

CURRICULUM VITAE

MY STORY (IN A NUTSHELL)

Born on January 25, 1951 in the Netherlands, I was raised in a Christian home, nurtured in the context of the Reformed faith, and a professing member of the Gereformeerde Kerk, Nederland (GKN). In 1972 I emigrated to St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. I worked as a machine operator in a sheet metal factory and as a truck driver for greenhouse operators. During this time in Canada (1972-1974), I went through a period of spiritual renewal and became very involved in the work of the Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in St. Catharines.

Sensing a call to evangelistic work, I decided to attend the Reformed Bible College in Grand Rapids, Michigan for further training. While there for one year, I changed directions and began attending Calvin College to pursue a liberal arts education, majoring in classical Greek, and thus preparing for seminary entrance. In 1978 I graduated from Calvin College and entered Calvin Theological Seminary to prepare for ordination, pastoral ministry in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. In 1981 I graduated with a Master of Divinity degree. Also, in 1977 I married Rosanne Bierma; the Lord has blessed us richly with four children: Jessica, Joy, Elliot, and Eric.

After a one-year internship at the Dearborn CRC, I received a call to serve the North Blendon CRC in Hudsonville, MI as an ordained pastor. I served that church from 1982-1988. In the spring of 1988 we moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where I served the Des Moines CRC until 1995. At that time I received and accepted a call from the Providence CRC in Beamsville, Ontario, Canada. While working full-time as an ordained pastor, I pursued my doctoral studies in the area of Christian worship. In 1998 I graduated from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill. with a Doctorate of Ministry in Worship. In the fall of 2004, I responded to a call from the Calvary CRC in Edina, MN to be their lead pastor. Thus in January, 2005 I began my task with the Calvary Church to lead people into a growing and committed relationship with Jesus Christ and his church. As part of my calling, I also co-teach a course on the *Christian Year* at the Institute for Worship Studies. The course is part of a doctoral program enabling students to pursue a doctoral degree in worship studies.

EDUCATION--A SHORT OVERVIEW

Formal Education:

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| 1998 Northern Baptist Theological Seminary: | D.Min (with distinction) |
| 1982 Calvin Theological Seminary: | M.Div. |
| 1978 Calvin College: | AB |

PASTORAL MINISTRY RELATED EXPERIENCE

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| 2005-Present | Ordained Minister: Calvary CRC, Edina, Minnesota |
| 1995-2004 | Ordained Minister: Providence CRC, Beamsville, Ontario, Canada |
| 1988-1995 | Ordained Minister: Des Moines CRC, Des Moines, Iowa |
| 1982-1988 | Ordained Minister: North Blendon CRC, Hudsonville, Michigan |

1981-1982 Internship Dearborn CRC, Dearborn, Michigan

PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY RELATED SERVICE

2008-present Classical Interim Committee (Classis Lake Superior)
2006-present Church Visitor (Classis Lake Superior)
2005-present Synodical Deputy for Classis Lake Superior
2002-2004 Church Visitor (Classis Niagara)
1999-2004 Member/Chair of Student Fund Committee (Classis Niagara)
1999 Delegate to Synod
1998-2004 Member of the Board of Trustees, Dordt College
1998-1999 Member of the Editorial Council of *Calvin Institute of Christian Worship* at Calvin College
1997-1999 Member of the Editorial Council of *Reformed Worship* journal
1995-1997 CRC Home Missions Committee (Classis Niagara)
1992-1994 CRC Home Missions Church Growth Consulting (Midwest USA)
1992-1994 Church Visitor (Classis Pella)
1990 Delegate to Synod
1989-1994 CRC Home Missions Committee (Classis Pella)
1985-1987 CRC Home Missions Committee (Classis Zeeland)

FORMAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1999-present Formally on staff as an adjunct professor teaching *The Church Year* at the **Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies** (Florida Campus)
(Doctoral program: D.W.S or Doctor of Worship Studies)

- Taught one week intensives in Jacksonville, Fla. mentoring doctoral students for 4 months by way of internet.
- June 8-16, 2010
- January 5-13, 2010
- June 9-17, 2009
- January 6-14, 2009
- June 10-18, 2008
- January 2-10, 2008
- June 12-20, 2007
- January 3-10, 2007
- June 13-21, 2006
- January 3-11, 2006
- June 8-16, 2005
- January 4-12, 2005
- June 8-16, 2004
- January 6-14, 2004
- June 10-18, 2003
- January 6-14, 2003
- June 11-19, 2002

