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My faith was fostered by the spiritual environment of my grandparents' farm and the Spirit Lake UMC. I am a graduate of Spirit Lake HS, Morningside College, Candler School of Theology,- MDIV, and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary - DMIN.

My ministry calling is to lead persons to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus and go further in their service of Christ. My conviction is that our denomination is at a critical crossroads. We need to work together to address the adaptive challenges facing us. We must reclaim our United Methodist heritage of reaching persons for Jesus Christ, and helping them grow into the image of Christ, transforming the world through their living witness of Love, Justice, and Mercy. By building relationships with people we can share the Good News, advocate for Justice in our troubled world and through missions make a difference in people's lives.

Pastoral Service: Member of IAC from 1983-current including 7 years as Cedar Rapids District Superintendent.

Conference service: Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry for ten years, member of the CF&A, Equitable Compensation, CCMC, Board of Global Ministries, Parish Development and DM District Mission Education/Interpreter, CCYM, Book of Resolutions Editor, Resolutions Committee and Faculty of School for Lay Ministry, Lay Servant Ministries and Licensing School.

General Church service: General and Jurisdictional Conferences, GBHEM, GCCUIC, and Ministry Study, Academy for Spiritual Formation Covenant Group Leader for Academy #18 and #23 and Retreat Leader for #28.