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EDUCATION

March 1993 Th. D. Comparative Religion, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

* The Th. D. program in Comparative Religion required a two tradition specialization: Indo-Tibetan Buddhism and Christianity.

* Methodology Exam in Hermeneutics *Passed with Distinction*.

1975 M. Div. *with distinction*, Jesuit Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, MA.

1971 B.A. *magna cum laude*, Classics and Theology, Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA.

See my Curriculum Vita for Teaching and Publications.

Ordination History:

Ordination, May 1976 as a Jesuit Catholic Priest

Accepted into the MCC as Clergy 1995

Installed as a Dually Affiliated MCC-UCC Senior Pastor, Central Association of So/Cal/NV UCC Conference, May 2014

Accepted for Privilege of Call, March 2015.

United Church of Christ

We participated in a 2 year discernment process to affiliate with the UCC.

Installed as a Dually Affiliated UCC/MCC Senior Pastor, May 2014

Congregation Installed as a UCC/MCC Church in May 2014 by the Central Association of the SoCal/NV UCC Conference.

Pertinent Education:

Three Day Border Seminar at Centro Romero, UCC. October 2012.

Six Hours of UCC Boundary Training.

Completed the 8-hour Boundary Ethics Class and the UCC Polity, History, and Theology Course

Numerous Workshops with California Interfaith Power and Light (on legislative issues such as Cap n Trade, California Legislative issues and bills.

Workshops and Training:

“Becoming an Earth-Centered Church,” Co-Facilitated with Allis Druffel, Souther California Coordinated of California Interfaith Power and Light, Annual Conference, Southern California/Nevada UCC Conference, June, 2015.

Training UCC and DOC representative for a joint UUC/DOC Environmental Justice Team, May 2015.

“Going Green,” Annual Conference, Southern California/Nevada UCC Conference, June 2014.

Green Publications:

“Grace is Green: Incarnational Inclusivities,” in Shore-Goss, Robert E.; Cheng, Patrick S.; Bohachce, Thomas; west, Mona (eds); *Queering Christianity: Finding a Place at the Table for LGBTQI Christians*, Santa-Barbara, Praeger/ ABC Clio, 2013. (also in kindle format) 65-82.

UCC Publications:

“Easter: Gardening as a Spiritual Practice” April 2015. Connecting Voices, SoCal/NV Conference of UCC Newsletter

<http://www.scncucc.org/voices/2015/03/ucc-conference-church-life/easter-gardening-as-a-spiritual-practice-for-earth-care/>

“Water Conservation as Spiritual Lenten Practice,” March 2015. Connecting Voices, SoCal/NV Conference of UCC Newsletter

<http://www.scncucc.org/voices/tag/water-conservation/>

Youtubes on Green Issues:

State of the Earth, Part 1 Rev. Dr. Bob Shore-Goss

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExLSvJXWjIQ>

State of the Earth, Part 2, Rev. Dr. Bob Shore-Goss

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-e2oOB2sqrA>

How to Get Started? Part I Rev. Dr. Bob Shore Goss

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5nES1o6AJA>

Greening your Campus, Part 1 Rev. Dr. Bob Shore-Goss

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPuCEr1IClQ>

Greening your Campus, Part 2, Rev. Dr. Bob Shore-Goss

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXODDBieD6I>

Senior Pastor MCC United Church of Christ, June-2004- Present
These are accomplishments that cover environmental justice and Earthcare.

Accomplishments:

We made the Earth a member of our congregation seven years ago.

Member of Interfaith Power and Light since 2010.

Received a Green Oscar for Advocacy from California Interfaith Power and Light (2011)

Scored well over 140 on the UCC Green Justice Congregation

We added 90 solar panels 5 years ago.

Read over 20,000 pages on eco-theology, ecology and climate change, and eco-biblical hermeneutics. I am working on green theology book.

Participation in climate street theater (die-in) at the LA Federal Building with an interfaith clergy group and arrest action.

Pressuring the LA Department of Power and Water to streamline its process of hooking up residents, businesses, and non-profits to the electric grid.

Designed an 8 week online course for introducing UCC churches to “greening their church and spirituality” To be launched in Fall 2014.

Greening our Campus

Tankless Water Heater

Replacement of all Toilets with High Efficiency Low flush Toilets, saving an average of 3500 gallons of water per year

Replacement of flushing urinals with Eco-Blue urinals saving 1500 gallons per year.

Recycle paper, plastics, bottles. Reduce paper and replace as much as possible through electronic media.

Replacement of all lights with CFLs and LEDs wherever possible.

Composting of food and garden cuttings

Water harvesting with rain barrels. We also capture the condensation from air conditioning for watering (Two 50 gallon water barrels filled every two weeks in the summer months) of our garden during the summer months.

Created an urban meditation garden with donated plants and climate appropriate plants. In addition, we set up communal plots for folks to garden vegetables. All plants have been donated.

Reduction of paper usage for electronic communications.

Introduction of water conservation program for church and educational forum.

Community Advocacy Programs:

Periodic Solar Nights for faith communities, businesses and home owners. An evening on tax credits for energy efficiency retrofits for residences. We also have a series of vendors offering programs for sales or leasing/buying options for solar panels.

Conservation and Bio-diversity workshops for the Community. With the drought in Southern California, we had specialists exploring how to replace lawns with indigenous California plants and drought resistant plants to reduce watering and promote bio-diversity. Distribution of drought resistant plants and trees to participants.

Community Meetings: with LA Council Representative on Environmental Issues and Horizontal Fracking in LA., Amery Corps of Engineers on water diversion and harvesting and setting up the Garden District of North Hollywood,

Sponsored Clergy Meetings on Green Issues

Green the Liturgical Year: (It is necessary to keep Earthcare as a focus in our spiritual lives and worship throughout the year.)

Monthly Labyrinth walk first Wednesday of the month (the labyrinth is an Earth-centered design with stepping stones, plants, and Celtic and indigenous peoples music).

Guest preachers for Climate Change Sunday (2nd Sunday of February) and Earth Day Sunday (near

Joint Earth Tenebrae Service (2012) with local Disciples of Christ Church

Joint Earth Seder (2013) :with local Disciples of Christ Church

Introduction of the Season of Creation (4 Sundays in Ordinary Time in September) culminating in the first Sunday of October, Feast of Francis of Assisi and the blessing of Animal.

Other times for preaching on Earth-Centered Spirituality (Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas Eve)

Educational Video on Earth Issues and Community Monthly Discussions: (These are the Earth-centered issues that we have covered.):

Maquilladora: An story of environmental racism in Tijuana and the 11 empowered women who sued NAFTA for environmental pollution and won.

Chasing Ice: Documentary follows the melting of Glaciers in Iceland, Greenland and Alaska over a five year period.

Regenerate: Documentary on eight faith communities in the US and their response to climate change and resources for connecting spirituality with the Earth.

Earth 2100 (on youtube) ABC graphic novel tracing the birth of a girl in 2009 to 2100. It also examines the stages of climate change impact during the century.

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