- January 8-16, 2002
- June 13-20, 2001
- January 17-24, 2001
- June 7-14, 2000
- Taught one-week intensive at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, July 14-18, 2003
“Services of the Year” (WORS 0604)
- Taught one month intensive from July 30-August 30, 2001 [independent study:
“Services of the Year” (WORS 0604)] to 4 M.Div. students at Tyndale Seminary
in Toronto. “Services of the Year” (WORS 0604). Done primarily by mentoring
over the internet.
- Taught one week intensive from November 6-10, 2000 at Briercrest Biblical
Seminary (Caronport, Saskatchewan).
- Taught one-week intensive at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, August 2-6, 1999
“Services of the Year” (WORS 0604)

1982-present Catechetical/church school/Adult church classes related instruction

1979-1981 Calvin College: assistant professor (part time) Dutch language

DOCTORAL THESIS/PROJECT SUPERVISION

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| June 2010 | Alan Chi Lun Yu: “Discipleship Training for ‘The Jubilant’ Worship Team at Ambassadors for Christ in Canada, Vancouver, British Columbia.” |
| June 2010 | Stanley Doyle Pylant: “Enhancing the Understanding of the Christian Year at First Baptist Church, August, Georgia.” |
| June 2010 | Debra Jean Crabtree: “Exploring a Biblical Theology of Worship to Enhance Participation at West Chester Church of the Nazarene, West Chester, Ohio.” |
| June 2010 | Alan Edward Brisco: “Developing and Evaluating a Process for Change in the Context of Worship at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto.” |
| June 2010 | Nancy Wandland Beyer: “Enhancing Assembly Singing at Messiah Community Church, ELCA, Denver, Colorado.” |
| June 2010 | Rebecca Lee Nelson Abbott: “Developing a Curriculum of Spiritual Formation for Children through the Hymns of Charles Wesley at First United Methodist Church, Georgetown, Kentucky.” |
| June, 2009 | Mark Audber Jonah: “Renewing the Biblical Practices of Communion at Beulah Alliance Church Edmonton, Alberta.” |
| June, 2009 | Esther Carol Howson: “Promoting a Deeper Understanding of Holy Communion in Worship at Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield Ontario.” |
| June, 2009 | Myles Milton Henderson: “Enhancing Congregational Participation in the Lord’s Supper through Small Group Teaching at Centennial Park Baptist Church, Grimsby, Ontario.” |
| June, 2009 | Kely Gene Hatley: “Integrating Baptist Theology and the Christian Year Calendar at First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee.” |

- June, 2009 Kendall Roy Hafermehl: "Enhancing a Theocentric Focus in Corporate Worship at the Alliance Church, Okotoks, Alberta."
- June, 2009 Philip Lamar Burkett: "A Pilot Project in Four-fold Convergent Worship at College Park Church, Huntington, Indiana."
- June, 2008 Brenda G. Spargo: "*The Development of a Worship Planning Team for Contemporary Worship at University United Methodist Church, Las Vegas, Nevada.*"
- June, 2008 Gaylord Bruce Makowski: "*A Curriculum to Enhance an Understanding of the Eucharist in Spiritual Formation for Pastoral Ministry Students at Canby Bible College, Canby, Oregon.*"
- June, 2008 Timothy M. Harrison: "*Developing a Family Worship Program for the Clinton Presbyterian Church, Clinton, New Jersey.*"
- June, 2008 John P. Harmeling: "*Enhancing the Understanding of the Christian Year through a Focus on Advent at Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.*"
- June, 2008 Larry D. Ellis: "*Living Out Our Baptismal Covenant at St. Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church, Cherry Hills Village, Colorado.*"
- June, 2008 Christian Diffenderfer: "*Building a Foundation in a New Anglican Congregation in Falcon, Colorado.*"
- June, 2008 Timothy W. Borchert: "*Utilizing Multimedia in the Celebration of the Lord's Supper at First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.*"
- June, 2008 Don W. Barrick: "*Building Authentic Christian Community at First Baptist Church of the Woodlands, Texas through the Use of the Ancient Agape Feast.*"
- June, 2007 James W. Walraven: "*A Table Celebration Study for Home Group Use at Community of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wilsonville, Oregon.*"
- June, 2007 James E. Smith: "*Enhancing the Worship of God through Understanding and Hallowing the Lord's Day at Bethel Missionary Church in Goshen, Indiana.*"
- June, 2007 David R. Pannabecker: "*A Baptismal Curriculum for Senior High Youth and Adults Toward Making Disciples at Trinity Evangelical Free Church, South Bend, Indiana.*"
- June, 2007 Jean Allyn Gothold: "*Developing a Theology of Worship for St. Peter's By the Sea Presbyterian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.*"
- June, 2007 Robert James George, Jr.: "*A Method to Address the Worship Expectations of Those Attending the United Methodist Church of Smethport, PA.*"
- June, 2007 Norman Garcia: "*Enriching Worship Through a Training Program For Salvation Army Cadets in the USA Eastern Territory.*"
- June, 2007 Perry Kwan Sin Chow: "*A Worship Training Course for Cantonese-Speaking Worship Leaders at the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, Morristown, Tennessee.*"

