

Steven D. Smallwood, Doctor of Ministry

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL VISION STATEMENT

The passion of my life is Jesus and training young people for effective service in the church and in the marketplace. My desire is to use my gift-set (leadership, teaching, service) and my strengths (Strategic, WOO, Arranger, Self-Assurance, Input) to train, lead, and equip Christ-followers in the adventure of faith. My specific purpose is to equip Christ-followers to fully live out their vocational callings (work, family, community, church) and to live life deeply under the leadership of Jesus as they permeate all spheres of society.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Ministry, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Springfield Missouri, 2005

Emphasis: Organizational Leadership

Doctoral Project—Subject: Church Transitioning and Cultural Postmodernism. Title: “Case Study on Transitioning a Church for a Postmodern Context”

Master of Divinity, California Theological Seminary, Fresno, California, 1989

Emphasis: Biblical studies, counseling, chaplaincy preparation.

Master of Divinity, coursework, Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, California, 1987-88

Emphasis: Biblical studies, counseling, chaplaincy preparation.

Bachelor of Science, Bethany University, Santa Cruz, California, May 1980

Major: Biblical Studies and Education

General education, Cabrillo College, Santa Cruz, California, 1980

General education, Merced Community College, Merced, California, 1975-76

United States Army, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, 1988

Training: Chaplain’s Officer Basic School, Chaplain’s Officer Advanced School.

TEACHING

Theology Faculty, Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri; August 2005-Present

Past Courses Taught:

Christian Philosophy

Essential Christianity

New Testament Literature

Psychology of Religion

Christianity at Work

New Testament Book Studies

Contemporary Church Leadership

Public Speaking in the Church

Church Planting Models

The Emerging Church

Current Courses:

Church Planting Models
Essential Christianity
Homiletics
Pentecost
Pentecostal Leadership
University Seminar

Adult Studies Courses:

Essential Christianity
Spirit Enriched Leadership
Homiletics and Church Ceremonies
Church Ministries Capstone
Apologetics and World Religions
New Testament Book Studies

Adjunct Faculty, Rockbridge Seminary, Springfield, Missouri

Building an Effective Team Ministries

Faculty Status, Bethany University, Scotts Valley, California; February 2000-September 2003

Residence Life Training

Spiritual Formation

9th-12th Grade Teacher/Football Coach

California Teaching Certificate, 1983-1987; Missouri Teaching Certificate, 1992-93

Substitute teaching in Merced Union High School District and Livingston and Delhi Districts, including three-years as football coach at Livingston High School; para-professional in behavior disorder classroom, Nixa High School, Nixa, Missouri.

ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

Coordinator, Church Ministries Major

Adult and Graduate Studies, Evangel University, 2017-Present

Worked with the team that created the initial program. Work with staff to recruit and assign faculty. Work with faculty to design seated and online courses. Work with recruiters and advisors to recruit and retain students. Work to evaluate and assess program and course objectives. Work with team to establish and maintain new University sites. Serve on the Adult And Graduate Studies Council and serve on the Adult Studies Director's Committee.

Development Director

Chi Alpha, Springfield, Missouri, July 2005-January 2006

Developed property and constructed facilities on Missouri State University (a campus of 20,000 students), renovated facility and established franchise business on campus (The Mudhouse), initiated capital campaign in conjunction with Assemblies of God Financial Services.

Executive Director

Teen Challenge of the Ozarks, Branson West, Missouri. September 2003-July 2005

Management and development activities for a 12-month,21-bed residential treatment facility, developed curriculum and taught discipleship studies, Bible courses, and computer coursework, managed staff, volunteers, and students.

Budgetary oversight: \$250,000

Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services

Bethany University, Santa Cruz, California, February 2000-September 2003
Leadership responsibilities for all co-curricular college operations.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Senior Pastor

Solid Rock Church, Springfield, Missouri; 2009-2011

Oversight for church replant in transitional-urban setting. Blend of ancient and future liturgies. Targeting 25 and under individuals and families. Oversight for several other services and outreaches targeting students for prayer and university athletes.

New Life Church, Springfield, Missouri; 1990-2000

Replanted a start up church, adopted "outreach focused" model, purchased site and constructed initial worship facility (12,000 sq. ft.), emphasized the use of creative arts and technology, a casual/contemporary style, a small group discipleship philosophy, and ministry teams using a modified Saddleback, Willow Creek models (Assemblies of God—"We Build People"). Many people from Evangel University staff and local and national Chi Alpha staff attended the church.

Church Planter

Neighborhood Church, Livingston, California; 1983-1987

Reopened a closed church, remodeled the worship facility, grounds and three rental properties. Bi-vocational—coached football at the high school and worked as a carpenter/roofer. The Sikh priest in the community became a Christ follower and was licensed as an A/G evangelist under our ministry. We converted the ministry to a bilingual (Spanish/English) church to better serve the needs of the community.

Associate Pastor

Good Tidings Assembly, Delhi, California; 1982-1983; 1988-1989

Assisted senior pastor with teaching and preaching responsibilities.

