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Personal Information

Date/Place of Birth: June 25, 1952, Guymon, Oklahoma
Marital Status: Married July 23, 1976, to Patricia Adams Farmer

Education

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ph.D. New Testament, July 1982, GPA: 4.0
- University of Texas at Arlington, Greek and Roman History, Summer 1978, GPA: 4.0
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, M.Div., December 1977, GPA: 3.87
- Oklahoma Panhandle State University, B.S. Psychology, May 1974, GPA: 3.86
- Guymon High School, Diploma, May 1970, Class Rank: Salutatorian

Languages

Reading knowledge of Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, French, and German

Academic Teaching Experience

- Dean of the Wallace All Faiths Chapel and Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Chapman University, 1997-present.
- Academic Area Coordinator, Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Cincinnati, 1996-1997.
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Cincinnati, 1994-1997.
- Adjunct Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1988-1992 (full teaching load).
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1982-1988 (full teaching load).
- Visiting Professor of New Testament, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Summers 1983, 1985.
- Teaching Fellow (New Testament), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1979.

Teaching Competencies

Specialties: New Testament, Koine Greek, Hermeneutics, Process Philosophy/Theology

Other competencies: Hebrew Bible, Biblical Theology, Biblical Ethics, Contemporary Religious Thought, History of Christianity, Jewish and Early Christian Non-Canonical Literature, Major World Religions

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Level:

Freshman Seminar: The Global Citizen
 Introduction to the Study of Religion (methods course)
 Introduction to the Bible
 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)
 Koine Greek
 Introduction to the New Testament
 The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke
 The Life and Letters of Paul
 The Gospel and Epistles of John
 Revelation and Apocalyptic Literature
 Biblical Ethics
 Religion and Values: The Abrahamic Traditions
 Philosophy of Religion
 Process Theology
 Native American Religious Thought
 Topics in Religious Studies:
 Women in the Bible
 The Sermon on the Mount
 The Parables of Jesus
 The Kingdom of God

Graduate/Seminary Level:

Introduction to the New Testament
 The Gospel of John
 First Corinthians
 The Epistle to the Hebrews
 Hermeneutics

Administrative Experience and Committees (Academic)

- Dean of the Wallace All Faiths Chapel, Chapman University, 1997-present.
- Institutional Review Board, Chapman University, 2001-present.
- Task Force for Drafting a Code of Ethics, Chapman University, 2004-2005.
- Freshman Seminar Book Committee, Chapman University, 1998, 2000.

- Academic Area Coordinator, Religious Studies Program, University of Cincinnati, 1996-1997.
- Religious Studies Program Development Committee, University of Cincinnati, 1995-1996.
- Chief Advisor for the Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program, College of Arts and Science, University of Missouri, 1991-1992.
- General Academic Advisor, College of Arts and Science, University of Missouri, 1990-1992.
- Religious Studies Department Computer Coordinator, University of Missouri, 1987-1992.
- Founder and Faculty Advisor, Religious Studies Club, University of Missouri, 1984-1992.
- Chair, Religious Studies Department Assessment Committee, University of Missouri, 1989.
- Committee Member for the Graduate School, University of Missouri (outside reader for dissertations and theses): Ph.D. (Higher & Adult Education); Ph.D. (English); Ph.D. (Classics); and M.A. (Art History).

Professional Organizations

Society of Biblical Literature (1983-present).

- John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern (1998-present).
- Bible and Contemporary Theologies Group (1990-2000; Chairperson 1993- 1998).
- Seminar on Reading the Apocalypse: The Intersection of Literary and Social Methods (1991-1997).

Center for Process Studies (1987-present).

- Member, Advisory Board (1995-present).

Process and Faith (1987-present).

- Member, Steering Committee (1995-present).
- Contributing editor for *Creative Transformation* (2001-present).

Steering Committee for Interfaith Voices for Animal Compassion (2008-present).

