

## RESUME

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### Early Life

*Place of birth:* Indianapolis, Indiana, 1945

*Graduate:* Muncie Central High School

### Educational Background

DePauw University, Bachelor of Arts, 1967, philosophy and religion major, psychology minor.

Garrett Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity, 1970, pastoral counseling major.

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry, 1977, thesis on ministry with elder adults.

### Professional Experience

Youth minister, Winnetka Congregational Church, Winnetka, Illinois, 1968-1970.

Minister, Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1970-1977.

Minister, Epworth United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1977-1982.

Founder and president, Envisions, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1982-1993.

Founder and owner, Willowgreen Productions, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1989-present.

Founder and principal, Willowgreen Counseling and Consulting, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1990-present.

Founder and principal, Willowgreen Publishing, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1993-present.

Counselor, group leader, retreat leader, 1970-present.

Spiritual director, 1997-present.

Creator of audiovisual materials, 1988-present.

*Invincible Summer: Returning to Life After Someone You Love Has Died*

*Listen to Your Sadness: Finding Hope Again After Despair Invades Your Life*

*How Do I Go On? Re-designing Your Future After Crisis Has Changed Your Life*

*Common Bushes Afire: Discovering the Sacred in our Everyday Lives*

*By the Waters of Babylon: A Spiritual Pilgrimage for Those Who Feel Dislocated*

*Why Yellow? A Quiet Search for That Which Lies Behind All That Is*

*Nothing Is Permanent Except Change: Learning to Manage Transition in Your Life*

*We Will Remember: A Meditation for Those Who Live On*

*Gaining A Heart of Wisdom: Finding Meaning in the Autumn of Your Life*

*The Grit and Grace of Being a Caregiver: Maintaining Balance as You Care for Others*

*Awaken to Hope: Affirming Thoughts to Begin Your Day*

*Be at Peace: Assuring Thoughts to End Your Day*

*The Natural Way of Prayer: Being Free to Express What You Feel Deep Within*

*You Shall Not Be Overcome: Promises and Prayers for Uncertain Times*

*When Mourning Dawns: Living Your Way Fully Through the Seasons of Your Grief*  
*All Seasons Shall be Sweet: Music and Images to Nurture the Soul*  
*My Shepherd Is The Lord: The Timeless Message of the 23rd Psalm*  
*Still Waters: Relaxing Images from Nova Scotia*  
*The Art of Listening in a Healing Way*  
*Screen Savers: The Wisdom of Caregiving, Images of Tranquility, The Wisdom of Flowers, Inspiration from the Psalms, Reflections to Feel the Soul*  
*Healing Meditations*  
*You Are The Difference: An Appreciation of End-of-Life Caregivers*  
*Invincible Summer*

Author, books, 1988-present

*Helping the Bereaved Celebrate the Holidays*  
*How Will I Get Through the Holidays?*  
*What Will Help Me?/How Can I Help?*  
*When You're Ill or Incapacitated/When You're the Caregiver*  
*Winter Grief, Summer Grace: Returning to Life after a Loved One Dies*  
*Autumn Wisdom: Finding Meaning in Life's Later Years*  
*A Pilgrimage Through Grief: Healing the Soul's Hurt After Loss*  
*The Caregiver's Book: Caring for Another, Caring for Yourself*  
*A Little Book for Preachers: 101 Ideas for Better Sermons*  
*Welcoming Change: Finding Hope in Life's Transitions*  
*When You Know You're Dying: 12 Ideas to Guide You Through the Days Ahead*  
*One You Love Is Dying: 12 Ideas to Guide You on Your Journey*  
*Effective Support Groups: How to Plan, Design, Facilitate, and Enjoy Them*  
*When One You Love Has Died: Ideas for How Your Grief Can Help You Heal*  
*When A Man Faces Grief/A Man You Know Is Grieving*  
*The Rewarding Practice of Journal Writing*  
*Finding Hope: Ways to See Life in a Brighter Light*  
*When Mourning Dawns: Living Your Way Fully Through the Seasons of Your Grief*  
*The Art of Being a Healing Presence: A Guide for Those in Caring Relationships*  
*My Shepherd Is the Lord: The Timeless Message of the 23rd Psalm*  
*The Art of Listening in a Healing Way*  
*Change & Possibility: Discovering Hope in Life's Transitions*  
*A Helper's Guide to Grief: Presenter's Kit*

Author, articles and chapters, to present

"If I Am Not for Myself: Caring for Yourself as a Caregiver for Those Who Grieve,"  
in *Living with Grief at Work, at School, at Worship*

Recipient, 1988 Association for Multi-Image International Award for *Why Yellow?*.

