

Gregory E. Moder Jr.

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EDUCATION

- Doctorate of Ministry** Pentecostal Theological Seminary 2007
Cleveland, TN
Dissertation: Improving the Collaboration Skills of Youth Ministers for
Mediating Inter-generational Conflict in the Local Church
* Full scholarship
* Graduated with honors
- Master of Divinity** Pentecostal Theological Seminary 1997
Cleveland, TN
Thesis: Towards a Prophetic Paradigm for Covenant Renewal
* Teaching Assistant (3 years) for the Professor of Old Testament
* Student Body Vice President (1995)
- Bachelor of Arts, Radio/Television** Eastern Washington University 1989
Cheney, WA

EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- Associate Professor** Department of Practical Theology August 2012 – Present
Azusa Pacific University Azusa, CA
* Undergraduate subjects taught:
 - Exegeting the City
 - Introduction to Global Vision
 - Christian Life, Faith, and Ministry
 - Contemporary Christian Ministry
 - Christian Ministry Internship
- Adjunct Professor** LA Dream Center Extension Site January 2010 – August 2016
Northwest University Echo Park, CA
* Undergraduate subjects taught:
 - Intercultural Ministry
 - Urban Community Transformation and the Gospel
 - Urban Ministry Practicum
 - Dynamics of Christian Ministry
 - Jesus and the Gospels

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Professor Department of Youth Ministries
Patten University Oakland, CA

August 1997 – July 2012

* Undergraduate subjects taught:

- Urban Intercultural Ministry
- Foundations of Youth Ministry
- Developmental Issues in Youth Ministry
- Communication and Group Dynamics
- Dynamics of Christian Ministries
- Christian Formation and Discipleship
- Evangelism and Outreach

* Taught the Evangelism and Outreach course to a group of 12 prisoners (most of them had life sentences without parole) at San Quentin through Patten's Prison University

Ministry

First Nazarene Church / Bresee Foundation
Los Angeles, CA

August 2013 – April 2014

Consultant for Youth Ministry Development and Outreach

* Working with four distinct congregations (Korean, Filipino, Spanish and English) in assessing, formulating and implementing a plan to reach and empower the youth of the Mid –Wilshire district in LA

Providence Care Ministries
Richmond / San Pablo, CA

April 2000 – October 2010

Preaching Pastor 2006 – 2010

- * Ministered the Word and led worship bi-weekly
- * Ministry focused on indigenous leadership development, small group discipleship, prayer, pastoral counseling, advocacy, intervention, recovery and community organizing efforts
- * Facilitated homeless ministry/urban outreach working with sex offenders, parolees, mentally ill, addicts, alcoholics and shut-ins

Youth Pastor 2000 – 2005

- * Developed Youth Facility, developed student leadership, facilitated midweek program, counseled, mentored and discipled inner-city youth mostly from single parent/guardian homes
- * Increased youth group membership from 0 to 25

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Patten Academy
Oakland, CA

August 1997 – June 2002

Chaplain

Patten Academy is an outreach oriented K-12 Christian School providing the opportunity for Christian education to those in the surrounding East Oakland community. Roughly 70% of the student body derives from the neighborhoods in the surrounding area with a large number of students come from single parent homes or situations where grandparents are raising their grandchildren. The demographics of the school mirrors the demographics of East Oakland

- * Developed High School small group program and curriculum
- * Organized and facilitated Chapels - twice daily except on Fridays
- * Taught religion classes 9-12
- * Facilitated an ongoing counseling program with parental consent /support
- * Was a support to students and their families during difficult interventions (attempted suicide), discipline, suspension and expulsion issues
- * Mentored a number of young men and women who had no father figure to identify with at home

Christian Cathedral
Oakland, CA

August 1997- April 2000

Youth Pastor

- * Increased group membership from 5 -35
- * Disciplined youth, developed leadership team, established budget. Ran mid-week and Sunday morning youth ministry events

