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EDUCATION

D.Min in Leadership Development, (1997) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA.
Doctoral dissertation on the Spiritual Development of At-Risk Youth.

M. Div. (1988) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA

B.A. (1981) South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

TEACHING/TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Present: Adjunct professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's Center for Urban Ministerial Education (CUME) in Boston, MA since 1998.

Taught courses at North Park College and Seminary, Reformed Theological Seminary, Huntington University Graduate School, Bethel College (IN), Eastern Nazarene College, Tyndale University and Taylor University.

Present: Technical Assistance Trainer for Department of Justice through Developmental Services Group, Bethesda, MD

Present: Developer and Dean of "International School for Juvenile Justice Ministries" and "Annual House Parent Training Institute"

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present: Founder and President, Straight Ahead Ministries, based in Worcester, Massachusetts, operating in more than 400 juvenile facilities in fifteen states, and providing many different aftercare models through a staff of 58 and several hundred volunteers.

Present: Chairman, Reclaiming Youth International, Lennox, SD

Present: Member of Advisory Group for Council on Accreditation, New York, NY

Present: Speaker and trainer for teachers, social workers, parents, youth and youth workers

1986-1991: Founded and directed Troubled Youth Ministries for *Vision New England*, Boston, MA

PUBLICATIONS

Author or co-author of numerous articles and ten books including:

The Resilience Revolution, (2006, Solution Tree, Bloomington, IN)

A Place for Skeptics, (2005, Regal Publishing, Ventura, CA)

City Lights: Essentials for Reaching Today's Urban Teenager, (2003, Group Publishing, Loveland, CO)

When Teens Stray: Parenting for the Long Haul, (2002, Servant Publications, Ann Arbor, MI)

Reclaiming our Prodigal Sons and Daughters (2000, National Education Service, Bloomington, IN)

Risk in Our Midst: Empowering Teens to Love the Unlovable, (2000, Group Publishing, Loveland, CO)

At Risk: Bringing Hope to Hurting Teenagers, (1999, Group Publishing, Loveland, CO)

A Fresh Start, (2003, Group Publishing, Loveland, CO)

A Way Out, (1998, Straight Ahead Publishing, MA)

Doing Time with God: Daily Reflections from Kids in Lock-up, (2003, Straight Ahead Publishing, MA)

Quick Connect a CD-ROM assessment tool to determine where a young person is both developmentally and spiritually, (2000, Group Publishing, Loveland, CO)

RECENT SPEAKING/TEACHING/TRAINING EVENTS

Youth Specialties National Youth Worker Conventions

Group Publishing National Youth Worker Conventions

Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) National Conferences

CompassionWorks Urban Youth Worker National Conference Keynote address

Chapel Services for several Christian Colleges and Universities

Youth Ministry Educators (YME) National Conferences

Billy Graham Institute for Prison Ministries National Conference, Wheaton, IL

National Prisoner Reentry Conference, Minneapolis, MN

Annual Conference Keynote for judges, prosecuting attorneys and probation departments in King County, WA

Oklahoma Commission on Children & Youth Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

Illinois State Board of Education Safe Schools Conference, Chicago, IL

Staff Training for 260 staff at Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, IL

University of Cincinnati / Ohio Resource Network, training for member organizations serving at-risk youth

National Guard Challenge Program specific trainings designed for: Program Directors, Program Evaluators, Counselors, Teachers, Post-Residential Coordinators, and Cadre.

Ray of Hope training of 210 child care worker staff in Kitchner, ON

City of Quennel, Canada training for mayor's office, school department, probation and police department

National Association of Street Schools Annual Conference, Keynote and 3-day intensive training, Denver, CO

Staff training and Leadership Team training for Cal Farley's Boys & Girls Ranch, Amarillo, TX

American Prison Chaplain Training Institute, Taylor, IN

Christian Haven staff training of 160 staff and fund raising banquet, Wheatfield, IN

National Association for Chaplains for At-Risk Youth, keynotes and workshops

United Methodist Children's Home Staff training for 260 staff, Waco, TX

Keynote and workshop at Youth Subcultures and Gang conference, University of Madison, WI

Keynote and workshop at City of Canton, OH Community Assets Conference, Canton, OH