

CURRICULUM VITAE
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“Ask what makes you come alive and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”
Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman

Education and Credentials:

Associate Certified Coach (ACC), International Coaching Federation
October 2021. Professional Certified Coach (PCC) credential in-process.

Vibrant Faith Coach Certification

International Coaching Federation PCC Competency Certification
PCC Training hours completed November 2020, ICF certification to follow.

Vibrant Faith Congregational Coaching Training

December 2017

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry Training: The Work of the Leader, Bellevue, WA

February 2016. Interim Ministry Training.

ELCA Community Organizing Trainer Training

August 2014. Certified as a trainer for ELCA Weeklong Community Organizing Training.

IAF Northwest Weeklong Regional Community Organizer Training

November 2011

ELCA Mission Developer Training

August 2010. Approved for church planting and church redevelopment Sept 7, 2010.

Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

June 4, 2006

Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA

M.A., Systematic and Philosophical Theology, 2006
With Distinction

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA

M.Div., 2005

Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA

B.A., Religion/Classics (double major), 2001
Summa Cum Laude

Experience:

Faith Lutheran Church, North Lakewood, WA

October 2018-present

Pastor/Coach

Vibrant Faith

Sept 2017-present

Creating a Culture of Calling: Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative
Coach

Coaching School Faculty

Come Alive Coaching and Consulting

March 2016-present

Founder

Freeborn Lutheran Church, Stanwood, WA

December 2015-July 2021

Pastor

Trinity Lutheran College, Everett, WA

March 2011-May 2016

Campus Pastor, Director of Spiritual and Vocational Formation, President's Assistant for Strategic Projects, Member of the Faculty

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA

June 2006-February 2011

Mission Developer/Pastor

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lafayette, CA

June 2004-August 2005

Youth Director

Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran Church, Lafayette/Rossmoor, CA

September 2003-August 2004

Intern Pastor

Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

September 2001- August 2003

Teaching Parish Student

Pacific Lutheran University Campus Ministry, Tacoma, WA

September 2000- June 2001

Campus Ministry Peer Minister

Co-Founder, "Common Ground" emergent worshipping community

Pacific Lutheran University Campus Ministry, Tacoma, WA

Summer 2000

Campus Ministry Intern

Current leadership and service:

ELCA NW WA Synod Latino Ministry Strategy Task Force

December 2018-present.

ELCA Western Mission Network

Collaborative network of ELCA Seminaries, alternative theological education organizations, and partners in lifelong learning and discipleship across the Western US.

Board Member and Convocation Planning Team, May 2018-present.

Candidacy Committee, NW WA Synod ELCA

Member. Candidacy committee oversees the process of discernment and preparation for approval of ordained pastors and deacons.

Member, June 2018-present.

Rotary Club of Everett

Rotaract Chair and founding mentor for Snohomish County Rotaract (Rotary affiliated service and leadership club for leaders age 18-30)

August 2016-present

LINC NW (Leveraging Innovation and Networking Communities, NW)

May 2016-present

Co-Founder, Board Chair, and Chief Strategic Officer

ELCA Community Organizing Training Team

Training leadership team and trainer, 2014-present

ELCA Organizing for Mission Network

National ELCA Community Organizing Community of Practice

Leadership Team 2009-2018, and Member 2009-present

Past leadership, training, and service:

Select Learning

ELCA affiliated non-profit that provides alternative theological education

Board Member, February 2019-December 2020.

North (Snohomish) County Youth Ministry, Marysville, WA

A collaborative youth ministry program among Lutheran and Episcopal congregations

Catalyst and Advisory Board Member

**The Forum for Theological Exploration (formerly The Fund for Theological Education)
Atlanta, GA**

21st Century Collegiate Ministry Discernment Gathering, 2018

Peer Group Facilitator, Christian Leadership Forum, 2017

Planning Team, Christian Leadership Forum 2016

Worship Team, Christian Leadership Forum, 2016

Peer Group Facilitator, Christian Leadership Forum, 2015

Small group facilitator/workshop leader for Young Adult Discernment Conferences, 2014-15

Advisory Board Member, 2013-2015

Mentor Pastor, Seminary Student Cohort Project, 2012-2013

Roundtable Leader, FTE Leaders in Ministry Conferences, 2011-2013

Facilitator, FTE Calling Congregations Conference, 2012

Great American Beer Festival, Denver, CO

Competition Steward, Oct 2017

Convergence Network, Reimagining Theological Education Initiative

Chair, Models of Certification and Credentialing Working Group, 2016

FORGE Network, Hub Leaders Training, Denver, CO

October 2015. Training to found/lead alternative theological/missional education program for church planters and lead church planting hubs.

ELCA Region One First Call Theological Education (through LENS)
Leadership Team, 2008-2011

ELCA Western Mission Network Consultation on Theological Education, Carefree, AZ
Participant, January 2010

ELCA National Program Committee—Evangelical Outreach/Congregational Mission
Elected to a 6-year term 2009-2015

ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Minneapolis, MN
2009 Voting Member representing the Eastern Washington/Idaho Synod

ELCA Youth Gathering
2006-2009 Dome Creative Team Member and Sacristan
2003-2006 Dome Creative Team Manager, Worship
2001-2003 Evening Dome Team Member

Leadership Spokane
Class of 2009. A one-year intensive course on civic and community leadership.

ELCA First Call Theological Education Summit, Chicago, IL
2008 Participant

ELCA Transformational Ministry Training, Seattle, WA
February 2007.

