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My passion is for increasing the effectiveness of every UM congregation and the UM connectional system in reaching and serving our communities near and far to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. My commitment is to help build capabilities and structures that are rooted in the distinctive Wesleyan tradition and ethos while also adapting to varied contexts, assuring relevance and resonance.

I am a member of the Iowa Conference, currently serving under appointment as Book Editor of The United Methodist Church and Chief Content Officer of The United Methodist Publishing House. I am responsible for oversight of editorial content of all materials produced for churches, individuals, seminaries, and more. I see myself as accountable for proactively responding to the interests of the local church and our shared connectional mission.

Prior to my appointment to UMPH, I served for seven years as district superintendent of the SW district and Dean of the Bishop's Cabinet. Prior to that I served for fourteen years as pastor of Lovely Lane UMC in Cedar Rapids. I also served as a pastor in Granger, Iowa; Greytown, New Zealand, and Glasgow, Scotland. I earned an M. Div. from the Divinity School of Duke University and a Bachelor's in Science and Business Administration from Iowa State University.

My prayer is that the Church will unite around our shared mission. Christ's call upon each of us to live lives of sacrificial love and mercy shows us the way to love God and neighbor.