

REV. DR. BRYAN D. ECKELMANN

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Doctor of Ministry

Dubuque, Iowa
May, 2000

GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Master of Divinity, *Cum Laude*

South Hamilton, Massachusetts
May 1988

WILLIAMS COLLEGE
Bachelor of Arts, Theoretical Economics

Williamstown, Massachusetts
May 1984

EXPERIENCE

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newport Beach, California

Senior Associate Pastor / Interim Lead Pastor / Associate Pastor of Congregational Life *February 2011 – Present*

- Theological and Biblical Education: Authored theological positions of the congregation's discernment move to ECO, developed a congregation-wide curriculum ("Branches"), taught and preached on a regular basis, led Holy Land Pilgrimages.
- Pastoral: Provided pastoral and management leadership to a congregation transitioning between lead pastors and denominations.
- Management: Reorganized, trained, staffed and managed pastoral care, adult education, worship and missions departments developing capacity and ability to advance the ministry goals of the congregation.
- Mentoring and Discipleship of multiple parishioners, several SALI associates, and junior members of ministry staff.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Senior Pastor, Head of Staff

August 2006 – January 2011

- Leadership and Pastoral Care: Provided restorative care through transparent and biblical leadership to a congregation that had experienced successive moral failures on the part of Senior Staff.
- Vision Casting and Implementation: Led a 1,500 member congregation in developing a ten-year vision plan, and created the structure, budget, physical plant, and staff to implement that plan. Oversaw two successful multi-million-dollar capital campaigns and campus renovations.
- New Church Development: Championed and oversaw a successful church plant to expand the outreach of a traditional suburban congregation to a diverse, urban culture.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

San Antonio, Texas

Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

January 2001 – August 2006

- Management: Increased engagement and growth in the large, downtown, congregation through visitor and new member experiences, church retreats.
- Pastoral Care and Leadership: Helped guide the congregation through a two-year transition from the retirement of a lead pastor who had served 30+ years to the welcome of a new lead pastor.
- Congregational Development: During the interim period, created, organized and began a Small Groups Initiative that birthed over 70 new small groups.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whitinsville, Massachusetts

Pastor / Head of Staff

January 1992 – January 2001

- Spiritual, Organizational, and Financial Leadership: Grew a suburban Massachusetts church from a small- to medium-sized congregation, assisting them to address cultural and systemic changes accompanying rapid growth. Surpassed goals for a three-year building campaign.
- Leadership Development: Increased Spiritual Maturity and Leadership Capacity of Congregation through intense discipleship of leaders.
- Community Engagement: Fostered sense of belonging and opportunities for growth through the creation and staffing of a Small Groups Ministry that engaged over 50% of the worship attendance.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE *as University Lecturer, Hospital Chaplain, Solo Pastor and Corporate Coach*

DISTINCTIONS

- Publications:** “A Theological White Paper for the Members and Friends of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church,”
“Small Group Leader’s Training Manual,” “Spiritual Formation for Church Officers”
- Community:** Board Member, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian (APM); Board Member, Seeds of Joy Africa
Mission Foundation; Presbytery Council, Church Growth & Evangelism consultant
- Qualifications:** ECO Certified Transitional Pastor (2021), ICF trained Coach (2020), Gallup StrengthsFinder
Trained Coach (2014), Certified Stephen Ministry Trainer (2007), Alpha trained Facilitator (2002),
Church Growth Consultant (1992)

REFERENCES *available upon request*