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Purpose: To assist in the development of congregations for the 21st century through creative teaching, leadership coaching, and innovative systems that influence leaders to build the kingdom of God in this world.

Educational Experience

Bachelor of Science: Psychology
1989 University of Maryland

Master of Divinity
1993 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry: Church Leadership & Preaching
2004 Asbury Theological Seminary

Work Experience

Senior Pastor – Glen Mar UMC (2010 – Present)
Provide leadership for 1200+ member congregation, develop paid and unpaid servant leaders, life application preaching and teaching, and guide financial stewardship.

Regional Guide – Baltimore-Washington Conference Staff (2007 – 2010)
Coach Pastors, assist District Superintendent, resource local congregations in discipleship, and implement plan for new church development for the conference.

Church Planter – FaithPoint UMC, Urbana, MD (2001 – 2007)
Developed a “parachute drop” type church plant from a small core to a healthy, viable, and self-sustaining ministry in the midst of a difficult environment.

Senior Pastor – Thurmont UMC, Thurmont, MD (1996-2000)
Transitioned a church from crisis into a healthy, growing, and loving ministry to the local community.

Associate Pastor – Calvary UMC, Annapolis, MD (1993-1996)
Created programs and supervised volunteers for a large membership church in the state's capitol.

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Mental Health Counselor – Family Continuity Program, South Hamilton, MA (1990-1993) *Worked with chronic mentally ill clients to help them transition from hospitalization to self sufficiency.*

Accomplishments

Beeson Pastor Scholar 2000-2001

Leadership Howard County Graduate 2012

Denominational Experience (Baltimore/Washington Conference)

Path 1 Mentor Coach

Assists in the supervision of a national team of church planting coaches and coaching church planters.

Path 1 Team

Serve as representative for Northeast Jurisdiction on this national team to start new churches in the United Methodist Church.

Korean Mission Board for Northeast Jurisdiction

Board member for 2009-2012 to oversee Korean mission for starting new churches.

Board of Ordained Ministry

Served the board by interviewing, evaluating, and commissioning candidates for ministry.

District Board of Ordained Ministry

Served the board by mentoring incoming candidates for ministry.

Board of Evangelization

Served the board by helping to create programs and conferences that encouraged laity and clergy to participate in evangelistic ministry.

Leadership Training Faculty

Teach regularly at the annual conference's leadership training events in the area of church development and leadership.

Church Development Consultant

Work with local congregations to create vision, mission, and values in their context of ministry.

L3 Incubator Facilitator for Church Planters

Facilitate a group of church planters for the purpose of ongoing learning and support.

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Mentor/Supervisor to Local Church Pastors

Train and mentor local church pastors in their ministries and report progress to District Committee on Ordained Ministry.

Spiritual Gifts

Teaching/Preaching, Wisdom, Administration/Leadership, Discernment

Interests

Triathlons, Basketball, Leadership, Athletics/Sports

References

Rev. Mark Derby
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