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PERSONAL

Born: December 19, 1942
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Ordained: July 13, 1969
Minister of Word and Sacrament, Reformed Church in America, Classis of Philadelphia

Certified: 1978
Minister of Christian Education, Reformed Church in America

RCA General Synod Professor of Theology June, 1997

Married: June 4, 1965 to Willa Kay Schaver
Children: Steven (1970), Douglas (1972), Jeffrey (1975)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1989 Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
Th.M. 1971 Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
B.D. 1969 Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan
B.A. 1965 Central College, Pella, Iowa

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(1999-pres.) G.W. and Eddie Haworth Professor of Christian Education and Associate Dean
Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI

(1996-1999) Professor of Christian Education and Associate Dean
Western Theological Seminary. Holland, MI

(1995-1996) Dean of Faculty & Professor of Christian Education
Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI

(1988-1995) Dean of Faculty & Assistant Professor of Christian Education
Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI

(1983-1988) Adjunct Professor of Christian Education
(1975-1976) Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI

(1973-1988) Minister of Christian Education, Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI

(1971-1973) Minister of Christian Education (part-time)
Peapack Reformed Church, Gladstone, NJ

(1969-1973) Pastor, Pottersville Reformed Church, Pottersville, NJ

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member, North American Professors of Christian Education (2007 – present)
Member, Association of Doctor of Ministry Education (ADME), (1997- 2003).
Member of ADME Steering Committee (1997-2001)
Member, Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education (1992 - present).
Member, Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development (ASCD) (1983 - 2006).
Member, Christian Educators, Reformed Church in America (CERCA) (1980 - Present);
CERCA President (1999-2001)
Member, Religious Education Association (REA) (1969 - present).

HONORS AND AWARDS

President's Medal, Central College (April, 2009)
Christian Educators Reformed Church in America (CERCA) Life Achievement Award (January, 2009)
CERCA RCA Educator of the Year (February, 1996).
Humanitarian Service Award, West Michigan Association for Counseling and Development (1985).

SERVICE

Associate Editor, the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America (2007 – present)

Member, Reformed Church in America (RCA) Commission on Christian Education (2003-2008)

Member, RCA Ministerial Formation Coordinating Agency (MFCA), (1998 - 2004).

Member, NCC Committee on Curriculum Research & Theory (1997 - 2005); member of the Steering

Committee, NCC Committee on Curriculum Research & Theory (1998 - 2004)

Convener, APRRE Adult Education Task Force (1997- 2001)

Trustee, Central College, Pella, IA (1997- present); Chair of Board Affairs Committee and member of Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, (1997-2006)

An RCA representative at the World Council of Churches/Association of Theological Schools working consultation "*Toward a New Vision for Ministerial Formation*" held in Nashville, TN (May 12-14, 1995).

Member, Committee of Scholars appointed by Michigan State Board of Education, to review M.Div. proposal, William Tyndale College, Farmington Hills, MI (October 9, 1995).

Chair, ATS team, focus visit to review D.Min. proposal, Providence Theological Seminary, Otterburne, Manitoba, Canada (March 23-24, 1995).

Member, North Grand Rapids Classis Revitalization Task Force, (1990).

Member, RCA Task Force on Procedural Steps Toward Ordination, (1990 - 1993).

Member, RCA Christian Educators Certification Review Committee, (1989 - 1992).

Contributing Editor, *Church Teachers* magazine (1986 -1993) (Editor of the "Looks at Books" section of *Church Teachers*)

An RCA representative at the JED-sponsored **Conference on the Futures of Christian Education**, held in Aliston, Canada (October 7-11, 1983).

One of twelve former students presenting papers at the **Wyckoff Colloquium**, honoring the retirement of D. Campbell Wyckoff at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey (May 5-6, 1983).

One of three main speakers (address: *"The Prophetic Vision of the Local Congregation: On Seeing Christian Education Whole"*) and a forum leader (forum: *"Staff Relationships"*) at the national meeting of the **Association of Presbyterian Church Educators** in Louisville, Kentucky (February, 1982).

Member, the Planning Team and National Leadership Team for JED's **Indianapolis Regional Teacher Education Event** (November, 1982).

Member, the Design Team for the second **RCA Educators Event,** "Educating for a Faith-full Journey," in Holland, Michigan (1982).