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants Received:

2021 Missional Learning Experiment Grants, ELCA and NW WA Synod, \$55,000

2021 New Ministry Start Grant—Dinner Church, ELCA and NW WA Synod, \$30,000

2020 Missional Learning Experiment Grants, ELCA and NW WA Synod, \$55,000

2020 New Ministry Start Grant—Dinner Church, ELCA and NW WA Synod, \$30,000

2019 New Worshipping Community Seed Grant, NW Coast Presbytery/PCUSA, \$15,000
(with Rev. Ahriana Shek-Dill and Rev. Luke Hyder)

2019 Community Blessing Grant, NW Coast Presbytery/PCUSA, \$20,000
(with Rev. Ahriana Shek-Dill and Rev. Luke Hyder)

2017-2020 Grants Plus Grant, Wheat Ridge Ministries, \$50,000

2017 Mentoring Grant, Rotary International, \$10,000

2016-2017 Vocational Resources Grant, Forum for Theological Exploration, \$10,000

2015-2016 Mentoring Grant, Forum for Theological Exploration, \$20,000

2015 Snohomish County TPA Grant, \$5,000

2015 ELCA Hunger Grant (Community Organizing), \$3,000

2014 ELCA Hunger Grant (Community Organizing), \$2,500

2001 Ministry Fellow, The Fund for Theological Education, \$5,000

2001 ELCA Fund for Leaders in Mission Scholarship, full Masters of Divinity tuition

Teaching:

Vibrant Faith

Spiritual Practices, Webinar Series, Fall 2019.

Courage to Connect Across Cultures, with Joe Davis, Webinar Series, March 2021.

Summer Teaching Faculty, Holden Village, WA

“The Art of Christian Discernment: Clearness Practice” co-taught with Annemarie Russell.

Also: “Introduction to Centering Prayer.” “Introduction to the Labyrinth.” August 2019.

Northwest Coast Presbytery (PCUSA)

“Living and Dying Systems: An Interactive Journey of Transformation.” Presentation to Commission on Ministry and keynote address at Verge 2.0 Leadership Summit. May and October 2018.

Northwest Washington Synod (ELCA)

“Lutheran Confessions, Theology, and History” seminary-level, competency assessment alternative course fulfilling a requirement for ELCA ministry candidates. Fall semester 2018.

Summer Teaching Faculty, Holden Village, WA

“Listening for the Sound of the Genuine: Re-forming our sacred identity and vocations through holy listening, storytelling, and embodied spiritual practices” Course co-taught with Annemarie Russell. August 4-10, 2018.

Trainer, ELCA Organizing for Mission Cohort

Leading local, regional, and national trainings for practitioners using community organizing for mission, 2013-present

Trinity Lutheran College, Everett, WA

Professor

“Vocation and Formation” (Freshman Experience Course in discernment and spiritual practices), 2011-2016

“Introduction to Creative Worship,” 2015-2016

“Creative Worship Leadership,” 2015-2016

“Theology of the Cross,” Fall 2015

“Lutheran History and Confessional Theology,” Spring 2016

“The Art of Curating Worship: Chapel Planning,” 2011-2015

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA

Lutheran Confessions, Fall 2005, Teaching Assistant/Instructor
Rev. Dr. Jane Strohl

Ministry of Word and Sacrament, Spring 2005, Teaching Assistant
Rev. Dr. Michael Aune

Living Tradition (introduction to Luther, Lutheran theology, and Lutheran history),
Fall 2004, Teaching Assistant
Rev. Dr. Michael Aune

Publications and Presentations:

“Learning the Practice of Story Sharing in Community.” In *Enlighten: Explorations in Theological Field Education, Vol 3*, edited by Sung Hee Change and Matthew Floding. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2020.

“The Practice of Clearness: A Handbook for Facilitating Community Clearness Circles” August, 2019. <http://www.eriksamuelson.com/clearness-committee-handbook>

“ALIVE: Accompanying Leaders in Vocational Exploration” curriculum and resources for vocational discernment. 2017 and ongoing. eriksamuelson.com/alive-resources

“Martin Luther and Beer: For Queen Anne Lutheran Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation” October, 2017

“Life Together: A weekend of reflection and renewal in the style of Bonhoeffer's Finkenwalde Seminary” retreat co-designed with Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker, Sept 2017, Stanwood, WA.

“Reimagining Theological Education: Craft Seminaries and Other Lessons from the Beer Brewing Industry” video report and handout at Reimagining Theological Education National Conference, June 2016. <http://eriksamuelson.com/media>

“Innovative Approaches to Undergraduate Theological Formation” at Convergence: Reimagining the Future of Theological Education Conference, October 2015, Chicago, IL.

“Vocational Discernment Methods and Resources for Young Adults” at Christian Leadership Forum, Forum for Theological Exploration, June 2015, Dallas, TX.

“Spiritual Practices for Discerning Vocation” workshop at Young Adult Discernment Retreat, Forum for Theological Exploration, April 2015, Asheville, NC.

“Is There a Future for Lutheranism in a Postmodern World?” Two-part presentation. 2014-2015, Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Issaquah, WA. Central Lutheran Church, Everett, WA. Peace Lutheran Church, Monroe, WA.

“Living and Dying Systems: Two Loops” at ELCA Community Organizing Train the Trainers, July 2014, Chicago, IL.

“Giants of Faith: Martin Luther” January 2012, First Presbyterian Church, Snohomish, WA.

“Giants of Faith: Dietrich Bonhoeffer” June 2012, First Presbyterian Church, Snohomish, WA.

“Roadmaps to Grace: Five types of Lutheran Confessional Subscription” in *Dialog*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (Summer 2006): 157-169.

“Five Types of Lutheran Confessional Theology: Toward a Method of Lutheran Confessional Theology for the Twenty-First Century.” (Berkeley: Three Trees Press, 2006). Republished: (Everett, WA: Wittenberg Workshop, 2010).