

# Clifford King Harbin

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## Objective:

Seeking a call that utilizes my unique gifts, strengths and education for making and forming Christian disciples in a parish, diocesan or school setting.

### • EQUIPPING ADULTS FOR MINISTRY:

*Founding Pastor, Church of the Beloved, Charlotte, NC.* Founded a new congregation focused on those to whom "traditional" church would not be appealing. Congregation ASA ranged from 66-153, average age 31, all ages present in worship with 40% of those in worship under the age of 16. Responsibilities included: sacramental preparation, preparation of and weekly leadership in worship and/or healing station, preaching, pastoral care, marketing, creating children's programming (Beloved Garden), youth programming, worship instruction and faith development formation for parents and godparents/sponsors, baptism preparation of adults, children and parents/sponsors, administrative oversight. 1999-2008. The Episcopal Diocese of NC closed this faith community on All Saints' Day, 2008 just short of its seventh birthday. For more information, see [www.churchbeloved.org](http://www.churchbeloved.org). September 1999 - October 2008

*Spiritual Gifts and Ministries Consultant.* Assisted adults and teens for the last thirty years in discerning their individual spiritual gifts and aided each person in determining how best to serve God in everyday life, including informal spiritual direction.

*National Formation Leader (training adults),* Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Levels I, II & III with complete set of atria materials.

*Guest Presenter, Seabury Institute, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, 2006 & 2000.*

### • PASSIONATE ABOUT (and like!) CHILDREN AND TEENS:

*Director of Children's Ministries, Grace United Methodist Church, Kokomo, IN.* Responsible for Christian Formation and pastoral care of those Birth-12 years. 1994-1999.

*Director of Religious Activities, Trinity Episcopal Church, Asheville, NC.* Responsible for the needs of all 12-39 year olds, including pastoral care, formation, outreach opportunities and fellowship activities in Program-sized congregation. 1988-1989.

*Youth Advisor/Director, (stipend position), Christ Episcopal Church, Greenville, SC, 1978-1988.*

### • ADVOCATE FOR THE POWERLESS:

*Foster Mother, of a physically, emotionally and mentally challenged boy since he was ten years old. He is now a 32-year-old adult who resides independently through the Charles Lea Center in Spartanburg, SC.*

*Intake Crisis Worker, Blue Ridge Center, Asheville, NC.* Performed intake duties and crisis management for an adult outpatient mental health program. 1989-1992.

*Child Protective Services Investigator, SC Department of Social Services, Greenville County.* Determined outcome of reports of neglect and abuse of children, community speaker in classrooms and to civic organizations on the prevention of child abuse/neglect. 1984-1986.

(See reverse)

*Counselor I, SC Department of Youth Services, Greenville County. Interviewed juvenile delinquents and made pre-sentence recommendations to the Family Court. 1983-1984.*

*Author of the Diocese of Western North Carolina's original Safe-guarding our Children documents, 1989*

*Member School Leadership Team, Park Road Montessori School, Charlotte, NC, 2003-2006.*

*Member, Christian Emphasis Committee, Harris YMCA.*

- **SUPPORTER OF PARENT-BASED FORMATION:**

*Pastor: Church of the Beloved, Charlotte. See above.*

*Catechumenal Process Consultant, National Episcopal Church Center, 1994-1999.*

*Staff, Making Disciples in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, Nashville, TN, 1997-1999.*

*Member of Christian Education Commission; Leader of Baptism Preparation of 2-12 year olds, Grace Episcopal Church, Asheville, NC, 1989-1992.*

## **Education**

*Masters of Arts in Ministry, cum laude, Nashotah House Theological Seminary, 2008.*

*Bachelors of Arts (Religion), Furman University, 1983.*

*Training Certificates in Levels I, II, & III; National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), 1991-2005.*

*Certificate, Godly Play, taught by Jerome Berryman, Kanuga Conferences, 1993 & 1994.*

## **Publications**

*Principles of the Catechumenal Process, The Christian Century, Vol. 116, Issue 10, March 24, 1999.*

*Christian Initiation and Renewal: One Congregation's Story. The Christian Century, Vol. 116, March 24, 1999.*

*The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Model of Christian Formation in the United Methodist Tradition, Circuit Rider, May 1997.*

## **Personal**

Baptized, St. Luke Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA, 1961. Graduate: The Lovett School, Atlanta, GA, 1978. In my 20<sup>th</sup> year of marriage to an Episcopal priest, with D. Min. in Congregational Development, resulting in three children, Miles, almost age 17 (a sophomore in high school), Mitchell, age 13½ (a 7<sup>th</sup> grader in middle school) and Clare, age 8 (a lower elementary student in a public Montessori school). Interests: supporting our children's activities, entertaining friends, family history research especially taking "dead people's vacations," weeding while my husband gardens, and collecting memorable, award-winning children's books.

References available upon request.