

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Portland Seminary Portland, Oregon
Doctorate of Ministry in Leadership and Global Perspective 2021

Area of research is in Generation Z and the development of a Paracletic Leadership Framework which is theological and ontological rooted with practical application to engage Gen Z.

Portland Seminary Portland, Oregon
Masters in Ministerial Leadership 2018

MHS EQ-I 2.0 Certified Orlando, FL
2-Day (16hrs) Emotional Intelligence Certification. Also included 16 hours of ICF CE credits and 14.5 hours of APA CE credits. 2018

Youth and Family Life Coaching Certified Orlando, FL
The Character and Self-Esteem Institute 2017

Lee University Cleveland, TN
B.S. Christian Ministry-Bible Emphasis 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, Southeastern University Lakeland, FL
2021 – Present

- Evangelism and Mission – Online
- PMIN 5553 Practical Theology – Online
- PMIN 5553 Practical Theology Face to Face

Advisor for Doctor of Ministry, Southeastern University Lakeland, FL
2021 – Present

Spiritual Director, United Theological Seminary Dayton, OH
2022-2023

Project Faculty, Portland Seminary Portland, OR
2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Lead Pastor, Church on The Living Edge

Orlando, FL
2024 – Present

Executive Pastoral Team, Church on The Living Edge

Orlando, FL
2016 – 2024

- Oversee Next Generations Department (0-30 years old).
- Reach out with pastoral care to the whole church community.
- Provide oversight of church administration, working with the church council and administrative staff to further the mission of the church.
- Clearly communicate about the events of the church verbally and in writing.
- Preaching and teaching of adult services.
- Lead specialized church services, such as wedding ceremonies, baptisms, and funeral services.

Youth and Young Adults Pastor

Orlando, FL
2010 – 2016

- Managed targeted ministries for elementary-aged school children, teens, and college-aged young adults, including fellowship, Bible study, ministry, and mission outreach.
- Recruited, trained, and supported volunteers to assist in the implementation of all youth and young adult ministries.
- Integrated youth, specifically teens and college-aged young people, into the ongoing ministries of the church.
- Provided encouragement and spiritual counseling.

Young Adult Pastor, Grace Community Church

Cleveland, TN
2008 – 2010

- Provide pastoral leadership and care to college students. Primary areas of responsibility include supporting the spiritual development of all members and creating opportunities to explore the relationship between spiritual development and service.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Interviews and Presentations

- Sailing Together: Shaping the Future with the Emerging Generation: Paracletic Leadership—A Spirit-led Leadership Framework.
- Toward a Paracletic Leadership Framework for Pastoral Ministry with Generation Z in Multicultural US Contexts – Journal for Religious Leadership Spring 2025
- Dissertation *Engaging Gen Z: Toward A Paracletic Leadership Framework*
<https://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/dmin/400/>
- Frequent guest lecturer for Dr. Ben Gomez.
- “How to Create A Positive Workplace” Presentation for Nova Southeastern University Orlando.
- Contributor to developing SEU Youth Ministry Institute, Course: Leading Team-Driven Organizations.
- Regularly teach and preach at Youth and Young Adult Conferences in the United States.
- “Culture, Church and The Next Generation,” Issachar Initiative Conference 2019
- “From Individualism to Inter-Sociality: Paracletic Leadership for Gen-Z in Multicultural Contexts Amidst Postmodernism, Complexity, and Globalization,” Society for Pentecostal Studies 2024

Blogs

- “Leading Gen Z in A Digital Age”
<https://www.bengomez.org/post/leading-gen-z-in-a-digital-age>
- “LeadersInsight”
<https://leadersinsight.substack.com/>

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Society for Pentecostal Studies (2018-Present)

AWARDS

- Outstanding Ministry Award, Portland Seminary 2018

