

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:

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

PASTORAL MINISTRY RELATED EXPERIENCE

2005-Present	Ordained Minister: Calvary CRC, Edina, Minnesota
1995-2004	Ordained Minister: Providence CRC, 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

2006-present Church Visitor (Classis Lake Superior)
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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 Dr. Robert Webber's *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 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

- 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 is:

To help 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.