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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts; Anthropology (with high honors)

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA 1979

Master of Divinity;

Meadville Lombard Theological School, Chicago, IL 1990

Doctor of Ministry (anticipated May 2015)

Meadville Lombard Theological School, Chicago, IL

EXPERIENCE

Lead Minister, Pacific Unitarian Church, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 2005-Present

Led a renaissance in growth and ministry. Membership increased by 55% and giving more than doubled. PUC was awarded “Breakthrough Congregation” status by the UUA in 2008. Developed new adult programming and outreach including establishing a Center to Create Meaning www.createmeaning.org. Developed Endowment, Pooled Income Fund and Charitable Remainder Trusts. Added multiple staff positions including a Director of Congregational Advancement.

President of the Board of Directors and Senior Consultant, Chalice Oak Foundation, Lakewood, CA 2011-Present

Help to found and grow this social justice incubator from vision to start-up www.chaliceoak.org. Currently the foundation serves eight programs including UU Justice of Arizona and Oregon UU Voices for Justice, as well as other organizations such as Friends of Seasonal and Service Workers in Portland, OR. Helped to establish 501 (c) 3 status, executive directorship and grant funding with a current operational budget of \$22,000 per year. Lead strategic planning workshops for new startup programs.

Adjunct Professor and Teaching Pastor, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Chicago, IL 2012-Present

Taught courses in Congregational Polity and act as a supervising minister to interns in my home church.

Senior Parish Minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick, MD 1994-2005

Called to a Fellowship of 90 adults and led the congregation to three fold increase in membership and budget, planned for and led the congregation through a five year multi-million dollar building campaign. Added multiple programs and staff.

Instructor in Religion and Philosophy, Frederick Community College 2000-2005

Taught eight courses including: "Philosophy of the Mind", "Introduction to Mythology", "Asian Religions", "Comparative World Religions", "Introduction to Ethics."

Consulting Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun, VA 2002-2005

Developed a two service format, new adult education program, social outreach and long term planning. Upon departure, UUCL called their first half time minister and quarter time DRE.

Parish Minister, First Unitarian Church, South Bend, IN 1990-1994

Was responsible for significant membership growth and the development of new programming including adult education and an AIDS ministry.

Owner and Sales Manager, Encon Construction Corp. Croton, NY 1984-1987

Marketing Director, First Ludlow Financial Corp. Katonah, NY 1983-1984

Founder and President, Storm Lake Energy Works, Inc. Storm Lake, IA 1979-1983

AWARDS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Board of Directors, Harbor Interfaith Services, 2014-Present

Panel Chair, Western Regional Sub-Committee on Candidacy, UUA 2012-present

Distinguished Service to the Cause of Unitarian Universalism, Pacific Southwest District, 2012

Alumni Service Award, Meadville Lombard Theological School 2011

Social Concerns Award to Congregation, South Coast Interfaith Council 2009

Award for Outstanding Board Service, Camp de Benneville Pines 2009

Annual Program Fund Representative from PSWD to the UUA 2007-2012

Board of Directors, South Coast Interfaith Council 2006-Present

Commendation of Recognition Los Angeles County Council 2005

Chair, Human Relations Commission, Frederick County, MD 2001-2003

Human Relations Community Service Award 2003

President, Frederick Ministerial Association 2002-2003

Founder of Interfaith Council of Frederick 2001

Retirement in Living, Teachers Award, Frederick Community College 1999

PERSONAL

Married to Frances Morehouse for many years. Five daughters; Portia, age 41, Fiona, age 37, Courteny, age 29, Emma, age 27, Madeline, age 22. Two sons-in-law: Scott, age 42, and Aaron, age 35. Three grandchildren; Skye, age 11, Iris, age 8, and Ashur, age 8.