

SUMMARY

Visionary leader with over 13 years of pastoral ministry experience in urban and suburban environments. Diverse skills include collaborative leadership, exceptional communication, spiritual direction, conflict resolution, social justice advocacy, and arts inclusion

EDUCATION

Certificate in Spiritual Direction and Social Transformation,

Projected completion 2023

Currently training to become a spiritual director equipped to discern the liberating work of the Spirit in personal, communal, and social settings

Canadian School of Peacebuilding, Winnipeg, MB. 2016

Intensive summer courses: The Arts and Peacebuilding and Basic Peace Skills

Regent College, Vancouver, BC. 2009

Master of Divinity

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI. 2002

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Illustration (Honors)

Konstfack University College of Arts, Crafts, and Design,

Stockholm, Sweden. 2001

Studied graphic design, typography, and branding

EXPERIENCE

Cedar Park Church, Ladner, BC. Jan. 2013–present,

Lead Pastor of an intergenerational, Anabaptist faith community

- Partner with pastoral staff and elder board to provide strategic leadership enabling Cedar Park to live out its mission to pursue the peace of Christ in all our relations – with God, ourselves, others, and all of creation
- Collaborate with staff and volunteer teams to carry out internal and external ministries ranging from spiritual formation, temporary foreign worker support, anti-racism initiatives, refugee sponsorship, Indigenous-Settler relations, holistic humanitarian global partnerships, and children's arts camps
- Deliver personalized care through pastoral counseling, grief work, funerals, weddings, visitation, mental health support, marriage mentoring, coordinated meal support, practical aid, and referrals
- Deliver dialogical preaching that is Christ-centered, shaped by Anabaptism, biblically astute, widely researched, thoughtfully contextualized, and creatively presented

Delta Organizing Against Racism and Hate Committee, 2018–2021

Volunteer committee member organizing community-based justice and anti-racism initiatives – workshops, political debates, community forums

Tenth Church, Vancouver, BC. Jan. 2009–2012

Pastor of the 3rd Service: an arts and justice-oriented evening service within Tenth Church – a diverse faith community in the inner city

- Designed and led weekly worship services with teams of staff and volunteers
- Delivered pastoral care, spiritual direction, visitation, weddings
- Engaged in preaching, teaching, and retreat planning

Arts

- Integrated a variety of artistic elements into worship services i.e., music, visual art, drama, spoken word, multi-media, etc.

Young Adult Ministry

- Empowered leadership team to deliver dynamic programming

Im-aj Communications & Design, Inc., West Kingston, RI. 2002–04

Graphic Designer: worked on print and web projects for primarily nonprofit organizations

SKILLS

Communication: thoughtful, clear, engaging, authentic, teaching/preaching/presenting that inspires hope by helping people imagine positive alternatives to current injustice, apathy, and despair

Spiritual Direction: currently training to provide spiritual direction in one-on-one, group, organizational, and activist spaces

Peacemaking: utilize basic peace skills in conflict resolution – compassionate listening, non-violent communication, and mediation

Group facilitation: design and lead small and large group gatherings utilizing circle process and collaborative decision making

INFLUENCES

I am a lifelong learner always looking to expand my understanding and experience of God's healing, restorative, and creative work in the world

Currently reading: *Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization* by Elaine Enns and Ched Myers, *All About Love: New Visions* by bell hooks, *When Everything's On Fire: Faith Forged From the Ashes* by Brian Zahnd, *Grounded in God: Listening Hearts Discernment for Group Deliberations* by Suzanna G. Farnham

Recent seminars & courses: Eastern Mennonite University School of Leadership Training: *Race, Place & Catastrophe – Becoming Grapevine & Fig Tree Planters in a Time of Crisis* (Drew Hart, Jarrod McKenna, and Mary Douglas), *Before We Were White: Ancestral Recovery for Collective Liberation* (with David Dean and Eleanore Hancock), *Myths of Polarization: Reframing Difference and Conflict for the Work of the Church* (with Melissa Florer-Bixler), *Subversive Prayer* (with Ashe Van Steenwyck)

REFERENCES

Available upon request