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Employment Objective

I seek to offer effective and visionary parish or diocesan leadership through my passions of teaching, preaching and liturgy to nurture God's dream of a worshipping, evangelizing, caring, apostolic and expectant church—built not of granite, but of people—living stones empowered by the Holy Spirit to reconcile our world to Jesus Christ.

Education

Doctor of Ministry (Congregational Development), Seabury, 1999; *Master of Divinity, cum laude*, Nashotah House, 1988; *Bachelor of Science* (Premedicine), Davidson College, 1983. *Continuing Education* in the areas of Communication/Teaching, Catechumenal Process/RCIA, Family Systems, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Premarital Counseling, & Leadership.

Key Work Experience

Adjunct Faculty & Guest Presenter in Congregational Development, Seabury, Evanston IL (January 2000-present)
Course topics include: Renewing existing congregations; Using technology and cultural tools to nurture faith; Missional Liturgy (how the best of Anglican practice can connect to God's mission in today's world); and Church Planting concepts established congregations can use to reach younger generations. Offered training in MD and TX as well as in Evanston.

Priest-in-Charge, St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Bessemer City, NC (October 2008-present) & **7th Grade Science Teacher**, Community House Middle School, Charlotte, NC (August 2008-present). At the request of the Bishop of WNC am serving a century-old congregation in a waning former textile community while awaiting next full-time call. School teaching position provides invaluable perspective on struggles, hopes and dreams of our culture and affords opportunities to hone curriculum development, administration and accreditation skills learned while serving a private religious school before entering seminary.

Founding Priest, Church of the Beloved, Charlotte, NC. (September 1999-September 2008). Part of collaborative lay and ordained leadership team responsible for the creation of a vital worshipping community (congregational average age of 31; 40% of the worship participants under age 16). At 6th birthday (Xmas Eve '07) attendance 300+; year-end ASA 121. Through 2007 Beloved donated a cumulative tithe total of \$100,000+ in the name of Jesus to ministries beyond self. Direct mail campaigns and visually appealing print materials. Marketing research. Impressive web presence and weekly e-newsletter. Pastoral care through transforming lay pastoral teams. Missional, postmodern worship in a local public middle school, combining vast riches of Patristic & Celtic/Anglican Eucharistic tradition and elements from present culture (including strategic use of music and video). Resource for church leaders from Australia, Nigeria and throughout the US who learned of Beloved on web and came to Charlotte to experience and share in our work. Opened Beloved Garden, a retail space to offer developmentally appropriate spiritual formation & educational opportunities for ages 3-adult. Anchored by Catechesis of Good Shepherd, a majority of youth participants came from *outside* worshipping congregation. Diocesan service: Interim Assistant (St. Peter, Charlotte); Implemented the first New Beginnings, a derivative of Happening; Workshop leader (Dioceses of WNC & Indianapolis) offering training for lay and clergy leaders on postmodern congregational revitalization.

Rector, St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Kokomo, IN (June 1992-August 1999). Led congregational growth for 4th largest congregation in Diocese of Northern Indiana. Congregation gained a renewed sense of its baptismal identity and mission. Expanded ministries offered for children and youth. Energetic alternative and electronic media-based worship opportunity developed as one of three experiential, Sunday morning Eucharistic offerings ranging from Rite I traditional to postmodern. Utilized digital technology to improve communication and begin exploration of web. Total parish giving increased 55% and the endowment increased by \$225,000 in first five years. Diocesan Service: Diocesan Council, Diocesan Liturgist, Congregational Revitalization & Development Committee, Cursillo Spiritual Advisor, Alternate Deputy to General Convention.

Assistant Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Asheville, NC. (June 1988-June 1992) Revamped new member incorporation ministries. Young couples and young families greatly increased. Establishment of Diocesan Catechumenal Process, Diocesan Liturgist (including MC for consecration of diocesan bishop), Craggy Prison chaplain.

Program Director, Piedmont Council BSA camps (1982-1983). After serving on and leading the aquatic program staff for three years, opened new camp on 1400-acre reservation. Responsibilities included program development, management and quality control, customer service, oversight of staff exceeding 40, and budget expenditures in excess of \$2 million.

Personal Data

Excellent health. Interests include spending quality time with my wife (Clifford) and our three children (Miles [16], Mitchell [13] and Clare [8]), donning a kilt at Scottish Games, visiting historical places, gardening, entertaining friends, movies, swimming and water sports (especially as an Adult Scouter nationally certified in Aquatics). Eagle Scout. Author of *No Mountain too Steep* (1988) and published in *Searching for Sacred Space* (Church Publishing, 2002) and in *Open* (Associated Parishes, Fall 2000). *Honors*: New Teacher of the Year (Community House Middle School 2008-2009), St. George Episcopal Award, Order of the Arrow National Distinguished Service Award. References available upon request.