Steering Committee for the William A. Beardslee Consultation (2000-2006).

Steering Committee for the conference, "Relational Hermeneutics in a Fractured World: The Reality Quest at the Turn of the Millennium" (1999-2000).

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (1983-1991).

- Member of the Nominating Committee for the Editorial Board of *Perspectives in Religious Studies* (1990-1991).
- President, Midwest Region (1986-1987).
- Vice-President, Midwest Region (1985-1986).

Current Research and Publication Interests

Interfaith Dialogue: Co-Editing (with Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki) a collection of essays by Jewish, Christian, and Muslim scholars on the following topics: Scriptural Authority; Ecology; Economics; Social Justice; and Peace. Anticipated publication date: 2010. The volume is designed to promote interreligious dialogue among congregations of the Abrahamic Traditions. The essays were originally read at a series of conferences held in Southern California.

Ethics: At present, my ethical research is focused on the area of animal rights and food production, primarily “factory farming.”

Publications

Books

Awakening: A Novel. Estrella de Mar Publications, 2009.

The Revelation to John: A Commentary for Today. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2005.

Beyond the Impasse: The Promise of a Process Hermeneutic. In the Studies in American Biblical Hermeneutics Series. Macon, GA: Mercer UP, 1997.

Journal Articles, Essays, and Book Chapters

“A Return to the Jungle.” *Creative Transformation* 17/4 (Fall 2008): 2-5.

“Interpreting the Bible: A Protestant Process Perspective.” *Creative Transformation* 17/3 (Summer 2008): 28-32.

“Incarnation and the Resacralization of Nature: A Christian Process-Relational Response to the Ecological Crisis.” *Creative Transformation* 13/1 (Winter 2004) 2-8.

“Undercurrents and Paradoxes: The Apocalypse to John in Process Hermeneutic.” *Readings in the Book of Revelation: A Resource for Students.* Ed. David L. Barr. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2003.

“Lectionary Notes for the Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Easter—Year A of the Common Lectionary.” Process and Faith Web Site (www.processandfaith.org).

“Jesus in Process Christology.” *Jesus Then and Now: Images of Jesus in History and Christology.* Ed. Marvin Meyer and Charles Hughes. San Antonio: Trinity Press, 2001.

“Creatively Transforming a Discipline: The Contribution of William A. Beardslee to New Testament Studies.” *Creative Transformation* 10/1 (2000): 5-6.

“Divine Power in the Apocalypse to John: Revelation 4-5 in Process Hermeneutic.” In *Society of Biblical Literature 1993 Seminar Papers.* Edited by Eugene H. Lovering, Jr. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1993.

“The ‘Transmission of Tradition’ in the ‘Academic Freedom-Ecclesiastical Control’ Debate: Three Models.” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 17 (1990): 129-39.

“Lord in the New Testament,” “Messiah/Christ,” “Hypocrisy,” and “Jude.” *Mercer Dictionary of the Bible.* Macon, GA: Mercer UP, 1990.

“Process Hermeneutic and Biblical Exegesis: Description and Assessment.” *Parish and Process* 3:3 (January 1989):3-20. (The journal is now called *Creative Transformation*.)

“The Kingdom of God in the Gospel of Matthew.” *The Kingdom of God in 20th-Century Interpretation*. Edited by Wendell Willis. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1987.

Edited Works

Religion and the Postmodern Vision. The 1991 Rufus Monroe Paine and Sofie Hougaard Paine Lectureship in Religion. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1992. (Lectures are by David Ray Griffin, Catherine Keller, and Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki.)

Film Documentaries

The Antichrist. A two-hour documentary for The History Channel (2005). I served as one of two history consultants as well as one of the people interviewed.

Devotional Articles

“The Mark of True Greatness: Reflections on 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 10.” *Creative Transformation* (forthcoming).

“What Does the LORD Require of Us? Reflections on Micah 6:1-6.” *Creative Transformation* 18/2 (Spring 2009): 8-9.