Recipient, 1990 John Muir Medical Film Festival Award for *Invincible Summer*.

## **Representative Engagements**

Presenter, National Funeral Directors Association annual meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, October, 1991.

Presenter, International Conferences on Death, Dying, and Bereavement, London, Ontario, Canada, May 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995.

Presenter and Workshop Leader, The World Gathering on Bereavement, Seattle, Washington, August, 1992.

Presenter, National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved National Conferences, April 1992, April 1993.

Keynote Presenter, Training for Clergy in Grief Counseling, North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, September, 1992, October 1995.

Workshop Leader, National Hospice Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, October 1992.

Keynote Speaker, Conference on Transforming Potential of Grief, Indianapolis Archdiocese of the Catholic Church, October, 1992.

Keynote Presenter, Conference on Bereavement and Caregiving, Saint Mary of the Plains Hospital, Lubbock, Texas, September, 1993.

Workshop Leader, Indiana Hospice Association annual meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, September, 1993.

Presenter, Eighth Annual Symposium on Ministry with the Aging, Hendersonville, North Carolina, September, 1993.

Workshop Leader, National Funeral Directors Association, Chicago, Illinois, October, 1993.

Presenter, "Dialogue '94," Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 1994.

Presenter, "Good Mourning: The Nature of Grief and Bereavement Ministry and The Nature and Process of Grief and Grief Counseling," University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, July 1994, July 1995, July 1996.

Presenter, "When the Woman You Love Develops Breast Cancer," Duke University Center, Durham, North Carolina, November 1994.

Presenter, "Good Mourning: The Nature of Grief, Grief Counseling, and Bereavement Ministry," Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana, February, 1995.

Presenter, "The Transforming Power of Grief," Minnesota Death and Grief Coalition, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 1995.

Leader, "Managing Your Transition" retreat, Weber Center, Adrian, Michigan, March 1995.

Keynote presenter, "Ministering to the Chronically Ill," North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, Rochester, Indiana, April 1995.

Presenter, “Good Mourning,” Clarkson College, Omaha, Nebraska, May 1995.

Teacher, course of grief for clergy, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, July 1995.

Co-leader, “Transformative Grief: A Five-Day Intensive Training for Professionals,” Burnsville, North Carolina, November 1994, March 1995, November 1995, March 1996.

Leader, “Good Mourning,” Des Moines, Iowa, January, 1996.

Retreat leader, Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, April 1996.

Keynote presenter, “How Else Has a Rose Garden Grown from These Ashes?: The Reflections of a Poet, a Photographer, and a Pilgrim,” King’s College, London, Ontario, May 1996.

Presenter, “Good Mourning,” Colorado Springs, Colorado, September, 1996.

Presenter, “Finding Meaning in Loss,” Charlotte, North Carolina, October, 1996.

Retreat leader for Kinder-Mourn staff, Charlotte, North Carolina, October, 1996.

Presenter, “Good Mourning,” Hospice of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, October, 1996.

Keynote presenter, “Dealing with the Spiritual Crisis of Loss,” Renew, Berea, Kentucky, October, 1996.

Presenter, “Good Mourning,” Las Vegas clergy association, Las Vegas, Nevada, October, 1996.

Workshop leader, “Caring for Yourself as a Caregiver,” Nathan Adelson Hospice, Las Vegas, Nevada, October, 1996.

Presenter, “How Else Has a Rose Garden Grown from Ashes?,” The Grief and Loss Center of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, November, 1996.

Workshop presenter, “Good Mourning,” Iowa City, Iowa, January, 1997.

Workshop presenter, “Perinatal Loss,” St. Luke’s Hospital, Maumee, Ohio, April, 1997.

Workshop presenter, “Good Mourning,” Grant Wood Education Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April, 1997.

Retreat leader, “Helping Others, Our Congregations, and Ourselves Through Grief,” Norwich Lodge, Richmond, Indiana, April, 1997.