Fraternal Delegate from the RCA to the **Board of Publications, the Christian Reformed Church** (1982-1987). RCA representative to the Faith Alive: Christian Resources Board (formerly Board of Publications), (2004-2009)

Member, the Design Team for Joint Educational Development's (JED) **National Teacher Education Project** (1981-1983).

Coalition Leader and participant at the Religious Education Association's **Symposium on "Faith Development and the Adult Life Cycle",** in Minneapolis - St. Paul (August, 1981).

Convener, the Design Team for the first **RCA Church Educators Event,** "Educating for a Faith-full Journey", in Holland, Michigan (October, 1980).

Participant in the **Conference on the 200th Anniversary of the Sunday School** held at Scarritt College in Nashville, TN (1980).

RCA representative to the **Christian Education Committee of the Christian Reformed Church** (1980-1982).

Chairperson of the **Christian Education Committee** of the North Grand Rapids Classis (1978).

Member of the **Christian Education Committee** of the Synod of New Jersey (1972-1973).

Member of the **Christian Education "Dream Tank"** of the Uniting Synod of New Jersey (1972-1973).

Member of the **B.O.L.T.s Task Force** of the Uniting Synod of New Jersey (1972-1973).

Chairperson of the **Christian Education Committee** of Raritan (New Jersey) Classis (1972-1973).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Consulting

Consultant for the partnership to help at-risk students, Ridgemoor School, Central Reformed Church, Junior League, and Fountain Hill Center, Grand Rapids, MI (October 27, 1997)

Consultant on the development of a mission statement for the Marriage and Family Counseling Center, Grand Rapids, MI (September 8, 1990).

Field research consultant for the Religious Education Association's research project on "Faith Development and the Adult Life Cycle" (1981-1987).

"Through-the-Mail" consultant and researcher for the "Future Church Education Project of the United Methodist Church Board of Discipleship (1973).

Consultant with local congregations: Third Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI (1976); Trinity Reformed Church, Holland, MI (1974); Clover Hill Reformed Church, Clover Hill, NJ (1972).

Workshop Leading

Workshop Leader, “Understanding the Dynamics of Adult Participation in Christian Education” and “Models of Faith Formation,” Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) conference, (January 29 – February 3, 2007)

Workshop Leader, “Learners as Magi,” Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) conference, Vancouver, (February, 2005)

Workshop Leader, “Cultivating Gifts for Ministry,” Association of Presbyterian Church Educators

(APCE) conference, (January 28-31, 2004)

Workshop Leader, "Empowering Adults to Lead Adults," Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) conference, Toronto, Canada (February 6-9, 2002)

Leader, "Theological Reflection on Leadership," Presbytery of Lake Michigan, at the Geneva Camp & Retreat Center, Holland, MI (September 11, 2001)

Leader, "Cultivating Gifts for Ministry" workshop at RCA Educators' Event, "Partners in Learning: Diversity in Education for the 21st Century," Haworth Center, Holland, MI (November 4, 2001)

Co-leader, "Christian Formation Through Worship" workshop at Renewing Our Worship Conference, Calvin College (October 27-28, 2000)

Workshop Leader, Ministerial Formation Coordinating Agency (MFCA) Teaching Church Conference, Garden Grove, GA (February 15, 2000)

Workshop Leader, "Teaching the Bible to Adults," Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) conference, Boston, (February 4-7, 1998)

Curriculum Design and Development

Curriculum 2005 Planning Team

RCA representative to the Christian Reformed Church's 2005 Planning Team (Spring, 2000)

Consultation on Curriculum Future: Nashville, TN (March 31 - April 3, 1995).

Bible Way Curriculum (Christian Reformed Church)

RCA representative to the Curriculum Review Committee (1979).

Christian Education: Shared Approaches (Joint Educational Development)

Member, Interpreting The Word evaluation team (1977-1979)
Member, Interpreting The Word resource team (1974-1977)
Chairperson, Interpreting The Word design team (1973-1974)
Coordinator, reading and review of manuscripts for the RCA
Writer, curriculum resources for Knowing The Word, Interpreting The Word, and Living The Word (see **Curriculum Resources**).

Heritage and Hope Series (Reformed Church in America)

Participant, consultation meetings (1977, 1979)
Writer, curriculum resources (see **Curriculum Resources**).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Brown, George Jr. (ed.) *Herman J. Ridder: Contextual Preacher and President.* The Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America, No. 59. Donald J. Bruggink, General Editor. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2008.

