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#### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Institution	Degree	Date
Northern Baptist Theological Seminary	Doctor of Ministry	2002
Grand Valley State University (I completed thirty of the thirty-three hours needed for the Master of Education degree.)		1981-87
Nazarene Theological Seminary	Master of Divinity	1972
William Jewell College (I completed seven hours of Greek.)		1968
Southern Nazarene University	Bachelor of Arts	1968
Oklahoma Wesleyan University	Associate of Arts	1966

#### HOURS OF GRADUATE CREDIT

Nazarene Theological Seminary 99 hours  
Grand Valley State University 30 hours  
Northern Baptist Seminary 35 hours

Total 164 graduate hours

MAJOR AREAS OF GRADUATE STUDY: Christian Education, Education, Christian Ministries, Leadership

TITLE OF DOCTORAL THESIS: "Exploring Resistance to the Placement of Female Graduates of Indiana Wesleyan University in Full-time Ministry Positions in the Wesleyan Church"

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS (at Nazarene Theological Seminary): Old Testament, New Testament, Theology, Church History, Practical Ministries

#### ACADEMIC HONORS

At Nazarene Theological Seminary, I received the highest score in my graduating class on the senior comprehensive examinations.

At Nazarene Theological Seminary, I was a finalist in the Senior Sermon competition.

G.P.A. at Grand Valley State University: 4.0

G.P.A. at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary: 3.9

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor of Bible and Christian Education at Oklahoma Wesleyan University	1976-80
Associate Professor of Religion at Indiana Wesleyan University	<u>1990 to present</u>
Total	24 years

#### FULL-TIME PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Minister of Christian Education at Ravenwood Wesleyan Church in Kansas City, MO	1968-71
Senior Pastor of Central Wesleyan Church in Kansas City, MO	1971-74
Minister of Christian Education at College Wesleyan Church in Marion, IN	1974-76
Minister of Christian Education at Spring Lake Wesleyan Church in Spring Lake, MI	1980-87
Minister of Christian Education at Wheaton Wesleyan Church in Wheaton, IL	<u>1988-90</u>
Total	18 years

#### PART-TIME PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Minister of Music at Evangelical Methodist Church of Bartlesville, OK	1965-66
Chaplain at Oklahoma Wesleyan University	1976-79
Minister of Christian Education at Wheaton Wesleyan Church in Wheaton, IL	1990-91
Minister of Christian Education at College Wesleyan Church in Marion, IN	<u>1991-2001</u>
Total	16 years

Speaking, Teaching, and Leading Workshops  
While a Professor at Indiana Wesleyan University

- Concordia University (Chicago): Teacher Training Sessions sponsored by the Greater Chicago Area Sunday School Association (two hours)
- Blackhawk Baptist Church (Fort Wayne): Teacher Training Sessions Sponsored by the Three Rivers Sunday School Association (four hours)
- Bartlesville First Wesleyan Church (Oklahoma): Teacher Training Seminars (three hours)
- Anderson Church of the Brethren: Teacher Training Seminars (three hours)
- Hanfield United Methodist Church: Teacher Training Seminars (two hours)
- Buck Creek United Methodist Church: Leadership Training Seminars (two hours)
- Gas City Eastview Wesleyan Church: Teacher Training Seminars (six hours)
- Anderson Central Wesleyan Church: Teacher Training Seminars (three hours)
- Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church (New Castle): Teacher Training Seminars (two hours)
- Greenville Community Church (Michigan): Teacher Training Seminars (three hours)
- Indiana North District Sunday School Convention: Teacher Training Seminars (two hours)
- Wheaton Wesleyan Church (Illinois): Leadership Training Seminars (two hours)
- Wesleyan Church International Headquarters: Leadership Training Seminar for Youth Leaders (one hour)
- Indiana North District of the Wesleyan Church: Ordination Courses (forty hours)
- Indiana North District Family Camp: Parenting Seminars (two hours)
- LaOtto Wesleyan Church: Family Living Seminars (two hours)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Celebration of Worship--Parenting Seminars (two hours)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Celebration of Holiness--Children's Ministry Seminars (two hours)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Leadership Seminar for Youth Sponsors and Parents (one hour)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Speaker for Marion Area Ministers (one hour)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Training for Summer Ministry Teams (two hours)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Student Government Seminars (two hours)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Speaker for Young Democrats (one hour)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Youth Conference Worker Training (two hours)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Seminars on Women in Ministry (five hours)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Presentation to Honors College Students (one hour)
- Indiana Wesleyan University: Chapel Speaker (six chapels)
- Colorado District of the Wesleyan Church: Bible Hour Speaker for Family Camp (four hours)
- Vladimir, Russia: Visiting Professor at Christian Evangelical Wesleyan College (15 hours of teaching)
- Vladimir, Russia: Leadership Training for Pastors and Christian Workers (3 hours)
- Vladimir, Russia: Commencement Speaker for Christian Evangelical Wesleyan College
- West Michigan District Family Camp: Children's Services (125 hours)
- West Michigan District Clubhouse Camp: Children's Service (12 hours)
- Indiana Central District Family Camp: Children's Services (six hours)
- Indiana North District Junior Bible Camp; Children's Services (five hours)
- Georgia District Family Camp: Children's Services (eight hours)
- Warsaw Wesleyan Church: Vacation Bible School (six hours)
- Wabash Friends Church: Vacation Bible Schools (twenty hours)
- Amboy Friends Church: Vacation Bible Schools (twenty hours)
- Broadview Wesleyan Church (Chicago): Vacation Bible Schools (ten hours)
- Hartford City United Methodist Church: Banquet Speaker (one hour)