Associate Pastor (Children/Youth)

Faith Family Church, Phoenix, Arizona; 1980-1981

Served on the staff of an independent charismatic church plant team; initial development of children and youth programming.

SERVICE TO COUNTRY

U.S. Army Chaplain

Army Reserves and California National Guard; 1988-2002

Provided religious support services, crisis counseling, staff officer duties, and instruction in ethical leadership; served in aviation, medical, field artillery, logistics, and command units in California and Missouri.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Ordained & licensed minister, Assemblies of God, 1980-Present.

Member, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, 2000-2004

United States Army Reserves, 1988-2002

Southwest Missouri Basketball Referee Association, 1993-2000.

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Teaching/Training Interests

Biblical Training—Presenting the truths of God’s Word in practical and culturally applicable fashions, giving full attention to both academic excellence and marketplace relevance. Desire to equip individuals and congregations with adequate theological training to prepare them with Christian worldviews for effective 21st century service.

Short-Term Mission’s Trips—Faculty sponsor for student trips for the last 12 years. Led Evangel groups to the following countries: Belgium, France, Macedonia, Greece, Russia, Italy, Cyprus.

Emerging Leadership Development—Working with young leaders and providing them with opportunities to excel and grow in their leadership experience, building ministry teams, doing creative outreach, and experimenting with effective church models.

Mission’s Security Training—Attended two week-long on-site training events at Fort Sherman Academy in Idaho. Certified trainer for A through C+ security training for overseas and domestic mission’s trips. Present security training for all Evangel teams traveling abroad and domestically. Present security training for local church short-term mission’s trips.

Applied Interests

Co-curricular Programming and Management—Strong leadership in areas of student support services, discipline and judicial management, recruitment, and retention services. Demonstrated ability to lead and motivate a team of professionals to provide co-curricular services to maximize academic success and increase retention.

Promotion and Development—Experience in public speaking, promotion, fundraising, and development activities for Teen Challenge and Chi Alpha.

Carpentry/Construction—Residential and Commercial Carpenter; *45 years+ experience in facility remodel and new construction—oversight for all phases of construction.*

Hospitality—Hosting and mentoring young people; I love university communities and befriending “lost” people and listening to their stories and introducing them to Christ.

Permaculture Farming—Developing an 18-acre, old Amish farm in Seymour, Missouri as a permaculture food forest. Permaculture is a farming practice that works with the land and terrain to create sustainable agriculture. Operate two commercial green houses, a commercial kitchen and walk-in.

Food Service—Involved in family-owned, local restaurant and food truck. Our sons own the Wheelhouse *Street Fare*. We assist with all facets of the business, providing healthy, made-from-scratch Mexican/Asian fusion menu items with an emphasis on vegan and vegetarian, locally sourced foods.

Research Interests

Reading—Related to biblical studies, innovative church structures, leadership, and church health—I also love watching good movies, reading great literature, and keeping up with culture; lifelong learning.

Church Leadership—Extensive leadership training: Willow Creek Community Church conferences; Saddleback Valley Community Church conferences; *Celebrate Recovery* Training, Fuller Association and John Maxwell conferences; Assemblies of God sponsored leadership training.

Professional Development—Attend local and national denominational council events. Attend church related seminars. Visit congregations when traveling domestically or abroad.

Publications, Workbooks, and Manuals (Church Settings)

Small Group Leader's and Coaches' Manual

Study Guide for Gary Smalley's Book: The DNA of Marriage to be used in the US Army.

Study Guide Questions for Greg Smalley and Robert Paul's Book: The DNA of Relationships for Couples

Doctor of Ministry Project—"New Life Church: A Case Study in Postmodern Ministry"

Valley School of Discipleship Training Manual

Church Membership Manual

Church Elder and Management Team Manual

New Life 101—Discovering Your Faith in Christ

New Life 201—Habits for Spiritual Growth and Maturity

New Life 301—Discovering Your Gifts and Place in Ministry

REFERENCES

Letters of Internal Support from Colleagues:

Dr. Jeff Fulks, Professor, Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri. (417) 865-2815.

Dr. William Griffith, Professor, Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri. (417) 865-2815.

Dr. Mark Jenkins, Professor, Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri. (417) 865-2815.

Letters of External Support:

Pastor: Matthew Thomas, Solid Rock Church (A/G), 1040 N. Sherman Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.

(417) 413-9460.

Community Member in Field of Expertise: Dr. Mel Ming, Executive, Northwest District of the Assemblies of God (retired); Church Strategy Consultant and Coach. 13010 S. Short Road, Cheney, Washington. (425) 888-4800.

Colleague Member in Field of Expertise: Dr. Michael Jaffe, Professor, Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri. 417 865-2815. (Extra)

Personal Reference: Ms. Ocki Haas, Human Resources Director, Ozark Technical Community College, 1001 E. Chestnut Expressway, Springfield, Missouri. (417) 447-7500