Religious Education, 1960-1993: An Annotated Bibliography (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1995), with D. Campbell Wyckoff.

Chapters in Books

"Finding a Place at the Table" In *Tools for Understanding: Essays in Honor of Donald J. Bruggink*, edited by James Hart Brumm. The Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America, No. 60. Donald J. Bruggink, General Editor. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2009. pp. 31-65.

"Where and How Religious Leaders Learn," written with William Lord, and published in *A Lifelong Call to Learn: Approaches to Continuing Education for Church Leaders*, edited by Robert E. Reber and D. Bruce Roberts (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2000) pp. 89-101.

"Reformed Education" in *Harper's Encyclopedia of Religious Education*, edited by Iris V. Cully and Kendig B. Cully (Harper and Row, 1990). pp. 542-543.

Contributions to *Adult Education in the Church: A How to Primer: Appendix A*, "Models for the Christian Education of Adults," *Appendix C,* "Publicize Your Program," and *Appendix G* (with Marion Snapper), "For Further Study". (1985) Published by the Board of Publications, The Christian Reformed Church.

Annotated Bibliographies

"Selected Resources on Mentoring," CERCA *RCA Educator* (November, 1995), 3.

"Gospel and Culture Themes in Christian Religious Education Literature," *The Gospel and Our Culture* Vol. 2, No. 2 (October, 1990)

"A Select Annotated Bibliography for D.Min. Education," *Theological Education* Vol. XXIX, No. 2 (Spring, 1992), 91-103.

"Select Annotated Bibliography on Missiology: The Gospel and Our North American Culture," *Missiology: An International Review* Vol. XIX, No.4 (October, 1991), 495-498. With George R. Hunsberger, Christopher B. Kaiser, and Craig Van Gelder.

Articles

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"Bel and Nebo: Prophetic Images for 2008." *The Theotog* Volume 1, Issue 2 (Summer, 2008), 4.

"Clouds" *The Theotog* Vol. 1, No. 1 (May, 2008), 1-2.

"Five Recent Books for Those Who Teach Adults," *APCE Advocate* Vol. 32, No. 1 (Spring, 2007), 19.

"Living into the Future While Learning from the Past" *RCA Educator* (Fall, 2006), 1-3.

"Memorial: D. Campbell Wyckoff (1918-2005)," *Religious Education* Vol. 100, No. 4 (Fall, 2005), 340-343.

Entry on D. Campbell Wyckoff, "Christian Educators of the 20th Century," http://www.talbot.edu/ce20/

"Learners as Magi," January 2005 RCA on-line *Learning for Life Newsletter*

"Educating for Transformation," *RCA Educator* (Fall, 2004), 1-4.

"Five Adult Ministry Resources foe the Christian Educator's Backpack," *APCE Advocate* Volume 29, Number 2, (Summer 2004), page 6.

"The Word of the Lord Came to Me," *Perspectives: a journal of Reformed thought* Vol. 16, No. 5 (May, 2001), page 24.

"New Learnings: Why Adults Avoid Christian Education," RCA Learning for Life Newsletter (March-April, 2003)

"New Learnings: Findings for Spiritual Growth," RCA Learning for Life Newsletter (September, 2002)

"The Flywheel of Advocacy," *RCA Educator* (Summer, 2002), 3.

"New Learnings: Brain Based Education," RCA Learning for Life Newsletter (March, 2002)

"Making a Case for Standardized Testing," *The Church Herald* Vol. LIX, No. 4 (April, 2002), 8-10.

"New Learnings: Exit Interviews with Sunday School Teachers," RCA Learning for Life Newsletter (May, 2002)

"New Learnings: Teaching as Foraging," RCA Learning for Life Newsletter (November, 2001)

"Christian Education in the Reformed Tradition," *Reformed Review* Vol. 65, No. 1(Autumn, 2001), 19-42.

"Vulnerable and Vital at Age Twenty: A Brief History of CERCA," *RCA Educator*, (Spring, 2001), special 20th anniversary insert, pages 1-2

Contributor to *Learning for Life*, RCA Christian education notebook, June 2001

"Twentieth Century Presbyterian-Reformed Curricula: A Very Brief Survey," *APCE Advocate* Vol. 24, No. 3 (Fall, 1999), 10-11, 14-15.
"Cooperative Learning for the Church School," *RCA Educator* (June, 1999), 1-3.

