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Education

ABD – Regent University (Organizational Leadership); MBA – Rollins College, (2005); M. Div – Reformed Theological Seminary (1992); B.A. – SUNY Albany (Economics, 1987)

Professional and Personal Interests

The apostle Paul wrote, “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”. This verse gets to the heart of the way I view life. It is important to recognize that all activities and professions are vehicles to glory God in the world. I hope to awaken students to the sacredness of all human enterprises as an opportunity to make the kingdom of God visible on earth as it is in heaven.

Academic Responsibilities

As Department Head for Pastoral Ministries, I create the vision for the pastoral ministries department, supervise and hire instructors, administer departmental budget, advise students and develop curriculum for Pastoral Ministries majors on our urban and suburban New York campuses.

Courses Taught

Business Ethics
Introduction to Homiletics
Introduction to Spiritual Formation
Leadership and Administration
Nyack Heritage
Old Testament Literature
Pastoral Counseling
Theology of Work
Legal, Ethical, and Social Issues in Business (Rollins College MBA)
Old Testament Survey (Palm Beach Atlantic University, Belhaven College)
Christian Worldview (Palm Beach Atlantic University, Belhaven College)
Ethics (Palm Beach Atlantic University, Belhaven College)

Membership in Professional Societies

American Benedictine Academy

Ordained minister (1992)

Research Interest

Benedictine Monasticism
Business Ethics
Church Revitalization and Church Planting
Collegial Hierarchy
Pastoral Leadership in the church, business, and governmental arenas
Theology of Work, Life and Vocation
World Evangelization

Publications

Presentations

Reviews

Non – Academic Professional Experience

City Coordinator and Workshop Facilitator – DeVos Urban Leadership Initiative (1996 – Present)

Business Owner – Nature’s Table Franchisee, Orlando, Florida (2007 – 2010)

Church Planter – The Hub University Church, Orlando, FL (2001 – 2009)

Missions and Teaching Pastor – Northland, A Church Distributed, Longwood, FL (1992 – 2000)

Store Manager – McDonald’s. Winter Park, FL (2004)

Volunteer Experience

Member of the Metropolitan District Executive Committee of the Christian and Missionary Alliance
for the New York and New Jersey area (2008 – Present)

Appointed to the Orange County Zoning and Adjustment Advisory Board (2005- 2006)

Board Member on the Downtown Orlando YMCA (2003 – 2006)

Orange Blossom Trail Redevelopment Board (2003)

Holden Heights Neighborhood Association President (2001 – 2003)

Board and President, Restore Orlando (1999 – 2002)

PTA President, Grand Avenue Elementary School (1999 – 2001)

Personal

Married to Nancy (1989)

Father to 10 children

Fluent in Spanish