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## CAREER SUMMARY

**NOVEMBER 1998 – PRESENT**

**NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER 2005 – PRESENT**

**Associate Director of Connectional Ministries**

DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT in facilitating and overseeing the ministry and programming areas of the Annual Conference such as the Sending Servants Team (mission and outreach), the Accountability Group (inclusiveness, anti-racism, sexual ethics), the Hispanic/Latino Ministries Task Force and the African-American Church Task Force. Responsibilities entail administration, strategic planning and coordination with staff liaisons and volunteers including creating, justifying and managing the area budgets (Avg. \$190,000+/yr.).

**JANUARY 2004 – SEPTEMBER 2005** **Sending Servants Team Coordinator**

DEMONSTRATED ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS in directing the mission and outreach of the Annual Conference in collaboration with General Boards and Agencies. These areas were Church and Society; Communities of Shalom; Community Development; Ecumenical Ministry; Global Ministries; Health & Welfare; Justice For Our Neighbors; Mission Personnel; United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Volunteers in Mission. Responsibilities included administration, training, leading and guiding staff liaisons, volunteers, budget creation and management.

**APRIL 2000 – DECEMBER 2003**

**Commissioned Missionary (10-10-10), GBGM Assignment**

DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP SKILLS as the full-time Conference Coordinator in expanding the Communities of Shalom initiative. Responsibilities included technical assistance to existing sites, making management decisions to close three ineffective sites and getting equipped to lead in-house Shalom training. Provided training for three prospective sites and two sites were launched. Continued and expanded engagement with Justice For Our Neighbors and the Anti-Racism Team offering leadership as a Task Force member helping secure funding and strengthening Annual Conference relations.

**NOVEMBER 1998 – MARCH 2000**

**P-T Conference Coordinator, COMMUNITIES OF SHALOM**

DEMONSTRATED MANAGEMENT SKILLS in coordinating and overseeing the operation and administration of eleven community development ministry sites, called Shalom Zones, throughout the North Texas region. Responsibilities included assisting sites with fundraising, goal setting, establishing collaborations, training, leadership development and general operation strategies. Also responsible for annual site evaluations, reporting results to national Shalom Zone office and implementing growth plans when corrective action needed. Also involved in the start-up and implementation of the Justice For Our Neighbors initiative offering monthly immigration clinics and provided leadership to the planning, design and implementation of an anti-racism initiative.

**SEPTEMBER 1994 – OCTOBER 1998** **JUBILEE MINISTRIES, INC.**

DEMONSTRATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS in planning and coordinating non-profit agency development projects. Managed and administered pre-development grant program funded by a governmental agency (HHS/ACF/OCS). Promoted to Executive Director in 1995 and charged with overall management and administration. Responsibilities included fundraising strategies, press relations, staff and volunteer supervision and day-to-day administration.

**AUGUST 1984 - AUGUST 1993**

**ABBOTT DIAGNOSTICS MANUFACTURING, INC.**

DEMONSTRATED FLEXIBILITY in multi-tasking various management, technical and training positions in Technical Support, Reagent Manufacturing, Clinical Chemistry and Abused Drug/Toxicology. Responsibilities included managing and supervising five departments in Reagent Manufacturing with a budget of \$500,000+.

**SEPTEMBER 1980 – AUGUST 1984**

**NUCLEAR MEDICAL LABORATORIES**

DEMONSTRATED TECHNICAL SKILLS in performing duties as Senior Laboratory Technician. Responsibilities included manufacturing and filtration of radioactive products for test kits.

## **E D U C A T I O N**

M.Div., *Cum Laude*, 2008, Southern Methodist University-Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX.

Women's Study Certification, 2008, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX.

B.S., 1979, East Texas State University, Commerce, TX. Major: Biology.

Completed various continuing education courses and seminars in management, training, housing development, and computer software.

## **S T R E N G T H S   A N D   Q U A L I F I C A T I O N S**

- Strong record of accomplishment in management displayed through ability to plan and implement programs, lead team in building consensus for shared vision, develop policies and procedures, understanding capacities and capabilities of execution and evaluating outcomes.
- Excellent communication and follow up skills with ability to relate to wide range of people, businesses, organizations and media. Team leader and player for shared vision and working for good of the whole.
- Self-starter. Motivated and goal oriented for self and subordinates.
- Approaches ministry with clear spiritual and theological foundation asking the question "What Will I/You Do?" since scripture is clear what Jesus would do. Leader of spiritual retreats.
- Resourceful and committed to plan of the organization to meet goals through results oriented leadership and keen awareness for identifying opportunities.
- Strong background in financial management and fundraising in private/public sectors. Budget management has resulted in balanced budgets annually.

- In depth experience in relating to multicultural and ethnically diverse communities and congregations and leading dialogue and empowerment.
- Literate in computer technology. Experienced in Windows, Microsoft Office programs, Content Managed Website Design/Maintenance, Internet and Email.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received the Inclusiveness Award, June 2003, 2001 and 1998, from the North Texas Conference Commission on Religion and Race for work in building mutual caring and understanding of diverse cultures in the North Texas area.
- Awarded the St. Benezet Award, November 2001, from the Greater Dallas Community of Churches, for dedicated service in building bridges in the Dallas community
- Recognized with Received the Community Involvement Award, October 1997, from the NAACP - Grand Prairie Chapter.
- Honored with the prestigious Abbott Laboratories' President Award, in 1993, for dedication to the relocation of their Reagent Manufacturing operations to Chicago and Puerto Rico.
- During seminary internship demonstrated successful pastoral care and provided leadership for developing a model to achieve the mission of FUMC Grand Prairie.
- Supported justice ministries by initiating fundraising beyond the Annual Conference stimulating \$50,000+ for various mission projects, i.e. Communities of Shalom, Justice For Our Neighbors, Anti-Racism initiative.
- During my leadership raised \$250,000+ in cash and in kind contributions to support general and program operations for Jubilee Ministries, Inc., since organization's inception in 1994. Helped to create 10 jobs for the organization over four year history.

### ASSOCIATIONS/AFFILIATIONS

Certified Candidate for Ministry, Dallas South District, North Texas Conference  
Member and Evangelism Chairperson, FUMC Grand Prairie  
Member and former co-chair, North Texas Conference Anti-Racism Team  
Member, Dallas Center for Nonprofit Management  
Member, G.B. of Church and Society's "*Living Faith Seeking Justice*" Design Team, 2006-07  
Member, North Texas Justice for Immigrants Network and Immigration Reform Network  
Member, Black Methodist for Church Renewal-National, SCJ and NTC  
Member, National Black Staff Forum  
Member, Bishop's Committee on Sexual Ethics' Response Team  
Member, United Methodist Women  
Graduate, Leadership Grand Prairie Class of 1997-98

## REFERENCES

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