympian Wayne Dickert.
- Filmed principal and B-roll footage at the FibArk Whitewater Festival and River Race in Salida.
- Scouted locations in Altoona and Bryson City.

Volunteer Ministry Worker

Festival Manchester 2003 & Victory Outreach Church, Manchester England (Summer 2003)

- Stuffed envelopes for Festival Manchester.
- Worked with Victory Outreach Church.
 - Helped the music ministry.
 - Stayed in the Victory Outreach Church group home, provided by God.
- Own time: Interviewed area people on what they thought about faith, Jesus, and the church.
 - In coffee shops and internet cafes.
 - In the downtown area.
 - Waiting in line to get into a club to see particular DJ's.
- Own time: Interviewed Cameron Dante (World Wide Message Tribe) about his nightclub ministry.

Evangelism Preacher and Speaker

On campuses and in towns of northeastern US colleges and universities. (Spring 2003)

- Union College, Barbourville KY
- Morehead State University, Morehead KY
- University of Charleston*, Charleston WV
- West Virginia University, Morgantown WV
- University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana PA
- Pennsylvania State University, State College PA
- Lycoming College*, Williamsport PA
- Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, Mansfield PA
- Ithaca NY (Cornell University*)
- Keuka College, Keuka Park/Penn Yan NY
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva NY
- Syracuse University, Syracuse NY

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- State University of New York (SUNY), location unknown
- Williams College, Williamstown MA
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA), North Adams MA
- Northfield Mt. Hermon School*, Northfield MA
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Amherst MA
- Amherst College, Amherst MA
- Northampton MA (Smith College*)
- Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley MA
- Springfield College, Springfield MA
- University of Hartford, Hartford CT

* denotes a school that permission to engage in Evangelism on-campus was not ultimately given.

Weekly Server and Devotional Leader

Harlan Soup Kitchen, Harlan KY (2001-2003)

- Served food and preached and taught devotional messages weekly to area residents-in-need.

Band Musician

Wal-Mart Parking Lot Ministries, Harlan KY (2000-2002)

Wake the Sleeping Giant anti-drug rally, Harlan County Courthouse, Harlan KY (2000)

- Played bass guitar and sang with the band *Witness* during various outreach events.

Street Preacher

Outside of major Middle South sporting events (Fall 2001)

- Cincinnati Bengals National Football League (NFL) game, Cincinnati OH
- Tennessee Titans National Football League (NFL) game, Nashville TN
- University of Kentucky men's basketball game, Lexington KY
- University of Tennessee football game, Knoxville TN

Personnel and Organizational Development in the Church: Publications and Media

Actions For Evangelism (self-published book), 2021.

- Foreword by Dr. Ed Love, Director of Church Multiplication for The Wesleyan Church.

Serving Money vs. Serving God: Time for our AME Church to Repent, The Christian Recorder, August 15, 2020.

Why are Black Lives Matter protestors in the street every day? Check the record, The Express-Times/LehighValleyLive.com, August 5, 2020.

Even after Dallas, protesting police treatment of blacks must continue, The Morning Call/mcall.com, July 16, 2016.

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Experiential Learning in Christian Higher Education (self-published website), 2006-2009.