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### Credentials:

Ordained in The United Methodist Church, 1982  
Member in Full Connection, West Ohio Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

The Reverend Bishop R. Ough, Resident Bishop  
The Reverend Cyndy L. Garn, District Superintendent

### Work History:

**Church:** Most recent first

Church of the Good Shepherd, United Methodist      Senior Pastor  
6176 Sharon Wood Boulevard  
Columbus, OH 43229

Columbus North District Chair of Nominations Committee  
West Ohio Nominations Committee  
Columbus North District Chair of Gifts and Graces

Stratford St. Paul's United Methodist Church      Pastor  
Delaware, OH

Columbus North District Nominations Committee

[This was understood to be an interim position but at that time they were not formally called interim positions.]

First United Methodist Church      Senior Pastor  
Ada, OH

Lima District Worship Chair  
Lima District Council on Ministries  
Lima District Council on Ministries, Exec Comm  
Lima District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Parkview United Methodist Church      Senior Pastor  
Columbus, OH

Columbus South District Worship Chair  
Columbus South District Committee on Ordained Ministry

## Columbus South District Council on Ministries

St. James Parish United Methodist Church      Pastor  
North Baltimore, OH  
    Findlay District Worship Chair  
    Findlay District Council on Ministries  
    West Ohio Worship Committee

Mt. Victory United Methodist Church      Pastor  
Mt. Victory, OH  
    Lima District Coordinator of Communication  
    Lima District Council on Ministries

Faith United Methodist Church      Pastor  
Batavia, Oh  
    Clermont County Cluster Youth Ministry Coordinator  
    Wilmington District Coordinator of Communication  
    West Ohio Communications Committee  
    Wilmington District Council on Ministries

Greenville First United Methodist Church      Student Associate Pastor  
Greenville, OH

Arlington United Methodist Church      Student Pastor  
Brookville, OH

### **Teaching:**

Versailles Exempted Village Schools      sixth grade reading teacher  
Versailles, OH  
    District Reading Department Chair  
    President, Versailles Education Association  
    Chair, VEA Negotiations Team  
    District Right to Read Chair  
    State Middle School Right to Read Representative

Sidney City Schools      third grade teacher  
Sidney, OH

### **Business:**

Culinary Emporium      Assistant Manager  
Cincinnati, OH

**Education:**

Bradford High School  
Bradford, OH

Wright State University  
Dayton, OH

B.S. Elementary Education

Wright State University  
Dayton, OH

Graduate studies in education

United Theological Seminary  
Dayton, OH

M. Div.

Institute of Formative Spirituality  
Pittsburgh, PA

Duquesne University  
Graduate studies in Formative  
Spirituality

College of Preachers  
National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

Core Curriculum

**Major Workshops and Training Events**

Interim Ministry Network  
Basics of Transitional Ministry

L.E.A.D. Consultants  
Calling & Caring Ministries (Lab I) Parish Visitation  
Calling & Caring Ministries (Lab II) Visitor Trainer  
NLP Master Certification  
Mediation  
Conflict Resolution Trainer's certification

L.E.A.D. Consultants/Toronto School of Theology  
Conflict Resolution

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center  
Mediation training  
Advanced Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process (3 years)

Here I Stand: Using Belief Charts for Change  
Facilitating Healthy Pastor Congregation Relations

**Professional Organizations**

Interim Ministry Network

The Interim Ministry Network strengthens the spiritual and organizational health of the church-at-large by equipping and supporting those who lead during times of transition.

The Order of Saint Luke, Life Vows

Founding Prior of St. Francis Chapter

The Order of Saint Luke is a religious order within the United Methodist Church dedicated to spiritual formation and worship with integrity.

Academy of Parish Clergy

The Academy of Parish Clergy is an interfaith, voluntary, and self-governing association of ordained persons occupying clerical roles, ordinarily in a congregational, judicatory or chaplaincy setting, who seek growth towards excellence in ministry through sharing the practice.

**Personal:**

I am married and my wife, Betty, and I have three adult children. My personal vision of ministry is to assist congregations to come to wholeness and vitality so that they can be about the work of making disciples and extending the Reign of God throughout all creation. For rest and relaxation, I enjoy golf and nature walks.

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### **Intentional Interim Ministry Training**

#### **Interim Ministry Network:**

##### **Basic Training in Intentional Interim Ministry**

Phase I- This provided the basic theoretical training for working as an intentional interim.

Phase II- With the assistance of a field supervisor and a teacher/monitor, I have worked with a congregation in developing exit strategies for their pastor and themselves. This has also been a time for reading and learning more theory.

Phase III - Theory and Practice combined through critical incident reflections.

#### **L.E.A.D. Consultants:**

##### **Calling and Caring Labs I & II**

Lab I is training in active, story listening originally designed for working with inactive members. Lab II is certification to teach Lab 1 skills.

These skills are essential for intentional interim work because of the need to be very clear on expectations, to be able to train folks to communicate clearly so their interests can be documented, and to help build a system of communications in the parish that will allow the settled pastor to work more effectively.

##### **Mediation:**

Basic mediation training which can assist in negotiation of contracts, working with folks who have issues that have not been resolved from previous pastoral relationships, and assisting groups in negotiating responsibilities and duties.

##### **Conflict Management:**

Provides a clear framework for helping congregations deal with conflict within the parish and to establish norms for dealing with conflict in constructive ways in the future.

**Conflict Management Trainer:**

Certification to teach the conflict management workshop.

**Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Masters Level**

Although primarily a counseling skill set, this has proven very valuable in assisting with clear communications.

**Lombard Mennonite Peace Center:****Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders**

A five day, intensive training for dealing with conflict in congregations whether it involves a few people, several groups or the congregation as a whole. Includes guidelines for dealing with future conflicts.

**Consulting with Anxious Congregations**

Congregations which are in transition often have high anxiety. This training has equipped me with various tools for helping a congregation deal with their anxiety in productive ways.

**Advanced Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process: 3 years**

This is a continuing program of learning and applying Family Systems (Bowen) Theory to my personal life and to the life of the congregation. In addition to receiving theoretical learnings, there is a component for dealing with personal family structures so that I can become a more of a non-anxious presence and a component where the theory is applied to case studies of congregations and how the leader's family and the families of congregational members and the congregational family system impacts interactions.

**Here I Stand: Leading Change through Self-Differentiation**

This program has equipped me to assist congregational leaders in becoming more self-differentiated so that they can provide better leadership to the parish.

**God's Own Peace: Systems Theory and Spirituality**

Through this training I have received an additional tool for helping folks grow in the spiritual life and to become more centered in God and themselves.

**Facilitating Healthy Pastor-Congregation Relations**

Exit and entrance strategies were a key component of this workshop