“Hungry for a Hero: Reflections on John 12:12-16.” *Creative Transformation* 17/1 (Winter 2008): 18-19.

“The Intersection of Memory and Hope: Reflections on Genesis 28:10-17; Exodus 3:1-12; and Hebrews 12:1-2.” *Creative Transformation* 16/4 (Fall 2007): 16-17, 29.

“All Dried-Up? Then Prophecy! Reflections on Ezekiel 37:1-14.” *Creative Transformation* 16/3 (Summer 2007): 10-11.

“What Is Your New Name? Reflections on Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25.” *Creative Transformation* 16/2 (Spring 2007): 14-15.

“The Art of Forgiveness: Reflections on Matthew 18:21-35.” *Creative Transformation* 16/1 (Winter 2007): 12-13.

“On Rendering to Caesar and to God: Reflections on Mark 12:13-17.” *Creative Transformation* 15/4 (Fall 2006): 12-13.

“Weed Pullers or Seed Sowers? Reflections on Matthew 13:24-30.” *Creative Transformation* 15/3 (Summer 2006): 10-11.

“A Mother to Me Also: Reflections on Romans 16:13.” *Creative Transformation* 15/2 (Spring 2006): 16-17, 31

“The Well-Fitted Yoke: Reflections on Matthew 11:28-30.” *Creative Transformation* 14/4 (Fall 2005): 12-13.

“Confronting the *Doppelgänger*: Reflections on 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a.” *Creative Transformation* 14/3 (Summer 2005): 10-11.

“Drawing Circles: Reflections on Luke 5:27-32; 7:36; 14:1; 15:1-2; 19:1-7.” *Creative Transformation* 14/2 (Spring 2005): 10-11.

“They Read from the Book . . . with Interpretation: Reflections on Nehemiah 7:73b-8:8.” *Creative Transformation* 14/1 (Winter 2005): 12-13.

“The Offense of Grace: Reflections on Matthew 20:1-15.” *Creative Transformation* 13/3 (Summer 2004): 10-11, 26.

“Women Who Followed Jesus: Reflections on Luke 8:1-3 and John 19:25b-27.” *Creative Transformation* 13/2 (Spring 2004): 12-13.

“A Sense of Timing: Reflections on Luke 10:38-42.” *Creative Transformation* 12/3 (2003): 10-11, 23.

“Enfolded by God: Reflections on Revelation 1:8, 21:6, 22:13.” *Creative Transformation* 12/2 (2003): 12-13.

Four Prayers in *We Ask Your Blessing: 100 Prayers for Campus Occasions*. Ed. Donald G. Shockley. New York: Writers Club Press, 2003.

“The Womb of Compassion: Reflections on Luke 6:36.” *Creative Transformation* 12/1 (2003): 10-11.

“I’m *Kairos*, Catch Me While You Can: Reflections on Ephesians 5:15-17.” *Creative Transformation* 11/4 (2002): 12-13.

“A Light to My Path: Reflections on Psalm 119:105.” *Creative Transformation* 11/3 (2002): 10-11.

“Fixing Our Focus.” *Strength for Service to God and Country: Daily Devotional Messages for Those in the Service of Others*. Rev. ed. compiled by Evan Hunsberger. Franklin, TN: Providence House Publishers, 2002.

“A Land Where No One Lives: Reflections on Job 38:25-27.” *Creative Transformation* 11/2 (2002): 12-13.

“Reconceptualizing the Curse: Reflections on Genesis 3:16-19.” *Creative Transformation* 11/1 (2002): 14-15.

“When God Repents: Reflections on Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 4:2.” *Creative Transformation* 10/4 (2001): 10-11.

“More than Band-Aids: Reflections on Luke 4:16-30.” *Creative Transformation* 10/3 (2001): 10-11.

“The Origins of Millennial Fever.” *Creative Transformation* 9/1 (1999): 9-10, 8.

