

Rev. Dr. Marcus J. Carlson

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Accomplishments

- Revitalization a church congregation and organization in decline.
- Built, rebuilt and strengthened several children's, youth, young adult and family ministry programs.
- Supervision, training and support of several volunteers, staff and interns over my career.
- Oversight of ministries for large, multi-site church setting.
- Creative, effective pastoral leadership, ministry and care.
- Leadership over vision and several new ministry initiatives.
- Formed several partnerships and networking connections with other leaders and organizations.
- Successful implementation of new ministry and organization models, processes, and procedures.
- Increased involvement and health in various ministries, programs and volunteer organizations.

Strengths & Specialties

- Strategic leader and visionary with expertise in organizational health.
- Superb time manager with a breadth of experience in a wide range of settings.
- Excellent crisis and conflict management skills.
- Gifted communicator focused on team work and creative, outside the box thinking.
- Flexible man of integrity with an excellent work ethic.

Publications

- Author, *The False Gospel of Guilt and Shame* 2018
- Author, *Re-Thinking Confirmation: A Practical Guide* 2016
- Author, Holy Families Small Group Video Curriculum 2016
- Contributor, Inside Job Doing the Work Within the Work Companion Workbook 2015
- Contributor, Holy Families Project 2015-current
- Post-Betrayal Youth Ministry article, Youthworker Journal Nov/Dec 2012
- Columnist, Connections Magazine 2010-present
- Contributor, Youthworker Journal Online 2011-2013
- Writer/Contributor, Fuller Seminary Burner Blog for Leaders 2013-2015
- Book reviews & blogs 2009-present

Teaching Experience

- Affiliate Faculty, Sioux Falls Seminary 2018-present
- Adjunct Faculty, Toccoa Falls College 2014-present
 - Undergraduate courses in ministry, leadership & youth ministry
- Affiliate Faculty, Southwestern College 2013-2018
 - Graduate courses & course design in ministry, theology & youth ministry
 - Undergraduate courses & course design in ministry, ethics & youth ministry
- Various seminars, classes & speaking engagements 2003-present
- Adjunct Faculty, Pikes Peak Community College 2012-2013
 - Undergraduate course design-new course in early childhood education
 - Undergraduate teaching in early childhood education
- Teaching Assistant/Co-instructor, Eastern University 1999-2001
 - Undergraduate course in interdisciplinary studies
- Teaching Assistant, Fuller Theological Seminary 2007-2009
 - Graduate courses in spiritual formation

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Certifications

- Ordained Pastor, Certified with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission For Christ (LCMC)
- QPR (Suicide Prevent) Certified Trainer
- Certificate in Youth Ministry, Fuller Seminary & Youth Specialities
- Certificate in Christian Counseling, ACC

Career History

- Senior Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, IN 07/13-Present
- Associate Pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO 12/09-5/13
- Children's Minister, St. Luke's UMC, Highlands Ranch, CO 7/08-9/09
- Director of Student Ministries, Sunrise UMC, Colorado Springs, CO 10/05-5/08
- Youth Minister, Christ UMC, Lafayette, IN 02/03-10/05
- Pastor to Youth & Young Adults, Emmanuel UMC, Blissfield, MI 06/01-01/03

Education

- Doctor of Ministry, Fuller Theological Seminary March 2014
- Masters of Counseling, Liberty University, 24 hours completed 2010-2012
- Masters of Divinity Equivalent Coursework, Iliff School of Theology May 2010
- Master of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary June 2007
- Bachelor of Arts, Youth Ministries, Eastern University May 2001
Minors in Psychology, Leadership & Theology

Service Accomplishments

- Speaking & teaching for non-profit, business, government & community groups worldwide (2003-present)
- Conflict Resolution Team, Heartland District NALC (IN & KY) (2016-2018)
- Council Member, Heartland District NALC (IN & KY) (2016-2018)
- Pastoral Care and Transition Team, Heartland District NALC (IN & KY) (2016-2018)
- Board Member, United Way of DeKalb County (2018-present)
- Stop Suicide Northeast Indiana Coalition (2018-present)
- Leadership Mentoring & Training, various settings (2006-present)
- Mental Health Advisory Team, Garrett-Keyser-Bulter School (2016-2018)
- Church Renewal Team, NALC (2017-2018)
- Strategic Planning Team, Garrett-Keyser-Bulter School (2016-2017)
- Junior Achievement Volunteer, (2015-present)
- Learning Link, Parent Education and School-Business Partnerships Committees (2014-2018)
- Board member, JAM recreation center (2014-2016)
- Small Wonders Committee, Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community Schools (2014-2016)
- Reading Railroader, J.E. Ober Elementary, (2014-2016)
- Hope Mentor, J.E. Ober Elementary, (2014-2015)
- Member of leadership team and small group leader for citywide Colorado Springs youth worker network (2011-2013)
- Volunteer Chaplain/Pastor for Cedar Springs Hospital (2011-2013)
- Chairperson, District Accountability Committee, Colorado Springs District II (2011-2013)
- Leader of regional denominational youth ministry collaboration (2011-2013)
- Board Member, One Nation Non-Profit, Colorado Springs, CO (2010-2012)
- Coordinated effort for regional Lutheran youth ministry connection (2011-2013)
- Chairperson, School Accountability Committee, Grant Elementary, School District II (2010-2012)
- Vice-President & President, PTA, Grant Elementary, School District II (2010-2012)
- Member, various school and District committees, Colorado Springs (2010-2013)
- Classroom volunteer, Grant Elementary (2010-2013)
- Leadership team, BRAIN III Network Business Group (2008-2010)
- Intern, Church of the Good Samaritan (1999-2001)
- Intern, Young Life Syracuse West (1996-1998)
- Student Chaplain, Student Chaplain Advisor & Resident Assistant, Eastern University (1998-2001)