"Violence: A Critical Issue for Christian Educators," *RCA Educator* (March, 1999), 1-3.

"Teaching Churches," *Reformed Review* Vol. 51, No. 1 (Autumn, 1997), 27-43.

"Lifelong Learning and Ministry," *Reformed Review* Vol. 50, No. 3 (Spring, 1997), 157-166.

"Paying Attention," APCE *Advocate* Vol. 21, No. 1 (Spring, 1996), 9.

"Mentoring," CERCA *RCA Educator* (November, 1995), 1-3.

"Six Ways to Strengthen Your Church's Teaching Ministry," *The Church Herald* Vol. LII, No. 8 (September, 1995), 26-28.

"Questions to Ask When Choosing Curriculum," *Servant Leaders* Vol. 1, No. 2 (Spring, 1995), 5.

"Six Bible Study Programs for Adults," *Alert* Vol. 24, No. 2 (August, 1994), 2-5.

"Answers to Some Questions About Certification of Associates in Ministry," CERCA *RCA Educator* (June, 1994), 3-4.

"Getting Ready for Fall," CERCA *RCA Educator* (Summer, 1992), 2-3.

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"Children's Faith," *The Reformed Review* Vol. 40, No. 3 (Spring, 1987), 214-224,

"Resources for Shaping the Church's Ministries with Children," *The Reformed Review* Vol. 40, No. 3 (Spring, 1987), 225-226, 229-230.

"Committee Membership as Adult Education," *JED Share* Vol. 15, No. 4 (Winter, 1986), 14-15.

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"The Prophetic Vision of the Local Congregation: On Seeing Christian Education Whole," *The Reformed Review* Vol. 39, No. 1 (Autumn, 1985), 24-31.

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"Interpreting the Word," *Alert* (August, 1984)

"The Growing Faith of Our Students," *Adult Bible Study Leader's Guide* CE:SA Knowing the Word (Spring, 1983)

"The Child in the Pew," *JED Share* Vol. 11, No. 4 (Winter, 1982), 24.

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"The Formative Power of Ritual," *APCE Advocate* Vol. 7, No. 4 (November, 1982), 4-5.

"Peacemaking at Central Church: A Biblical Approach," *RCA Peacemaker* Vol. 1, No. 1 (1982), 4.

"Dance-Diet-Discipline," *JED Share* Vol. 10, No. 4 (Winter, 1981), 24.

"Children's Questions," *JED Share* Vol. 10, No. 3 (Fall, 1981), 18.

"Mothers of Preschoolers," *JED Share* Vol. 10, No. 2 (Summer, 1981), 24.

"A Reader's Guide to Faith Development," *JED Share* Vol. 10, No. 1 (Spring, 1981). 30.

"The Sunday School: A Theological Reflection," *The Reformed Review* Vol. 34, No. 1 (Autumn, 1980), 12-20.

"A Reader's Guide to Faith Development," *P.A.C.E.* (November, 1980), Teaching D.

"Teachers Celebrate Through Learning," *JED Share* Vol. 8, No. 4 (Fall, 1979), 26.

"Liturgy and Learning Can Be Linked," *Church Teachers* Vol. 7, No. 2 (September-October, 1979), 66-67.

"From the Life of the Local Church," *Starchild* 4th issue (September, 1979), 8-10.

"Helping Children and Youth to Worship," *JED Share* (May, 1979)
"IYC in Your Church," *JED Share* (May, 1979)

"The Saturday Night Special," *Church Teachers* Vol. 6, No. 2 (September, 1979), 12-13.

"Summer Intergenerational Program: Fresh Air Semester," *JED Share* Vol. 5, No. 2 (May, 1976), 4.

"New Ways of Thinking About Teaching," *Strategy* Vol. 5, No. 4 (June-August, Summer, 1975), 48-50. Reprinted February, 1978.

"Support Your Local Sunday School," *The Church Herald* Vol. XXXI, No. 19 (September 20, 1974), 14, 27-28.

"Toward a More Effective Ministry Through Communities of Enabling," *The Reformed Review* Vol. 27, No. 1 (Fall, 1973), 41-49.