“Divine Power in the Apocalypse to John.” *Creative Transformation* 3/3 (1994): 1, 12-14.

Newspaper and Magazine Articles

“A Story of Faith: A Spiritual Journey.” *Chapman Magazine* (Winter 2007): 24-25.

“Educating the Whole Person.” *Chapman Magazine* (Spring 2003): 29.

“Peace through Interreligious Dialogue” (my suggested title was “Interreligious Dialog and the Quest for Peace”) in the Voices Column of *The Panther*, April 8, 2002.

“Chapman’s Past Will Enrich Its Future” (my suggested title was “Chapman’s Birthmarks”) in the Voices Column of *The Panther*, March 26, 2001.

“Ecumenical Chapel Is True to Chapman’s Roots.” *The Orange County Register*. March 15, 1998.

Book Reviews

The Women in the Gospel of John: The Divine Feminine, by Judith Kaye Jones. In *Encounter* (forthcoming).

The Old Testament and Process Theology, by Robert K. Gnuse. In *Encounter* 64/2 (Spring 2003): 206-7.

Margins of Belonging: Essays on the New Testament and Theology, by William A. Beardslee. In *Process Studies* 28 (1999): 149-50.

The Author of the Apocalypse: A Review of the Prevailing Hypothesis of Jewish-Christian Authorship, by Robert K. MacKenzie. In *Journal of Biblical Literature* 117 (1998): 756-58.

The Postmodern Bible, by The Bible and Culture Collective. In *Journal of Biblical Literature* 115 (1996): 515-16.

A Handbook on the Revelation to John, by Robert G. Bratcher and Howard A. Hatton. In *Critical Review of Books in Religion* (Atlanta: Scholar's Press, 1995) 180-81.

Margins of Belonging: Essays on the New Testament and Theology, by William A. Beardslee. In *the American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*

A Study of St. John's Revelation, by James Turley van Burkalow. Ed. Anastasia van Burkalow. In Eldon Jay Epp, ed., *Critical Review of Books in Religion* (Atlanta: Scholar's Press, 1992) 248-50.

Margins of Belonging: Essays on the New Testament and Theology, by William A. Beardslee. In *Creative Transformation* 1 (1992): 11-12.

Papers Read (Academic)

“‘The Year of the LORD’S Favor’: Jesus’ Proclamation and the Imperative for Social Justice.” Read at the William A. Beardslee Consultation, Chapman University, Orange, CA, February 7, 2006.

“Revelation: A Fresh Approach.” A three-part lecture for The Albertson Lectures. Wenatchee, WA. October 7-8, 2005.

“Incarnation and the Resacralization of Nature: A Christian Process-Relational Response to the Ecological Crisis.” Read at the William A. Beardslee Consultation, Temple Beth Tikva, Fullerton, CA, May 5, 2003.

“The Nature of Scriptural Authority: A Protestant Process Perspective.” Read at the William A. Beardslee Consultation, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA, April 29, 2002.

“The Christology of the Apocalypse.” Read at the conference Relational Hermeneutics in a Fractured World: The Reality Quest at the Turn of the Millennium, Chapman University, February 25, 2000.

“Jesus in Process Christology.” Read at the Images of Jesus Conference, Chapman University, November 16, 1999.

Panel Discussion of my book, *Beyond the Impasse: The Promise of a Process Hermeneutic*. In the Studies in American Biblical Hermeneutics Series. Macon, GA: Mercer UP, 1997. Silver Anniversary of the International Whitehead Conference, Claremont, CA, August 8, 1998.

“Process Thought and the Revitalization of the Church” (Co-presented with the Rev. Patricia Adams Farmer). Silver Anniversary of the International Whitehead Conference, Claremont, CA, August 5, 1998.

Panel Discussion of my book, *Beyond the Impasse: The Promise of a Process Hermeneutic*. In the Studies in American Biblical Hermeneutics Series. Macon, GA: Mercer UP, 1997. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA, November 25, 1997.