- June, 2007 Charles Lawrence Betters: *“A Guide to Help Families Discover Their Unique Missional Calling Through Family Worship at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Bear, DE.”*
- June, 2006 Calvin Lam: *“A Training Manual for Purpose Driven Worship Leaders at Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church, Toronto, Canada.”*
- June, 2006 Gerzinus Hoekstra: *“A Resource Guide of Seasons and Symbols for St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Choir, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada.”*
- June, 2006 Sharon Kivell: *“Fostering Harmony Through Healing Workshops at St. Ninian’s Anglican Church, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.”*
- June, 2006 Glen Gray: *“A Paradigm for Renewal: Seven Pilot Studies for Interculturated Holy Communion at the American College, Phoenix, Arizona.”*
- June, 2005 Chris Monroe: *“The Stations of the Cross: A Worship Course for the Disciples Class of Vinton Baptist Church, Vinton, Virginia.”*
- June, 2005 Mark Mahaffie: *“A Worship Study Course and Services for Advent and Christmas Designed to Enhance the Spiritual Growth for Sequoia Heights Baptist Church, Manteca, California.”*
- June, 2005 Edna Grenz: *“Enriching the Journey with Jesus for the People of First Baptist Church in Vancouver. BC Through a Workshop Overview of the Christian Year, and Particularly Through a Series Aimed at Enhancing the Advent Season.”*
- June, 2005 Lyndell Vaught: *“A Daily Worship Guide Book to Promote Personal Christian Worship During Holy Week Among Senior Adults, Ages 65-85 at the Silver Serenaders Choir, Dallas, Texas.”*
- June, 2004 Robin Ziegenfuss: *“A Strategic Worship Transition Plan to Assist First Christian Church of Council Bluffs, Iowa, in Moving From a 450 to a 1000 Seat Worship Space”*
- June, 2003 Rebecca Whited: *“A New Discipleship Curriculum to Enhance Worship at Tallmadge Lutheran Church”*
- June, 2003 Tracy Ainsworth: *A Sourcebook for the Christian Year for Use by Churches in the Advent Christian Denomination”*
- June, 2003 Julie Gibson: *“A Worship Curriculum for Commissioned Lay Pastor Candidates, Boise Presbytery, PCUSA”*
- June, 2002 Ryan Forbes: *“A Study Course to Equip the Lay Worship Leaders of North Broad Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia”*
- June, 2002 David Ellison: *“A Worship Guide for the Season of Advent For the Adult Choir of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.”*

PUBLISHING: BOOK REVIEWS, ARTICLES, ETC.

- 1999 “Bending God’s Ear.” *Reformed Worship*, June 1999, number 52. Grand Rapids: CRC Publications.
- 1998 Privately published: (Doct. Thesis) *The Significance of Baptism as Taught*

*Specifically in the Providence Christian Reformed Church and Generally
in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.*

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

January, 2006 Calvin Institute of Christian Worship: Symposium on Worship. Presented two workshops: On “Remember Your (Infant) Baptism” and on “The Presence of the Ascended Christ in the Eucharist”

July 11-22, 2005 Seminars in Christian Scholarship: Participant in “*How to Teach Worship in Congregations and Schools.*” Dr. John Witvliet.

January 24, 2004 “*Reflections on Worship*” (Workshop at Rehoboth CRC, Niagara Falls)

March 29, 2003 “*Feasts, Festivals, and the Arts*” (Worship and the Arts, Niagara, sponsored by Jubilee CRC, St. Catharines)

PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENT

The core of my calling centers on:

Helping people encounter the Lord Jesus Christ by providing leadership in worshiping the triune God, by preaching the gospel, and by teaching the Scriptures in the context of pastoral ministry and academic settings.