



Sharon E. Watkins

Curriculum vitae

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Position:

General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada; August 2005 to present; based in Indianapolis, Ind.

Previous Positions:

- 1997-2005 Senior Minister of Disciples Christian Church, Bartlesville, Okla.
- 1994-97 Director of Student Services, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, Okla.
- 1993 Associate Vice President for University Relations, Phillips University, Enid, Okla.
- 1992 Assistant Vice President for Development, Phillips University, Enid, Okla.
- 1989-92 Director of Church Relations, Phillips University, Enid, Okla.
- 1985-89 Pastor, Boone Grove Christian Church, Boone Grove, Ind.
- 1984-85 Interim Coordinator, Downtown Cooperative Ministry (DCM), New Haven, Conn.
- 1982-84 Assistant Minister (part-time), Spring Glen Church (United Church of Christ), Hamden, Conn.
- 1984 Interim Minister, Spring Glen Church (United Church of Christ), Hamden, Conn.
- 1981-82 Student Associate, Downtown Cooperative Ministry, New Haven, Conn.
- 1979-80 Staff Associate, Africa Department, Division of Overseas Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- 1977-79 Director for Adult Education, Short-term missionary (DOM), Kinshasa, Zaire

Education:

- 1992-96 Doctor of Ministry, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, Okla.
- 1980-84 Master of Divinity, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.
- 1974-75 Bachelor of Arts, French and economics, Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 1972-74 Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn.
- 1974 Spring Semester, Avignon, France

Publications:

- 2014 (June release anticipated) "Whole: A call to unity in our fragmented world," Chalice Press
- 2007 "A Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World; Recasting the Historic Disciples Plea." -- October 2007 issue of "Call to Unity."
- 2000 "Women and Leadership in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)." Paper presented at the Third Stone-Campbell Dialogue. Published in *Midstream*, October 2002
- 1994-97 Contributor, *Journal of Worship Resources*
- 1993 "Serving Potlucks and Pulpits," *The Disciple*, May 1993
- 1980 "Binding Our Hands," (filmstrip) with Lani Johnson, Office of Communication, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- 1979 "Zaire's Women," *The Disciple*, Vol. 7, No. 5, 1979

Personal:

- Born:** June 12, 1954
- Married:** The Rev. Dr. Richard H. (Rick) Lowery, Hebrew bible scholar and lecturer; Adjunct Professor of Hebrew Bible at Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Ky.;
- Children:** Bethany, 1983, and Christopher (Chris), 1986

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