“Undercurrents and Paradoxes: The Apocalypse to John in Process Hermeneutic,” read at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, LA, November 24, 1996.

“A Response to Edith M. Humphrey, ‘In Search of a Voice: Rhetoric through Sight and Sound in Rev 11:15-12:17,’” read at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, IL, November 19, 1994.

“Divine Power in the Apocalypse to John: Revelation 4-5 in Process Hermeneutic,” read at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C., November 20, 1993.

“Mark 5:21-43 in Process Hermeneutic: The Nature of Language, Texts, and the Task of Theological Appropriation,” read at the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Springfield, MO, April 6, 1992.

Panel Member, “Men against Patriarchy,” a seminar sponsored by the Women’s Center, University of Missouri-Columbia, March 11, 1992.

“Transforming a Paradox: Universal/Limited Salvation in the Apocalypse to John,” read at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, MO, November 24, 1991.

“Response to David E. Aune, ‘Intertextuality and the Genre of the Apocalypse,’” read at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, MO, November 23, 1991.

“Process Theology as a Context for Animal Rights,” read at a meeting of Amnesty for Animals, Columbia, MO, April 22, 1991.

“Transforming a Paradox: Universal/Limited Salvation in the Apocalypse to John,” read at the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, St. Louis, MO, April 8, 1991.

“The Lamb and the Beast: The Apocalypse of Power. Revelation 4-5 in Process Hermeneutic,” read at the Center for Process Studies, The School of Theology at Claremont, Claremont, CA, March 20, 1990.

“Divine Power in the Apocalypse to John: An Interface of Biblical Studies and Process Theology,” read at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO, December 14, 1989.

“A Response to M. Robert Mansfield, ‘Reassessment of the Role of John the Baptizer in Mark’s Narrative,’” read at the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, MO, April 10, 1989.

“The Role of the ‘Transmission of Tradition’ in the ‘Academic Freedom- Ecclesiastical Control’ Debate: Three Models,” read at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Kansas City, MO, April 9, 1989.

“Divine Power in the Apocalypse to John: An Interface of Biblical Studies and Process Theology,” read at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, IL, November 19, 1988.

“Process Hermeneutics and New Testament Exegesis: An Assessment,” read at the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Springfield, MO, April 11, 1988.

“Divine Power in the Apocalypse to John: An Interface of Biblical Studies and Process Theology,” Presidential Address to the Midwest Regional Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, St. Louis, MO, April 5, 1987. Also read at the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, St. Louis, MO, April 6, 1987.

“A Response to Dan O. Via, Jr., ‘Ethical Responsibility and Human Wholeness in Matthew 25:31-46,’” read at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, November 24, 1986.

“A Response to Marcia Bunge, ‘Religion and Literature: The Rise and Dispersion of a Field of Study,’” read at the symposium “Faith, Imagination and the Arts,” Central Missouri State University, April 18, 1986.

“A Review of Christian E. Hauer and William A. Young, *An Introduction to the Bible: A Journey into Three Worlds*,” read at the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Columbia, MO, April 7, 1986.

“The Kingdom of God and the Gospel of Matthew,” read at the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, MO, April 1, 1985.

“A Reconstruction of the Composition of the Sermon on the Mount/Plain,” read at the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Fulton, MO, April 2, 1984.

“Holocaust as Crucible: Observations on 1 Peter 1:3-9,” read at the symposium “Faith in an Age of Holocausts,” Central Missouri State University, February 10, 1984.

Major Honors

- T.A. Abbott Award for Faculty Excellence, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), March 21, 2009.
- Award of Appreciation for Community Service and Values, BYU Alumni Association, Orange County Chapter, 2007.
- Interfaith Award Recipient for 2006, Interfaith Council of Central Orange County, 2006.
- Faculty Advisor Award, Associated Students, Chapman University, 2000-2001.