Brookhaven Wesleyan Church: Banquet Speaker (one hour)  
 Anderson Central Wesleyan Church: Banquet Speaker (one hour)  
 Marion First United Methodist Church: Lenten Service Speaker (one hour)  
 Carefree Church of the Nazarene (Arizona): Sunday A.M. Speaker (one hour)  
 College Wesleyan Church: Sunday Sermons (eight sermons)  
 College Wesleyan Church: Vacation Bible Schools (fifty-five hours)  
 College Wesleyan Church: Adult Sunday School Class (two hundred hours)  
 College Wesleyan Church: Children's Church (six hundred hours)  
 College Wesleyan Church: Kids Klub (three hundred hours)  
 Exit 59 Church: Vacation Bible School (ten hours)  
 Lakeview Wesleyan Church: Adult Sunday School Class (one hundred hours)  
 Lakeview Wesleyan Church: Children's Church (one hundred hours)  
 Lakeview Wesleyan Church: Midweek Children's Program (one hundred fifty hours)  
 Lakeview Wesleyan Church: Vacation Bible School (twenty hours)  
 Wesleyan Educator's Conference at Houghton: Discussion Group Leader  
 Wesleyan Women Clergy Conference: Presentation from my Doctoral Thesis  
 Wesleyan General Conference Women in Ministry Banquet: Presentation from my  
 Doctoral Thesis  
 Preparation of Summary Report for Presentation to Wesleyan Educator's Conference  
 (Marion, IN)

#### Selected Professional Experiences Before Joining the Faculty at Indiana Wesleyan University

I presented a paper on "Materialism" to the national convention of the Christian Holiness Partnership. (This paper integrated insights from scripture with insights from the social sciences and was attended by scholars from several academic institutions.)

I presented seminars on "Youth Programming" and "Inner City Ministry" at the National Wesleyan Youth Convention.

I led marriage enrichment seminars for students at Nazarene Theological Seminary and Wheaton College Graduate School. (At N.T.S., these seminars were sponsored by the Wesleyan Student Association and at Wheaton, the seminar was sponsored by the Student Wives Organization.)

I have spoken in chapel at Nazarene Theological Seminary (two times)

I have spoken in chapel at Oklahoma Wesleyan University (ten times)

I have been at youth camp speaker at district camps in Colorado, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Missouri and Arkansas.

I have served on the Steering Committee for two National Wesleyan Youth Conventions and planned and directed the main rallies for one of these conventions.

I have served as a Youth for Christ Club Director.

I have helped in planting two churches.

I have served as District Youth President, District Sunday School Director, District Director of Leadership Development, etc.

Note: Many of the seminars and teaching sessions listed above have been attended by faculty members from schools such as Wheaton College, Messiah College, Taylor University, Patrick Henry College, North Park College, Asbury College, Asbury Theological Seminary, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Wesley Biblical Seminary, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Wesleyan Evangelical Christian College and the University of Vladimir (Russia).

