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Pastor with 30 years of experience in a parish setting. Trained in and experienced with reconciliation in ecclesiastical conflicts. Involved in pastoral formation as a vicarage supervisor. Experienced presenter demonstrated by numerous lectures to groups of pastors and laymen around the world. Holder of a terminal academic degree with the ability to write as evidenced through multiple publications. Able to work well with staff and multiple personnel as proven by involvement with the Iowa District East as a member and chair on their Board of Directors.

EDUCATION

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| 2004 | Doctor of Philosophy Durham University Durham, England
Supervisor: Rev. Dr. David Brown
Thesis: <i>Individualism in the Christology of Helmut Thielicke's Sermons: Analysis and Response</i> |
| 1990 | Master of Divinity Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne, IN
Major: Exegetical Theology Minor: Systematic Theology
Advisor: Dr. Douglas Judisch
Thesis: <i>The Isagogics of Isaiah</i> |
| 1985 | Bachelor of Arts Concordia University Wisconsin Mequon, WI (Cum Laude)
Majors: Theological Languages, Humanities |

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| 1994-Present | Pastor
St. John Lutheran Church Hubbard, IA |
| 1990-1994 | Pastor
Trinity Lutheran Church & Calvary Lutheran Church Millersburg, IA & Deep River, IA |
| 1988-1989 | Vicar
Our Savior Lutheran Church & First English Lutheran Church Crookston, MN & Eldred, MN |

REFERENCES / REFEREES

Rev. Karl Bollhagen (Circuit Visitor)

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POSITIONS HELD

	District Service
2015-Present, 2000-2002	2 nd Vice President of Iowa District East
2002-2015	1 st Vice President of Iowa District East (termed out)
2013	Eldora Circuit Pastoral Representative to St. Louis Synod Convention
2012-Present	Chairman of IDE Board of Directors
2002-2012	Chairman of IDE Office Committee
2000-2012	Vice Chairman of IDE Board of Directors
2008	Member of IDE Task-force on Restructuring the District
1999-2002	Pastoral Advisor for Eldora & St. Ansgar Circuits Lutheran Laymen's League
1996-2002	Reconciler for Iowa District East
1997-2000	Secretary of Iowa District East
1997-2000	Chairman of IDE Bylaws & Procedures Committee
1994-1997	Chairman of Worship Subcommittee for Iowa District East
1992	Williamsburg Circuit Pastoral Representative to Pittsburgh Synod Convention

Synod Service

2016-Present, 1999-2003	Doctrinal Reviewer for LCMS
2013	Member of Synod Convention Floor Committee on Mercy
2012-2016	Supervisor for Seminary Vicarage Program

MISSION WORK

2019	Led group of 16 and youth to Juneau, Alaska for work service project
2014	Led group of 20 laymen to Palanga & Kintai, Lithuania for work service project
2010	Led group of 22 laymen to Palanga, Lithuania for work service project
2007	Led group of 21 laymen to Palanga, Lithuania for work service project
2005	Traveled to Lithuania on behalf of Iowa District East to survey potential for district to be involved in a fundraiser to help build a church & diaconal center in Palanga, Lithuania

PRESENTATIONS	OCT 7-8, 2019	<i>Genders and the Image of God</i> Southern Illinois Fall Pastor's Conference Grafton, IL
	MAY 6-7, 2019	<i>Genders and Sexual Ethics</i> Iowa West Spring Pastor's Conference Ft. Dodge, IA
	OCT 27-NOV 4, 2018	<i>Sexual Ethics for the Lutheran Church</i> 4 cities in Taiwan
	APR 19, 2018	<i>Sexual Morality</i> Iowa District West PALS
	SEPT 16, 2017	<i>We Have Been this Way Before – Life Issues and the Early Christians</i> Lutherans for Life Regional Conference Ft. Wayne, IN
	AUG 29-30, 2017	<i>Paul's Doctrine on the Order of Creation in Light of 1st Century Roman Views</i> ACELC Conference Lincoln, NE
	MAY 8-10, 2017	<i>Sexual Morality</i> New England District Spring Pastor's Conference
	MAY 2, 2017	<i>Sexual Morality in a Christless World</i> SELC seminary Oberussal, Germany
	APR 24-28, 2017	<i>24-Session Homiletics Seminar</i> Ukrainian Lutheran Church Odessa, Ukraine
	APR 19-20, 2017	<i>3-Session Homiletics Seminar</i> Pastors of the Lithuanian Lutheran Church Palanga, Lithuania
	FEB 17-18, 2017	<i>Sexual Morality</i> Men's Retreat Plano, TX
	NOV 28, 2016	<i>Current Observations on Ministry to the Same-Sex Attracted</i> Minnesota South District Public Policy Advisory Committee Burnsville, MN
	OCT 31, 2016	<i>Ministry to the Same-Sex Attracted</i> Missouri District Pastor's Conference Lake of the Ozarks, MO
	OCT 2014	<i>Pastoral Discipline Toward the Unrepentant</i> Joint Iowa East and Central IL Pastor's Conference
	MAR 2014	<i>The Ethics of St. Paul in Light of 1st Century Roman Culture</i> Lutheran Seminary Novosibirsk, Russia & Taurage, Lithuania (Tour of Eastern Siberia)
	2012, 2011	<i>A Conservative Christian Perspective on Homosexuality</i> Iowa State University, Philosophy Dept. Ames, IA
	OCT 2, 2007	<i>Considering the Private Mass in Today's Context</i> IDE Spring Pastor's Conference
	2006	<i>The Lutheran Service Book in Iowa, Three District-wide Workshops</i> Commission on Worship
	APR 11, 2000	<i>Preaching Sanctification</i> Marshalltown Joint Circuit Pastor's Educational Event
	1998	<i>Hymnal Supplement Workshop in Iowa</i> Commission on Worship

PUBLICATIONS

JAN 2017	Book Chapter: <i>Sex Education: The Great Cover-up</i> , Ed. Gifford Grobrien in <i>Sexual Ethics</i> Concordia Publishing House
JUN 2016	Book: <i>Sexual Morality in a Christless World</i> Concordia Publishing House
APR 2004	Book Review: <i>Eschatology</i> , Hans Schwarz Grand Rapids, MI Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2000, 431 pages, Concordia Theological Quarterly, Vol. 68, No. 2, Ap. 2004
JUL 2000	Book Review: <i>Christology</i> , Hans Schwarz Grand Rapids, MI Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1998, 352 pages, Concordia Theological Quarterly, Vol.64, No.3, July 2000

INTERVIEWS

JAN 2017	Half-hour Interview on <i>Sexual Ethics</i> chapter, Issues etc.
OCT 2016	Fifteen-minute Interview on Sexual Morality, KFUE Radio
OCT 2016	Half-hour interview on Sexual Morality, Pilgrim Radio Carson City, NV
SEPT 2016	Half-hour interview on Sexual Morality, KFUE Radio
AUG 2016	Hour-long book discussion on Sexual Morality, Issues etc.
FEB 2016	Hour-long interview on Helmut Thielicke, Issues, etc.



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