- Elected to chair the Society of Biblical Literature's "Bible and Contemporary Theologies Group," 1993-1998.
- Selected to be a member of the Society of Biblical Literature's "Seminar on Reading the Apocalypse: The Intersection of Literary and Social Methods," 1991-1997.
- Invited to serve as a Faculty Mentor for the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, University of Missouri, 1990-1991.
- University of Missouri faculty member invited to deliver the "Last Lecture" at the University of Missouri Wesley Foundation, 1987.
- President, Midwest Region of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, 1986-1987; Vice-President, 1985-1986.
- Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1982.
- Outstanding Young Men of America, 1981.
- Stella P. Ross Memorial Award in New Testament, 1976.
- Alpha Chi, National Scholastic Society, 1973.
- Lambda Sigma Tau, National Honorary Science Society, 1973.
- Who's Who Among Students in American High Schools, 1970.
- High School Salutatorian, 1970.

Ministerial Experience

Dean of the Wallace All Faiths Chapel, Chapman University, 1997-present

Primary duties: teach academic classes; lead and coordinate worship services, educational opportunities, and service projects for a diverse interreligious community; administration, counseling, pastoral ministry.

Co-Minister, Walnut Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cincinnati, OH, 1992-1997

Primary duties: preaching, teaching, evangelism, pastoral ministry, administration.

Campus Minister/Teacher, Baptist Student Center, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1982-1992

Primary duties: lead Bible studies and seminars, speak at vespers, counseling. (Also directed the program for international students, 1982-1985)

Associate Pastor, Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Colleyville, TX, 1975-1982

Primary duties: youth and college, education, music, preach in absence of pastor.

Short-term Missionary, Porto Alegre, Brazil, June 1981

Primary duties: preach, lead workshops.

Major Seminars and Lectures (Ministry Oriented)

“The Heritage of Progressive Christianity.” A two-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, July 12, 19, 2009.

“Perspectives on Paul: The Letter to Philemon.” A two-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, May 17, 24, 2009.

“Unraveling the Revelation to John.” A two-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, May 3, 10, 2009

“Recent Awakenings.” A four-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009.

“The Ethics of Eating.” A four-session series for Trinity Episcopal Church, Orange, CA, March 3, 10, 24, 31, 2009.

“An Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke.” A three-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, April 13, 20, 27, 2008.

“The Gospel of John.” An eight-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, January-February 2008.

“An Introduction to Christian Ethics.” A four-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, September 2007.

An Brief Introduction to Constructive Postmodern Theology (Process Theology).” A three-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, May-June 2007.

“In the Fullness of Time: Major Religious Developments during the Intertestamental Period.” A three-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, April-May 2007.

“A Fresh Look at Familiar Texts.” A five-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, October-November 2006.

“Revelation: A Fresh Approach.” A five-session series for Trinity Episcopal Church, Orange, CA, March-April, 2006. A four-session series for Hillcrest Congregational Church, La Habra Heights, CA, March-April, 2006. A two-session series at First Christian Church, Orange, CA, September 2006. A five-session series for Christ Lutheran Church, Orange, CA, January-February, 2007. A three-session series for First Christian Church, Ontario, CA, October-November 2008.

“Can the Bible Be Good News Again? An Introduction to the Study of the Bible.” A four-session series for Manhattan Beach Community Church, Manhattan Beach, CA, April 2006. Also, a six-hour, three-church workshop for Trinity Episcopal Church, Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church, and Our Savior Lutheran Church, Orange, CA, September 24, 2006.

“The Parables of Jesus.” A five-session study for the Trinity Episcopal Church, Orange, CA, February-March 2005.

“Reading Revelation: An Introduction to the Apocalypse to John.” A four-session series for the Church of the Foothills, Santa Ana, CA, February 2002.

“What Does the Bible Say about Homosexuality?” A four-session series as part of the Open and Affirming Process for the following churches: Church of the Foothills, Santa Ana, CA, February 2001; First Christian Church, Orange, CA, January 2003; and Neighborhood Congregational Church, Laguna Beach, CA, October-November 2005.