Presenter, “Roses Among the Ashes: Including Spirituality in the Healing Relationship,” National Conference on Loss and Transition, Springfield, Massachusetts, May, 1997.

Workshop presenter, “Incorporating Spirituality in Your Work as a Healthcare Professional,” Rapid City, South Dakota, June, 1997.

Workshop presenter, “How to Lead Healthy Support Groups,” Caring 2000 Conference, Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana August, 1997.

Workshop presenter, “Caring for Those Who Are Grieving,” Humphrey Funeral Home, Toronto, Canada, September, 1997.

Keynote presenter, “Spirituality in the Workplace,” Maryview Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia, October, 1997.

Workshop presenter, “The Spirituality of Grief,” The Center for Grief Counseling and Education, North Canton, Ohio, October, 1997.

Keynote presenter, “The Spirituality of Dying,” Sparrow Hospital, East Lansing, Michigan, November, 1997.

Keynote presenter, “The Biology of Grief,” Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina, November, 1997.

Keynote presenter, “Dealing with Grief During the Holidays,” Carolinas Medical Center Foundation, Charlotte, North Carolina, November, 1997.

Workshop leader, “Holiday Grief,” Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, November, 1997.

Workshop leader, “Giving Sorrow Words: A Day for the Bereaved,” Freeport Hospital, Freeport, Illinois, February, 1998.

Keynote presenter, “The Spirituality of Grief,” BJC Hospice annual conference, St. Louis, Missouri, April, 1998.

Workshop leader, “The Grit and Grace of Being a Professional Caregiver,” Optima Health Visiting Nurse Services, Manchester, New Hampshire, April, 1998.

Presenter and lecturer, “When Grief Visits Your Life: A Multi-Media Presentation,” Bedford Presbyterian Church, Bedford, New Hampshire, April, 1998.

Workshop leader, “Perinatal Loss,” (with Cathi Lammert), Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana, August, 1998.

Workshop leader, “Engaging Your Spirituality in Your Work as a Parish Nurse,” National Parish Nurse conference, Itasca, Illinois, September, 1998.

Presenter, “Spirituality and Grief,” Hospice of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, Michigan, October, 1998.

Workshop leader, “Being a Healthy Caregiver,” Huntington Hospital, Long Island, New York, October, 1998.

Presenter, “When You’re Grieving,” Palmetto Baptist Medical Center, Columbia, South Carolina, October, 1998.

Workshop leader, “How to Effectively Care for the Ill, and the Dying, and the Grieving,” Center Congregational Church, Torrington, Connecticut, March, 1999.

Workshop leader, “Good Mourning,” Covenant Medical Center, Champaign/Urbana, Illinois, April, 1999.

Keynote speaker, New England Center for Loss and Transition annual conference, Springfield, Massachusetts, April 1999.

Keynote speaker, “The Earmarks of Effective Caregiving,” Indiana Hospice Organization annual conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, April, 1999.

Workshop leader, “Spirituality and the Healthcare Professional,” Sparrow Hospital, East Lansing, Michigan, June, 1999.

Keynote speaker, “Spirituality and the Healthcare Professional,” Norwalk Hospital, Norwalk, Connecticut, June 1999.

Workshop leader, “Good Mourning,” Palmetto Healthcare, Summerville, South Carolina, September, 1999.

Workshop leader, “Caring for the Grieving as a Parish Nurse,” Chicago, Illinois, September, 1999.

Keynote speaker, “When Mourning Comes,” DesMoines Pastoral Counseling Center community-wide presentation, DesMoines, IA, September, 1999.

Workshop leader, “The Spirituality of Grief,” Iowa Hospice Organization annual conference, Ames, Iowa, September, 1999.

Workshop leader, “Helping Congregations Respond to Others,” Ashland, Kentucky, October, 1999.

Workshop leader, “Helping Professionals Respond to the Grieving,” Weber Center, Adrian, Michigan, November, 1999.

Retreat leader, “When You’re Grieving,” Weber Center, Adrian, Michigan, November, 1999.

Workshop leader, Franciscan Hospice, Tacoma, Washington, November, 1999.

Workshop leader, Rochester Hospice, Rochester, New York, November, 1999.

