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EDUCATION

San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, CA

Master of Divinity, 2006 to 2010

- Student Association Council Representative, 2005 to 2006, Budget and Investment Representative, 2005 to 2007

Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Business, 2002 to 2005

- Teachers Assistant: Accounting, Fall 2003; Business Manager Westmont College Newspaper, Fall 2004
- Middle East Foreign Studies Program: studied Early Church History and Modern Middle Eastern Culture in Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Turkey, Summer 2004

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, CA

Clinical Pastoral Experience Chaplain Intern, September 2009 to January 2010

- Ministered to patients, staff, and visitors, focusing on the ICU, Woman's, and Children's floors
- Developed a greater personal, cultural, and theological awareness in which to base future ministry

Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, Daly City, CA

Seminary Intern, September 2008 to April 2009

- Sunday Worship: preached, wrote and lead liturgy, assisted in planning and executing worship
- Mentored the BPC Youth Group Leader: facilitated weekly meetings, developed the program structure
- Lead and assisted in the weekly meditation group, served on various committees, created a new website and brochures, and filled in where needed

Myung Sung Presbyterian Church Seoul, South Korea

Intern Pastor, June 2007 to August 2007

- Assisted in planning and executing the English Worship Department's Youth and Sunday School camps
- Taught English to adults, English praise songs to children, and worked administratively in the EWD

First United Presbyterian Church of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Guest Preacher, April 29, 2007 and May 20, 2007

- Delivered the sermon and benediction, selected the morning scripture readings, and the hymn of response

Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Menlo Park, CA

Home Group Coordinator, May 2006 to August 2006 (left for seminary)

- Revised and maintained the Home Group database and solidified HG policies and procedures
- Assisted in planning and executing Home Group events and meetings, Interviewed and trained the new HGC

First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame, Burlingame, CA

Guest Preacher, August 16, 2009

- Delivered the sermon and participated in worship planning meeting

Speaker for Club 56, October 2005 and 2006

- Prepared lessons, games and break out sessions for 5th and 6th graders at the all church retreat weekend

Camp Director, Summer 2003

- Interviewed, trained, encouraged, and managed over 20 junior high counselors
- Created, organized, and executed daily camp activities, including supervision of campers
- Operated and maintained a balanced budget to finance all group activities

Volunteer/Member, since April 1997

- Built houses in Mexico with Amour Ministries, Summer 1998, 2002; Mentor for Confirmation Student, 2001
- High School Youth Group Leader, 2005-2006; Jamaica Missions Trip 2006, Jr. High Summer Camp Leader, 2008

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BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

Development Data Entry Operator, October 2005 to August 2007

- Input and maintained member and donor information in Raiser's Edge and Excel
- Processed membership dues and donations, generated reports for finance
- Assisted in hosting museum events: Corporate Night, Exhibit Openings, Fundraisers

Development Intern, Summer 2005

- Organized donor events and benefits data into Raisers Edge, Excel, and Word
- Assisted in mailings and other publications regarding donor benefits and notifications

PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASSES AND RETREATS (SINCE 2006)

Berkeley Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, CA

- Global Church Conference: Overflowing Joy and Generosity in a World of Pain and Scarcity (Oct. 16-17, 2009)

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Atlanta, GA

- Multicultural Conference: Developing the diversity of the church in worship and beyond (June 10-14, 2009)

Wellspring Ministry, Israel

- Israel Pilgrimage: 14-day spiritual retreat through Israel (May 14-28, 2008)

Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Menlo Park, CA

- Redwood Glenn Spirituality Conference with Patti Pierce (Oct. 12-14 2007)
- Open Door Small Group (Study Leader): six-week exploration study on the Open Door Church concept (Sept. - Oct 07)
- Marriage Mentoring: Topical based, one-on-one mentoring, (April- Sept. 2007)
- Renovare Weekend: Spirituality for the Rest of Us (Feb. 3-4, 2007)
- Family of God Menlo Park Presbyterian Church All Church Retreat, Speaker: John Ortberg: The Power of the Holy Spirit (Oct. 20-22, 2006)
- LifeKeys Workshop: Discovering your Spiritual Gifts (Sep. 15-16 2006)
- Home Group Bible Study: Weekly dinner, fellowship, and Bible Study (Jan 06-Current)

First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame, Burlingame, CA

- Bimonthly Marriage Counseling with Rev. Janet Bower (2008-2009)
- Marriage Preparation: Three sessions with Rev. Paul Watermulder (Nov. 2007-June 2008)
- Mount Hermon All Church Retreat (Sep. 28- 30 2007)

INTERESTS AND PASSIONS

- Candidate in the San Francisco Presbytery: As of December 2008, "Certified Ready for a Call "
- Member- San Francisco Presbytery Partnership Working Group
- Baby-sitting: Since 1996 I have cared for families in my community
- Musicals: I have preformed in over 20 musicals
- Water Sports: I love water skiing, snorkeling, diving, sailing, and anything else on the water
- Cooking: Ever since my Nanna (my mom's mom,) taught me to cook in 2005 I have enjoyed working in the kitchen
- Traveling: I have visited over 25 countries and enjoy seeing how different cultures have developed over time