“Process Thought and the Revitalization of the Church” (Co-presented with the Rev. Patricia Adams Farmer). Silver Anniversary of the International Whitehead Conference, Claremont School of Theology, August 5, 1998.

“Toward a More Adequate Biblical Hermeneutic,” Cincinnati Area Disciples Clergy Meeting (Disciples of Christ), May 11 and June 15, 1993.

“Building Trust in a Disillusioned Age,” Board Meeting of the Mid-America Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Jefferson City, MO, June 13, 1992.

“Beyond Fundamentalism,” a seminar (with Father Jim Callahan) for the Newman Center, University of Missouri-Columbia, October 10, 1991.

“These Things We Believe: A Look at Baptist History,” a seminar for the Missouri State Student Convention, Windermere Baptist Assembly, September 28, 1991.

“An Introduction to Process Theology,” a lecture delivered to the Columbia Clergy Union (Ministerial Alliance), Columbia, MO, February 12, 1991.

“The Book of Revelation: Future Predictions or a Cry for Justice?” two Bible studies for the Newman Center, University of Missouri-Columbia, December 4, 1990 and February 25, 1991.

“Baptist Beginnings and Basic Baptist Beliefs,” a seminar for the Missouri State Student Convention, Windermere Baptist Assembly, September 29, 1990.

“The Peril of Partial Perspectives: Economic Implications of the Gospel Message,” a series of three Bible studies for the Missouri State Student Convention, Windermere Baptist Assembly, September 29-October 1, 1989.

“Peacemaking: A Biblical Perspective,” a series of three Bible studies for the Missouri State Student Convention, Windermere Baptist Assembly, September 30-October 2, 1988.

“Cultural Foundations of the United States,” a seminar for the International Student Conference, Windermere Baptist Assembly, April 9, 1988.

“The Lamb and the Beast: The Apocalypse of Power,” Last Lecture for the Wesley Foundation, University of Missouri-Columbia, April 26, 1987.

“Getting the Most from Your Academic Experience,” a seminar for the International Student Conference, Windermere Baptist Assembly, November 2, 1985.

“An Introduction to the Epistle to the Hebrews,” a Bible study for the Missouri State Student Convention, Windermere Baptist Assembly, September 28, 1985.

“Studies in Ephesians 2,” a Bible study for the Christian International Conference, Windermere Baptist Assembly, April 13, 1985.

“Spiritual Gifts,” a seminar for the Missouri State Student Convention, Windermere Baptist Assembly, September 22, 1984.

“Studies in 1 Corinthians,” a series of four Bible studies for the Christian International Conference, Windermere Baptist Assembly, April 6-8, 1984.

“World Hunger,” a seminar for the Missouri State Student Convention, Windermere Baptist Assembly, September 24, 1983.

“The Doctrine of the Church,” a series of three Bible studies for the Christian International Conference, Windermere Baptist Assembly, April 8-10, 1983.

Committees and Other Ministry Activities

- Board of Directors, Hillel of Orange County, 2001-present.
- Interfaith Council of Central Orange County, 2000-present.
- Board of Elders, Orangethorpe Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fullerton, CA, 2000-2001.
- Stewardship and Finance Committee, Orangethorpe Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fullerton, CA, 1998-2001.
- Cincinnati Area Disciples Clergy Group (Disciples of Christ), 1992-1997.
- Board Member of the Christian Ministries Center of Cincinnati, serving on the Christian Studies Committee, 1993-1995.
- Board Member of the Ecumenical Campus Ministries of the Greater Cincinnati, 1992-1993.
- Founder and Discussion Leader of the Mid-Missouri Process and Faith Group, 1989-1992.
- Mid-Missouri Area Student Ministries Council, 1982-1992.
- Education Committee, Little Bonne Femme Baptist Association, 1985-1989.