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Education: D.Min. Saint Paul School of Theology J.D. University of Kansas School of Law M.Div. Phillips Theological Seminary B.A. University of Oklahoma

**Denomination:** 

United Methodist, Ordained Elder

Discipline or Specialty: Restorative Justice; Prison Ministry; Church & Society Course of Study: Leadership and Administration

**Representative Courses Taught:** 

American Criminal Law and Restorative Justice

**Prison Ministry Immersion** 

The Prison Industrial Complex as Systemic Sin

**Course of Study School: Leadership & Administration; Practice of Preaching: Church in Mission as Transforming Agent** 

Trained and served as Mentor/Pastor: Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX

**Publications:** 

EDUCATION OF LEADERS IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE A Theological Alternative to Retributive Justice (Kansas City: Saint Paul School of Theology, 2000) (Doctor of Ministry Credo & Project) "Restorative Justice" Bible Study publication pending

"Restorative Justice: A Third Approach to Teaching Criminology" Oklahoma City University Law Review, Volume 33 Number 8, Spring 2008. (First presented at First National Conference of Restorative Justice, Kerrville, TX 2007)

"Restorative Justice: A Pro-social Process for Teaching" Communitarian Values," Oklahoma City University Law Review, Volume 33 Number 8, Spring 2008. (First presented at First National Conference on Restorative Justice, Kerrville, TX 2007)

"Restorative Justice and Coercive Power?", The Berkeley Electronic Press, http://works.bepress.com/stanley\_basler, March 2011 (First presented at Second Annual on Restorative Justice, San Antonio, TX 2009)

Articles:

"Time of Despair, A Crisis of Hope," Crisis in Correctional Mental Health, 1997

"Redemption Church, A Holistic Model of Reintegration and Aftercare Ministries," *Journal of the Mental Health in Corrections Consortium* Volume 44, No. 3, 1998

"Redemption Church: A Model for Re-Entry Prison Ministry," *The Christian Citizen, VOICES FOR BIBLICAL JUSTICE,* A Publication of the Baptist Home Mission Societies, Volume 2, 2010,

"Living Restorative Justice" UMMEN The Magazine of United Methodist Men, Volume 15, Number 1, Winter 2012

## Lectures and Workshops

"Biblical and Theological Bases of Restorative Justice" at *SEEKING JUSTICE* symposium, Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, CA, August 1999 and South Central Jurisdiction, Oklahoma City, OK, September 1999

Restorative Justice Lecturer, East Fort Worth, TX District Minister's meeting, Ft. Worth, TX November 1999

"Restorative Justice" lecture, Oklahoma Annual Conference Order of Elders meeting, April 2000

"Restorative Justice and Community Sentencing" Oklahoma County Bar Association continuing education event, Oklahoma City, OK

"Restorative Justice and Community Sentencing" gathering of Oklahoma Community Sentencing Commission Panels, Oklahoma City, OK, 2 occasions

"Biblical and Theological Bases of Restorative Justice" plenary speaker, South Central Jurisdiction Church and Society Restorative Justice symposium, Ft. Worth, TX, February 2003

"Biblical Principles of Restorative Justice, Old and New Testament, Religious Conversation in a Pluralistic Society" Victim Offender Mediation Association (VOMA) Nashville, TN, November, 2003

"Restorative Justice" lecture to State of Oklahoma Sentencing Commission, Capitol, Oklahoma City, OK November, 2004

"Restorative Justice" lecture to Oklahoma Department of Corrections Community Corrections District Supervisors meeting, March, 2005

"Prisoner Re-Entry" address at Oklahoma Academy Criminal Justice Town Hall, Ardmore, OK, October 2008

"Ministries to Ex-Prisoners and Their Families: Re-Entry and Aftercare" Keynote Speaker, Criminal Justice Summit, General Conference Higher Education Ministry United Methodist Church, Washington, DC, November 21, 2008

"Biblical and Theological Principles of Restorative Justice" Oklahoma Episcopal Diocese on Prison Ministry and ELCA Prison Ministry, May 2009, Oklahoma City, OK

"Redemption Church, a Restorative Process" Workshop presentation Third National Conference on Restorative Justice, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 2011 and The International Conference on Restorative Justice, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 2011.

## **Professional Employment**

Director, Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries, Oklahoma Conference United Methodist Church, June 1994-present Associate Minister, First United Methodist Church, Muskogee, OK, August 1990-June 1994

Pastor, St. James United Methodist Church, Coffeyville, KS, February 1990-August 1990

Private Practice of Law, Cherryvale, KS May 1979-July 1990

Associate, Blake & Uhlig Law Firm, Kansas City, KS, June 1977-March 1979

**Governmental Service** 

Legal Counsel, Montgomery County Commissioners, KS 1979-1980

Montgomery County, KS Commissioner 1983-1987

Legal Counsel, U.S.D. School Board, Cherryvale, KS 1985-1986

Chair and member, Montgomery County Action Council (Economic Development) 1984-1990

Member Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Council 1983-1987

Chairman and member Montgomery County (KS) Solid Waste Advisory Committee 1987-1989

Member, Mongomery County, KS Emergency Medical Planning Commission 1979-1980

Cherryvale, KS City Attorney 1985-1986

Member, Kansas Cavalry (economic development) 1986-1990

Member, Oklahoma County Community Corrections Planning Council 2005present

Member, Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Re-Entry (prisoners) 2005-present

Co-Chair, John Wesley Charter School Board, Oklahoma City, 2001-2006

Chair, Oklahoma Department of Corrections Faith-based Task Force 2000-2003

Member PROJECT PROTECT, serious, youthful, violent offender federal grant task force Oklahoma County, 2003-2006

Member, Oklahoma Serious Violent Offender Re-entry Initiative, June 2004present (Oklahoma Department of Corrections Executive Re-entry Committee)

Member, Prevention of Violence against Women Legislative Task Force, September 2006-February 2007

Vice Chair, Oklahoma Reentry Policy Council (Legislative Task Force) January-December 2008

Chair Elect, Citizens for Juvenile Justice, Advisory Committee to Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau (member past 4 years)

## **Professional Leadership**

Co-Founder & Past Chair Oklahoma Interfaith Council on Prison Ministry 1995-2005

Member and Past Chair Oklahoma Corrections Advisory Committee on Volunteer Services & Programs

Member, Oklahoma Corrections Advisory Committee on Religious Rights & Practices

Past Chair, Muskogee Cooperative Ministries

Past Chair, Interfaith Disaster Recovery of Greater Oklahoma City

Chair, Oklahoma Conference of Churches IMPACT (advocacy) Committee

Denominational Representative Kairos Prison Ministry of Oklahoma 1994present

Member, Church and Society Committee, Oklahoma Conference, United Methodist Church