

Objective

To contract with a church to provide interim biblical and spiritual and pastoral leadership from a Reformed perspective and to assist in assessing the health and future direction of the congregation.

Qualification Highlights

- Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences, or, “People and their relationships”
- Lifelong interest in people & culture and assessing & evaluating
- Years of experience as a Pastor and person in the 'helping' field

Academic Education

Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (with distinction)

The King's (University) College, Edmonton, AB, 1990

Master of Divinity

Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, USA, 1995

Professional Experience

Interim Pastor

Quincy Christian Reformed Church, Quincy WA USA Sept 2007 – Feb 2008

- Assessed dynamics in the congregation by listening to individual's experiences of past struggles and of current conditions with the purpose of helping the group reconcile past problems and find a renewed vision for the future
- Distilled key common themes heard in these stories into summary statements
- Wrote monthly reports presenting the statements to my leadership team
- Conferred with key leaders on the accuracy and validity of these statements
- Facilitated leadership arriving at action decisions which shaped the future direction of the church

Pastor

Mundy Park Christian Fellowship, Coquitlam, BC 2003 - 2007

Forest Christian Reformed Church, Forest, ON 1995 – 2003

- Studied and interpreted our sacred writings and today's culture in order to deliver relevant messages to the congregation each week
- Prepared weekly and seasonal worship services
- Provided personal counsel & pastoral care and mentoring to individuals from congregations of up to 150 members
- Gave emotional, spiritual, psychological and other support to families when there was a serious illness or other crisis, and to persons in addiction recovery or other life struggles
- Interactively taught values to groups of up to 9 children & youth
- Facilitated ongoing inductive adult study and discussion groups
- Prepared 10 couples for marriage with 6 personal sessions each using the PREPARE/ENRICH program
- Trained to be on an adjudication panel to assess abuse charges against church leaders
- Set agendas and led leadership and general meetings of up to 200 persons

Other Relevant Work Experience

Chaplain/Spiritual Director

Edgewood Addiction Treatment Center.

Aug 2008 – Apr 2009

- Assisting patients in preparing their 4th step in the 12 step program.
- Hearing patient's 5th steps, and counseling them through it
- Teaching patients to identify feelings and avoid deflecting
- Identifying and confronting behaviours which feed addiction
- Equipping patients to live interdependent lives
- Facilitated group therapy

Halfway House Counselor

The John Howard Society of Edmonton AB.

part-time 1987 - 1990

Job Retraining Instructor

Straight Goods Industries Society, (branch of JHS)

Summer 1988 & 1989

Other Abilities and Interests

Computers

Proficient with Windows XP, Word Processing (OpenOffice and Lotus WordPro), Presentation (Impress) and Database (Lotus Approach) software

Competent enough in Hardware to be able to troubleshoot problems and accurately locate their origin and to fully disassemble and reassemble a computer

Volunteering

3 years volunteering for Canadian Blood Services at local clinic

Personal References

Available on request