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Profile

I am a retired pastor and educator with plenty of administrative experience. I thoroughly enjoyed my time teaching at Horizon last semester and had a very positive feeling about the team there. I would love to serve with that team and believe I have the skills needed to fulfill the role of Ministry Formation & Internship Director.

Ministry Experience

PASTOR, BLAINE LAKE GOSPEL CHAPEL (SKMB) – 2015-2021

INSTRUCTOR, BETHANY COLLEGE, HEPBURN, SK – 2010-2015

PRESIDENT, BETHANY COLLEGE, HEPBURN SK – 1999-2009

Continued to teach at least one course per semester.

DEAN OF STUDENTS, BETHANY COLLEGE, HEPBURN SK – 1988-1998

Taught one third to two thirds time during this period. Took a sabbatical at Lutheran Theological Seminary from 1998-1999.

PASTOR, BORDEN MB CHURCH, BORDEN SK – 1983-1988

Work Experience

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, PRAIRIE HOSPICE SOCIETY 2015-2019

Education

Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon – Master of Sacred Theology, 2005

Winnipeg Theological Seminary, Otterburne, MB – Master of Divinity, 1984

Volunteer Experience

SKMB Faith and Life Team Chair – 2016 - present

Saskatchewan Representative on the National Faith and Life Team, Canadian Conference of MB Churches – 2018 to present

Gwen and I volunteer at Ronald McDonald House as guest services volunteers - 2015 - present

Executive Board for the Saskatchewan MB Conference – 2016 - 2018

Church Council for Hepburn MB Church as secretary, moderator, and member-at-large – 1990-1992, 1995-1997, 2012-2015

Various other boards and committees within the MB Conference – 1983-2015

Commission for Accreditation, Association for Biblical Higher Education – 2007-2009

Led Bethany through Accreditation with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (2000) and the first re-affirmation (2005) on that accreditation.

Served on the board of Redberry Bible Camp – 1983-1995

Teaching Experience

| Course | Dates |
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| • Reason and Christian Belief | 2022 |
| • Spiritual Formation | 2000-2005, 2013-2015 |
| • Spiritual Theology | 2013-2015 |
| • Hermeneutics | 2012-2015 |
| • Prayer and Renewal | 2003, 2012, 2015 |
| • Biblical Studies (primarily Pauline Epistles) | 1988-2014 |
| • Science and Faith | 2012-2013 |
| • Peer Helping | 1990-1999 |

Skills

I have been affirmed for skills in communicating God's word, both in a teaching and preaching capacity, as well as in pastoral care and spiritual guidance. I have fulfilled several roles in administration and in supervising the work of others with very positive results. While not my 'first love,' I have found some success in fundraising, constituency relations and promotion.

Personal History

Early in life, Jesus began a personal relationship with me. I grew up in St. Vital in Winnipeg, Manitoba and lived there until high school when we moved to Winkler, Manitoba. In Winnipeg we attended an Evangelical Free Church and in Winkler, a Mennonite Brethren Church.

I began my working life on my father-in-law's farm - farming and supporting his aerial application company. Then found work at the Bank of Commerce as a managerial trainee. I worked at CIBC branches in Winkler and Winnipeg. We were attending a small General Conference Baptist church in St. Vital when God interrupted our lives and called me to prepare for Ministry. We went to Winnipeg Bible College and Seminary (now Providence). During that time we served as Youth/Assistant Pastor at St. Vital Community Church and then Assistant Director/Program Director at Winkler Bible Camp.

After Seminary we started ministry serving the Borden MB Church (Borden, SK) as pastor. The congregation was gracious and patient with a rookie. Bethany Bible Institute then asked if I'd teach a couple of courses. After a year they asked that I come full-time as Dean of Students and Instructor. Gwen and I felt it was God's direction and spent 26 years at the school in various capacities. It was a wonderful place to work and the team there was spectacular.

When Bethany closed in 2015 we spent a few months getting our bearings and then found two half-time positions at Prairie Hospice Society and Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel. Both have been enriching and formative experiences, but I felt I couldn't hold two positions for the long-term so resigned from the Hospice work. We retired from pastoral ministry in Blaine Lake in September, 2021. Gwen and I have four married children and nine grandchildren.

References

Phil Gunther, Director of Ministry, SKMB

Phil is my friend and my ministry supervisor when I was in Blaine Lake.

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Gil Dueck, Academic Dean, Columbia Bible College, Abbotsford, BC.

Gil is a former student and then a colleague at Bethany College.

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