Kenote presenter and workshop leader, “Spirituality and the Healthcare Professional,” St. Mary’s Hospital, Evansville, Indiana, February, 2000.

Keynote presenter, “Lay Ministry Empowerment,” Bloomington Hospital and Buchanan Counseling Center, Bloomington, Indiana, February, 2000.

Keynote presenter, Timbercrest Nursing Home and Retirement Center, North Manchester, Indiana, April, 2000.

Retreat leader, staff retreat, KinderMourn, Charlotte, North Carolina, May, 2000.

Workshop leader, staff development, Cranbrook Hospice, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, June, 2000.

Keynote speaker, Grand Rounds, “Spirituality and the Healthcare Professional,” Penrose Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September, 2000.

Retreat leader, Management staff, Centura Health System, Denver, Colorado, October, 2000.

Workshop leader, “Helping the Bereaved,” Springfield, Illinois, October, 2000.

Keynote speaker, “Good Mourning,” Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana, October, 2000.

Workshop leader, Kokomo Hospice, Kokomo, Indiana, November, 2000.

Workshop presenter, Association of Professional Chaplains, Denver, Colorado, March, 2001.

Workshop leader, “The Spirituality of Photography,” Spiritual Directors International Conference, Atchison, Kansas, April 2001.

Workshop leader, Ohio Assisted Living Organization conference, Columbus, Ohio, June, 2001.

Seminar leader, “Contemplative Photography,” Weber Center, Adrian, Michigan, October, 2001.

Workshop leader, Community conference on loss and grief, Busch Funeral Homes, Cleveland, Ohio, October, 2001.

Keynote presenter, “The Art of Being a Healing Presence,” Regional Parish Nurse Conference, Wichita, Kansas, October, 2001.

Keynote presenter, Community conference on loss and grief, Morgantown, West Virginia, November, 2001.

Keynote presenter, Interfaith Caregivers Alliance annual conference, Orlando, Florida, November, 2001.

Retreat leader, Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, Fort Wayne, Indiana, January 2002.

Co-facilitator, Six-day retreat/workshop on “The Art of Being a Healing Presence,” GilChrist Contemplative Center, Three Rivers, Michigan, February, 2002.

Keynote speaker, The Center for Mind, Body, and Spirit conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March, 2002.

Workshop leader, “Training Clergy to Deal with Loss and Grief,” North Indiana Conference, the United Methodist Church, Oakwood Park, Indiana, May 2002.

Retreat leader, Management team, St. Joseph Health System, Bryan, Texas, May, 2002.

Workshop leader, Community workshop on loss and grief, Hospice of Lancaster, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, June 2002.

Keynote presenter, “The Art of Being a Healing Presence,” National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses annual conference, Mackinac Island, Michigan, September, 2002.

Keynote presenter, Self-Help Center conference, Urbana, Illinois, October 2002.

Keynote presenter, Stephen Ministers conference, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 2003.

Keynote presenter, Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May, 2003.

Keynote presenter, Hospice of Jasper County, Newton, Iowa, September, 2003.

Keynote presenter, Mary Lanning Hospice, Hastings, Nebraska, October, 2003.

Retreat leader, Indiana Chaplains Association, Tipton, Indiana, October, 2003.

Meditation presenter, Spiritual Directors International, Chicago, Illinois, April 2005.

Keynote presenter, Pre-conference, National Hospice and Palliative Care Clinical Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2005.

Keynote presenter, Landsun Hospice, Carlsbad, New Mexico, October, 2005.

Keynote presenter, VistaCare Hospice, San Angelo, Texas, November, 2005.

Grand Rounds, Workshop leader, Mayo Hospice, Rochester, Minnesota, November, 2005.

Workshop leader, Kaiser Hospice, Granada Hills, California, February, 2006.

Keynote presenter, Minnesota Hospice Organization, St. Cloud, Minnesota, April, 2006.

Retreat leader, Covenant Community, Adrian Michigan, April, 2006.

Keynote presenter, Ottawa Palliative Care Organization, Ottawa, Canada, May, 2006.

Keynote presenter, Group Health Hospice, Seattle, Washington, May, 2006.

Keynote presenter, BC Hospice Palliative Care Organization, Vancouver, Canada, May, 2006.

Keynote presenter, Michigan Hospice Association, Lansing, Michigan, June, 2006.