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Key Competencies

- Consistent, visionary leadership in the development of innovative programming addressing data-driven needs and enhancing organizational reputation.
- A dynamic, engaging orator and creative, persuasive writer
- Eighteen-year commitment to those seeking authorized ministry, with experience teaching and guiding students in discerning the specifics of their call.
- Ten years of ministry in an ecumenical environment, working with local congregations and judicatory staff. Plus, more than twenty additional years of local church ministry.
- Proven ability to learn new competencies quickly, manage multiple tasks and organize complex processes.

Education

Doctor of Ministry, Drew Theological School, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2005

Congregational Growth and Development concentration

Thesis: Developing Niche Ministries in Smaller Congregations Using Collaborative Resourcing

Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 1979

Bachelor of Science (Psychology), Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA, 1976

Faculty Positions

2015 Adjunct Professor, Lancaster Theol Seminary, Lancaster PA
Courses: United Church of Christ Polity, 3 credits, required

2013 to Present Director of Supervised Ministry
Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA

- Participated in revising the Supervised Ministry portion of the Masters of Divinity program including design and implementation of three new courses, worked with nine seminarians and congregations to establish supervised Ministry relationships, develop learning covenants, designed and staffed in-service sessions for Supervisors, resolved problems and conflicts, and reviewed semester-end evaluations.

2012 to Present UCC History Polity and Theology Instructor
Courses: On-line course, PATHWAYS, Southeast Conference UCC, 2014
Lay Ministry in the 21st Century, Three session, 2013 to present
On-line course, Center for Progressive Renewal, 2013
Lay Ministry in the 21st Century, One session, 2012

2005 to 2013 Assistant Director of Supervised Ministry,
Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA

- Over the past four years I worked with more than 40 seminarians and congregations to establish supervised ministry relationships, develop learning covenants, assisted in-service sessions for Supervisors, resolved problems and conflicts, and reviewed semester-end evaluations.

1999 to Present Adjunct Professor, Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA
Courses: Speech Practicum , 1 credit, required (annually 1999 – 2009)
UCC History, Polity and Theology, 3 credits, required (2002, 04, 06, 07, 11, 14)
Practice of Preaching, 3 credits, required (2002, 08)
Understanding Ministry in Smaller Congregations, 1 credit, elective (2009, 13)
Learning as Ministry, 3 credits, required (2009)

1998 to Present Adjunct Professor, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
Courses: United Church of Christ Polity, 2 credits, required
(1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2012, 2014)

Workshops Presented

Redefining Christian Fund Raising -- It starts with the Pastor, Moravian Seminary, 2013
Making Scripture Readings Come Alive, Lay Liturgists, Fritz Methodist, Bethlehem, 2009
Overview of Speech Practicum, MTS Supervisors, 2000, 2004, 2009
Methods of Collaboration among Congregations, Lutheran and UCC Leadership, Western
Salisbury UCC, Allentown, 2008
Preaching Weekend Retreat for PNEC Licensed Ministers. 2004
Elements of a Capital Campaign, Dryland UCC, 2002
Children and Communion, PNEC Annual Meeting, 2001

Ministry Positions

2015 to present Director of Enrollment, Moravian Theological Seminary

1995 to 2014 Senior Pastor, St. John's UCC, Nazareth, PA

- Primary responsibility for preaching and worship, stewardship, evangelism and congregational leadership;
- Implemented innovative ministry including: Parish Health and Nurse, Counseling Center and Spiritual Director.
- Supervised 3 MDiv Students, each serving the congregation for a period of two semesters;
- Partnered with St. Thomas UCC, Bethlehem to provide pastoral leadership, visitation, occasional preaching and supervision of a Moravian seminarian serving as a UCC Licensed Minister. This unique partnership assisted the congregation through a transition time as they planned for and implemented a church revitalization strategy.

St. John's is one of the largest UCC congregation in the region by membership, average worship attendance and annual operating budget. With a staff of 16 professional and support staff, St. John's has more than 100 participants in its music ministry, more than 120 adults gathering in study groups, a children's church school staffed by 15 teachers, a Nursery School serving 75 children and three youth ministry programs.

1985 to 1995 Executive Director, New Bethany Ministries, Bethlehem, PA

- Preached or taught in an average of 40 congregations annually, cultivating volunteer and financial support from nearly 150 area congregations.
- Supervised 2 MDiv students in collaboration with St. Luke's Hospital Pastoral Care Department.
- Offered educational and training programs regionally, maintaining relationships with various judicatory staff and committees for funding purposes.

As the first Executive Director, I grew the organization from a single program to a continuum of housing and support services at four locations. By 1995, New Bethany operated a transitional housing program for homeless families, 35 single rental rooms in Bethlehem and Coplay, a Drop-in Center and Meal Center, eight HUD Section 8 apartments, and a 28-bed Personal Care Home for poor, persistently mentally ill individuals.

1993 to 1994 Stated Supply Pastor, St. Peter's UCC, Parryville, PA

1991 to 1992 Stated Supply Pastor, Grace UCC, Easton PA

1989 to 1990 Stated Supply Pastor, St. Peter's UCC, Parryville, PA

1987 to 1988 Interim Worship Team, St. John's UCC, Emmaus PA

1979 to 1985 Pastor, First UCC, Bethlehem, PA

- Fostered congregational outreach and community organizing involvement in housing, community development and feeding programs.
- Supervised 3 MDiv students, each serving the congregation for a period of two semesters.

Community and Church Service

- 2012 to 2015 President, Board of Director, Lazarus Housing Program
➤ Masters leases shared housing for those recently released from prison. Currently operating 2 facilities with 3 residents each.
- 2012 to 2015 Member, Gracedale Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- 2006 to 2015 Commissioner, Northampton County Housing Authority
➤ Chair, Board of Commissioners (2009-Present)
- 2002 to 2012 Trustee, Phoebe Ministries Board of Directors
➤ Chair, Phoebe Slate Belt Board of Trustees (2003-2005)
➤ Chair, Foundation Committee (2005 to 2012)
- 1995-2003 Director, Saucon Valley School Board (elected position)
- 1994-1995 Moderator, Penn Northeast Conf, UCC
- 1989-1994 CPE Residency Admissions Committee, St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem

Personal

Kathy and I have been married for 38 years. We have two grown, married children: Amy and Shawn Silvoy of Bethlehem and Christopher and Siobhan DeRemer of Allentown. Kathy is a secretary for the St. Luke's School of Nursing and plays violin with the Allentown Symphony.

Ordained by the United Church of Christ in 1979, I hold Ordained Ministerial Standing in the Penn Northeast Conference.

I enjoy quiet evenings with Kathy, lively Sunday Pizza suppers with the family, racquetball, forensic mysteries and romping with our dog, Dexter.