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**CURRENT POSITION:** President and Founder of *The Brick Wall 2, Inc*, Speaker and author

**EDUCATION:**

DREW UNIVERSITY, MADISON, NEW JERSEY, Ph.D. May 23, 1998  
(Psychology & Religion)

DREW UNIVERSITY M. PHIL (Master of Philosophy) 1993

NEW YORK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, STM (Master of Sacred Theology) 1982

LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT CHICAGO, M. DIV. (Master of Divinity) 1978

CONCORDIA SENIOR COLLEGE, FORT WAYNE, IN BA 1974

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN JUNIOR COLLEGE, ANN ARBOR, MI AA 1972

YAD VASHEM, JERUSALEM January course, 1989  
“THE HOLOCAUST AND ANTISEMITISM”

**CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION**

Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago, Summer, 1976

Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY 4 Unit residency, 1981-82

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Summer, 1992

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

PASTOR, Our Saviour Lutheran Church 2001-2010  
Cresskill and Haworth, New Jersey

Director of Spiritual Care and Support Services February 14, 2000—May 18, 2002  
The Connecticut Hospice, Connecticut, Branford, CT

Study Coordinator and Interim director of the Theological Study Department  
Nes Ammim, Western Galilee, Israel Jan. 1, 1998 –Jan. 31, 2000

Hospice Chaplain, Valley Hospice, Paramus, New Jersey 1993 to 1997

Adjunct Professor, St. Peter's College, Jersey City, New Jersey 1995 to 2001

Courses taught:

Death & Dying,  
Introduction to the Holocaust,  
Values in Christian Spiritual Development,  
Religious Faith in the Modern World,  
Psychology & Religion

Pastor, Calvary Lutheran Church, Hillside, New Jersey 1983 to 1992  
(Interracial/multi-cultural congregation)

Interim Pastor at six congregations in New Jersey 1993 to 1997

Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, North Arlington, New Jersey 1980 to 1983

Hospice Chaplain, The Hospice Inc., Montclair, New Jersey 1988

**ORDINATION:**

Lutheran Church in America 1980  
(became the 1980 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1987)

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

Chaplaincy, by the Lutheran 1987  
Consultation Committee, New York City

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**BOOKS**

*Caring for the Caregiver: A Spiritual Approach for the Professional* (The Brick Wall 2): 2009.  
*Because You've Never Died Before: Spiritual Issues at the End of Life* (The Brick Wall 2): 2010

**(dissertation):**

*Post-Holocaust Theology on a Christian "Kibbutz" in Israel: Nes Ammim* (Ann Arbor, Michigan: UMI Dissertation Series), 1999. (<http://www.umi.com>)

**Articles in Journals: *Any articles in German and Dutch were translated from the English by the editors of those publications.***

-----, *The Pastor as Enabler*, Pastoral Psychology, Vol. 28, No. 1, 1979.

-----, *Report from Nes Ammim: The Issue of Gas Masks*, Perspectives on the Holocaust, A Bi-annual Publication of the Drew University Center for Holocaust Study, Madison, New Jersey, Volume 2, No. 1, Fall 1998

-----, *Gedenkveranstaltung zur "Kristallnacht"*, Nes Ammim: Zeichen für die Völker, (A quarterly Journal of Nes Ammim Germany), Winter, 1999

-----, *Commemorating Kristallnacht at Nes Ammim: "Confronting the Bystander in Each of Us*, Perspectives on the Holocaust, Volume 2, No. 2, Spring, 1999.

-----, *The Children's Shoah Seminar at Nes Ammim*, Perspectives on the Holocaust, Volume 2. , No. 3, Fall 1999.

#### **Articles in books:**

-----, *Wandering and Turning: The Journey from Death to Life at Nes Ammim, Israel*, Remembering for the Future: The Holocaust in an Age of Genocide, Vol. 3 (Ethics and Religion), Hampshire: PALGRAVE St. Martin's Press, 2001.

First presented at "Remembering for the Future 2000," Oxford, England, Holocaust Conference, July 17-21, 2000.

#### **Book Reviews:**

-----, *Helping People Forgive*, by David W. Augsburger, Vision, a publication of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, October, 1998, Vol. 8 No. 9.

#### **Lectures on Holocaust:**

-----, "The Meaning of Repentance in Christianity after the Holocaust," given at the annual conference of the Interreligious Coordinating Council of Israel (ICCI), July 1999, in Jerusalem, Israel.

-----, *Kristallnacht: The Role of the Bystander*, Gesprekken in Israël, a quarterly Dutch Nes Ammim periodical of lectures that include questions (Amersfort: Stichting Nes Ammim Nederland), No. 4, 1999. Lecture given Nov. 9, 1998 at Nes Ammim, Israel.

-----, "A Christian Response to the Holocaust: Nes Ammim, Israel," given at a Holocaust Conference sponsored by The Center for Holocaust Studies, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, November 8, 2000.

***Kristallnacht in Israel:*** I initiated and developed the first multi-cultural, multi-national, tri-faith (Christian, Jewish, Muslim) Kristallnacht program in Israel, which took place November 9, 1998, at Nes Ammim (co-sponsored by the ICCI).

#### **Committees:**

The Holocaust Education and Remembrance 1989 – 1999 (until moving to Israel)  
Committee of the Jewish Federation of MetroWest, Whippany, New Jersey (1990's)

The Bishop's Advisory Committee on Ecumenical Matters, NJ Synod, ELCA, 1989 – 1999

The Sisters of Zion of Notre Dame – Associate, 2000 – present

Christian/Jewish Relations and Encounter:

- Advisory Board 2000- 2003
- Leadership Team 2004- 2008

End-of-Life Coalition, of the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA), Meriden, Connecticut 2000- 2002

## BUSINESS

President and founder of The Brick Wall 2, Inc., incorporated, April 2001. See web site at:  
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