"Making Room for Children," *Religious Education* Vol. LXVIII, No. 3 (May-June, 1973), 401-406.

"Education for Participation in the Faith Community," *JED Share* Vol. 2, No. 2 (May, 1973), 10.

"Paulo Freire for Church Educators," *The Church Herald* Vol. XXIX, No. 23 (June 9, 1972), 13.

"Let's Make Room for Children," *The Church Herald* Vol. XVIII, No. 33 (October 8, 1971), 11, 22-23.

"What Shall We Teach in the Sunday School?," *The Church Herald* Vol. XXVIII, No. 13 (March 26, 1971), 11, 22.

"Worship: the Work of the People," *The Church Herald* Vol. XXVII, No. 30 (August 28, 1970), 19, 31.

"Pietism and the Reformed Tradition," *The Reformed Review* Vol. 23, No. 3 (Spring, 1970), 143-152.

Book Reviews

The Church Herald: (October 17, 1980); (November 14, 1975); (January 7, 1972).

The Gospel and Our Culture: (September, 1993); (June, 1993); (December, 1992); (July, 1991)

Church Teachers: (January-February, 1993); (June-August, 1992); (March-May, 1992); (June-Aug, 1990); (Mar-May, 1990); (June-Aug, 1989); (March/May, 1989); (January-February, 1989); (November-December, 1988); (March-May, 1987); (January-February, 1987); (November-December, 1986); (September-October, 1986); (June-July-August, 1986).

Journal of Adult Theological Education (October, 2006)

Perspectives: (January, 2005); (November, 1988)

Religious Education: (Spring, 1987); (Summer, 1985); (November -December, 1981); (May-June, 1980); (January-February, 1979).

The Reformed Review: (Winter 2005-2006); (Winter, 1998-99); (Autumn, 1984); (Spring, 1980); (Fall, 1978); (Fall, 1975); (Fall, 1973); (Spring, 1972); (Spring, 1971); (May, 1969).

Curriculum Resources

Background article on Lent for ages 4-5, Year I, *Teacher's Guide*, Presbyterian-Reformed *Celebrate* curriculum (1988).

Twelve-session adult Bible study, "The Teachings of Jesus," for Christian Education: Shared Approaches' (CE:SA) *Interpreting The Word* curriculum (Fall, 1986).

"The Pauline Letters, Part 2," Adult Bible Study *Leader's Guide* for CE:SA *Knowing The Word* curriculum (Fall, 1985).

"Minor Prophets," Adult Bible Study *Leader's Guide* for CE:SA *Knowing The Word* curriculum (Summer, 1985).

"Gospel of John, Part 2," Adult Bible Study *Leader's Guide* for CE:SA *Knowing The Word* curriculum (Spring, 1985).

"Gospel of John," Adult Bible Study *Leader's Guide* for CE:SA *Knowing The Word* curriculum (Winter, 1985).

Adult Teacher Planning Guide, for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 4 (1984).

"Letters of Paul," Adult Bible Study *Leader's Guide* for CE:SA *Knowing The Word* curriculum (Fall, 1984).
"Book of Acts," Adult Bible Study *Leader's Guide* for CE:SA *Knowing The Word* curriculum (Spring, 1983).

Sponsoring Faith: Youth Communicant Education Resource for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum (1983).

"Gospel of Luke," Adult Bible Study *Leader's Guide* for CE:SA *Knowing The Word* curriculum (Winter, 1983).
Adult Teacher Planning Guide for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 3 (1980).

Grades 3-4 Teacher Planning Guide for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 3 (1980).

Grades 3-4 Teacher Planning Guide for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 2 (1979).

Grades 1-2 Teacher Planning Guide for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 2 (1979).

Kindergarten Teacher Planning Guide for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 2 (1979).

Congregational Life Resource for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 2 (1979).

"User's Guide" for the Baptism Folio for *Heritage and Hope* (1979).

Grades 3-4 Teacher Planning Guide for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 1 (1978).

Grades 1-2 Teacher Planning Guide for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 1 (1978).

Kindergarten Teacher Planning Guide for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 1 (1978).

Ten Stories for Children for *Heritage and Hope* curriculum, Focus 1 (1978).

Congregational Life/Intergenerational Mission Resource Kit for CE:SA *Living The Word* (1978).

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