#### Conferences Attended and Churches Where I Have Met With Ministry Leaders

Willow Creek Children's Ministry Conference  
Willow Creek Church Planting Leadership Conference  
Willow Creek Adult Education Conference  
Willow Creek Spiritual Leadership Conference  
Wesleyan Church Children's Pastors Conference  
Wesleyan Church Doctrinal Symposium (three years)  
Wesleyan Church Educators Conferences (Marion, IN and Houghton, NY)  
Wesleyan Theological Society  
Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference  
American Baptist National Conference on the Holy Spirit  
Teaching With Excellence Seminar (Bruce Wilkinson)  
Saddleback Church (California)  
Garden Grove Community Church (California)  
Willow Creek Community Church (Illinois)  
Shadow Mountain Church (San Diego)  
Faith Community Church (Los Angeles)  
Skyline Wesleyan Church (San Diego)  
Mariners' Church (California)  
E. 91st Christian Church (Indianapolis)  
Nappanee Missionary Church (Nappanee)  
The Bridge (Fort Wayne)  
Various Faculty Development Workshops at Indiana Wesleyan University

## Boards, Committees, Professional Memberships and Responsibilities

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National Association of Professors of Christian Education: Member

Wesleyan Theological Society: Member

Center for Urban Studies (Chicago): Board Member and University Liaison (5 years)

IWU: Senate (2 years)

IWU: Faculty Relations Council (2 years)

IWU: Faculty Development Council (2 years)

IWU: General Education Committee (2 years)

IWU: Nominating Committee (2 years)

IWU: Student Development Committee (2 years)

IWU: Religious Life Committee (2 years)

IWU: Teacher Education Committee (13 years)

IWU: Search Committees (approximately twenty-five)

IWU: Director of Christian Education Program (20 years)

IWU: Director of Children's Ministry Program (6 years)

IWU: Academic Advisor to all Christian Education/Children's Ministry Students (20 years)

IWU: Director of Practicum Programs for Religion Division (10 years)

IWU: Cox Holiness Committee (8 years)

IWU: Religion Division Scholarship Committee (8 years)

IWU: Faculty Advisor to the Student Ministry Association (8 years)

Indiana North District of the Wesleyan Church: Leadership Director (2 years)

Indiana North District of the Wesleyan Church: Sunday School Director (2 years)

Indiana North District of the Wesleyan Church: Board of Christian Education (4 years)

Indiana North District of the Wesleyan Church: Board of Ministerial Development (2 years)

College Wesleyan Church: Board of Christian Education (12 years)

College Wesleyan Church: Church Board (ex officio) (5 years)

## Writing and Publishing

I have written a book: *Exploring Resistance to the Placement of Female Graduates of Indiana Wesleyan University in Full-time Ministry Positions in the Wesleyan Church* (published by Theological Research Exchange Network). This book has been purchased by many university and theological school libraries including: Baylor University, Cincinnati Christian University, Crown University, Southern Nazarene University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Phoenix Seminary, Northern Baptist Seminary, and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

I have written articles for *The Wesleyan Advocate*, *Wind, Bread, Discipleship*, *The Quadrilateral* and *Come to the Water* (Wesleyan Women Clergy Association).

I have written Sunday School and mid-week program curriculum for children and youth for the Wesleyan and Free Methodist denominations.

## Ministry Lab

I have established a ministry lab at Lakeview Wesleyan Church for Christian Education and Children's Ministry majors. The lab also serves a number of intercultural ministry students. The lab involves approximately twenty students each semester (one and one-half hours per week) in ministry to approximately 100 children (many of whom are African-American or Hispanic children from the poorest housing projects in Marion). Students lead chapels, teach Bible lessons to small groups of children, lead recreation, assist in the bus ministry, and interact with parents and families of the children. The ministry lab is embedded in the evening course, Teaching Children in the Church, and is an assignment option in the course, Introduction to Christian Education.

## Personal Information

Birth Date: 3/15/48

Place of Birth: Kansas City, Missouri

Family Information: My wife, Gen, is a full-time Children's Pastor. I have two daughters, Michelle and Janae, a son-in-law, Mike Johnson and two grandchildren, Abby and Drew. Michelle has a master's degree in counseling and Janae has a degree in Christian Education.

Personal interests: Family, education, missions, music, outdoor recreation