

Rev. Dianne Christopher – Resume Summary

Education and Work Experience

BA: major - Speech – Public Address; minors in English and Biology. Hold a permanent professional teaching certificate.

MA: Counseling

MA: Administration

Licensed Local Pastor, Diaconal Minister, Deacon in Full Connection, Elder in Full Connection

IAC Credentialed Conflict Transformation Specialist

Credentialed Transitional Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist –

Professional Transition Specialist - Interim Ministry Network [sent by Iowa Conference to IMN training]

Transitional Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist – United Methodist Church [founder of TIIMSA]

GBHEM-UMEA Approved TIIMS [first approval granted]

1965-1966 Taught: Waukon High School

1967-1973 Counselor Cedar Falls HS

1968-1970 Adjunct Instructor UNI – Secondary Guidance and Counseling

1976-1978 Hawkeye Community College - English Instructor

1978-81 (approximately) taught teens in juvenile detention – Black Hawk County

2011-2012 – Operationalized first LEAP after school program for the Dubuque Community School District,
Washington Middle School

2014-2019 - Served on Pastoral Care staff PTS Chaplain – Dubuque Mercy One Medical Center

Iowa Conference UMC

Joined St. Timothy's UMC, Cedar Falls, 1969

Served Iowa Conference UMC

1980 - 1991 Founded and Directed the Office of the Education and Counseling Consultant for the

Greater Cedar Falls-Waterloo Area UMCs [at the request of the UMC Waterloo Metropolitan Commission] ECC
became an Advance Special of the Iowa Annual Conference

1988-1991 Ministry Assistant – Kimball Avenue UMC

At the request of the Bishop* and Cabinet of the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1990-1995 Interim Pastor – Geneseo UMC, Buckingham, IA [First United Methodist Intentional Interim Pastor]

1995-1998 Intentional Interim – Marshalltown Grace UMC

1998-2002, Intentional Interim Lead Pastor – Charles City Trinity UMC

2002-2004, Intentional Interim Pastor – Des Moines Ft. Des Moines UMC

2004-2008, Intentional Interim Pastor – Centerville First UMC

2008-2011, TIIMS Lead Pastor – Dubuque St. Luke's UMC* [NOTE NAME CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION

And then appointment identification e.g. in Conference Journal FROM IIM to TIIMS]

2011- Retired Full Elder United Methodist Church

2014- TIIMS Pastor – Sherrill UM

2000 – Current - Ministry Consultant

Ministry Professional Status/Committee Work – Iowa and beyond

- TPS, LLP, Diaconal Minister, Deacon, Elder
- Designed and delivered programming–
 - Christians and the Meaning of Sexuality
 - Christians and the Meaning of Homosexuality
 - Designed and delivered original Conference-Wide Power and Sexual Abuse Workshops
 - Multiple Staff Relationships – resourcing and workshops
 - Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee Trainings
 - Conflict Transformation Trainings
 - Clergy Transition Group Program – Culmination and Start Up Workshops
- Co-Dean of the Iowa School for Ministry (first woman)
- Member Iowa Women in Ministry – officer; co-editor of publications

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- Reserve Delegate to GC. Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.
- Chaired Order of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers (First Deacon ordained in IAC)
- Served on the Board of the Office of the Office of Pastoral Care and Counseling (Dr. Lary Sonner, Dr. Mary Bellon, Directors)
- Served on Committee on Investigation
- Served as support person for victims of clergy sexual abuse – at the request of the Assistant to the Bishop, J. Robert Burkhart
- Serve on the Healthy Relations Task Force Representing TIIMS (Transitional Ministries, Conflict Ministries, Power and Sexual Abuse Prevention)
- Chair the Iowa Transitional Intentional Interim Ministry Episcopal Office Committee
- Professional Transition Specialist (PTS) - Interim Ministry Network
- Created Transitional Intentional Interim Ministry Specialists Association – created teaching curriculum and am the Senior Lead Trainer. Have served as Vice Chair, Chair, Treasurer, and currently serve on the Board.

About Bishops

Current Bishop – Kennetha Bigham-Tsi [Elected fall 2022. Took office Iowa AC 1 January, 2023]

Immediate past Bishop - Laurie Haller [2016 – 2022]

Previous Bishops who asked me to go to Transitional Intentional Interim Appointments:

Job

Jordan

Palmer

Trimble

Iowa UM Clergy who have become Bishops who know my work/career:

Bruce Ough

Deborah Kiesey