Administrative

Academic Senate Chair
Patten University Oakland, CA

August 2009 – June 2012

- * Represented the Senate in negotiating matters regarding faculty contracts with the President and the Provost
- * Facilitated a comprehensive revision of the Faculty Handbook overseeing and monitoring the work of various committees through to the vetting and final approval process
- * Worked closely with the Provost and the Academic Affairs Committee facilitating WASC accreditation matters with the Senate

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Youth Ministry Department Chair
Patten University Oakland, CA

August 1999 - August 2012

- * Developed the curriculum, sequence and syllabi for the Youth Ministry Major and Minor with an emphasis towards urban populations. Added courses addressing intercultural ministry, adolescent development and behavior together with a capstone project research paper which focused on the theory and practice of ministry as applied to particular at-risk behavior among urban youth
- * Participated in the WASC re-accreditation process as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee
- * Participated in the ongoing academic advisement of Youth Ministries Major students
- * Responsible for internship advising and placement of Youth Ministries Major students in local inner city ministries and churches

Founder/Director Praxis Internship Program
Patten University Oakland, CA

August 1999 - August 2012

The Praxis program provided Youth Ministry students (and those of related disciplines) the opportunity to be involved in an organized endeavor to support local community transformation/urban youth ministry efforts (10 - 12 hrs per week). Participants received a \$3,000 scholarship for the school year renewable up to 4 years

- * Conceived and developed program from inception to 40 students
- * Responsible for ongoing networking with local schools and urban church leaders in order to provide Praxis Team Internship placements
- * Responsible for mentoring and training team leaders as well as organizing and providing bi-annual individual team member assessments and leadership development
- * Facilitated and coached Praxis Interns in small group and one on one student ministry in a variety of inner-city settings. Praxis Team Interns led as many as 12 small groups per week
- * Program was an ongoing recipient of a \$15,000 dollar Lowell Berry Foundation grant (2006 -2012)
- * Was a support to students and their families during difficult interventions (attempted suicide), discipline, suspension and expulsion issues

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PUBLICATIONS

“Approaching Wise Dialogue with Our Technological Test Pilots: Re-framing the Story of Digital Progress.” *The Journal of Youth Ministry* Vol. 15, 1 (Fall 2016) pp 85-104.

PRESENTATIONS

2007 Urban Youth Workers Institute National Conference - (round table discussion leader), *Considering Metaphors for Urban Youth Work* with Amy Jacober, Dan Hodge, Dean Borgman, James Dekker
itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/dean-borgman-podcast.../id361291054

2007 Urban Youth Workers Institute National Conference - (workshop) Theological Reflections on Urban Youth Ministry from Matthew 18:1-14
www.urbansermons.org/.../gregg-moder-children-and-kingdom-god-theological-reflections-urban-ministry-matthew-181-14-

2008 Urban Youth Workers Institute National Conference - (round table discussion leader), *The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us...Considering the Incarnation As A Model For Urban Youth Ministry*

2008 Urban Youth Workers Institute National Conference - (workshop) *Re-Imaging Incarnational Youth Ministry - The Incarnational Model in Praxis*

2008 AYME Conference (workshop) Timeless Tricks for New Dogs: Improving the Collaboration Skills of Youth Ministers

2010 Urban Youth Workers Institute National Conference - (workshop) Youth Worker as Urban Prophet: Toward a Prophetic Methodology of Youth Ministry

2013 Urban Youth Workers Institute LA Conference - (workshop) Cultivating Urban Theologians

2014 Urban Youth Workers Institute National Conference - (workshop) Cultivating Urban Theologians

2015 Urban Youth Workers Institute National Conference - (workshop) Nurturing Young Artists as Agents of Change

2015 AYME Conference (workshop) Approaching Wise Dialogue with Our Technological Test Pilots: Re-framing the Story of Digital Progress

ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES

AYME (Association of Youth Ministry Educators) board member (2009- 2012).

AYME Conference Chair for 2011 *The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us: Youth Ministry and the Incarnation in Praxis*

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UYWI (Urban Youth Workers Institute) Regional *Reload* Conference Host-Site
Coordinator (2007-2011)

AFILIATIONS

AYME (Association of Youth Ministry Educators) member 2008- present

CCDA (Christian Community Development Association)

COG Cleveland TN Licensed Minister since 1993