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CURRENT POSITION: Pastor of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Cresskill, New Jersey, and President and Founder of *The Brick Wall 2, Inc.*

EDUCATION:

DREW UNIVERSITY, MADISON, NEW JERSEY,	Ph.D. May 23, 1998 (Psychology & Religion)
DREW UNIVERSITY	M. PHIL (Master of Philosophy), 1993
MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER AND NEW YORK HOSPITAL, NYC, <u>ONE UNIT OF CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION</u>	Summer, 1992
NEW YORK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, NYC, IN CONJUNCTION WITH LUTHERAN MEDICAL CENTER, BROOKLYN, NY. <u>INCLUDES FOUR UNITS OF CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION</u> (Residency)	STM (Master of Sacred Theology), Pastoral Care, 1982
LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT CHICAGO	M. DIV (Master of Divinity) 1978
<u>ONE UNIT OF CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION</u> , Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago	1976
CONCORDIA SENIOR COLLEGE, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	BA, 1974, Sociology
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN JUNIOR COLLEGE, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	AA, 1972
YAD VASHEM, JERUSALEM "THE HOLOCAUST AND ANTISEMITISM"	January course, 1989

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Director of Spiritual Care and Support Services (Spiritual Care, Bereavement, Arts, Social Work, and Complementary Therapy) at The Connecticut Hospice, Connecticut, Branford, CT.	February 14, 2000-- May 18, 2002
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Director of the Theological Study Department, and Study Program Coordinator, at NES AMMIM ISRAEL (areas studied: Jewish-Christian Relations, Contemporary Israel, Judaism, Islam, Post-Holocaust Jewish and Christian theology)	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, Englewood Cliffs campus <u>Courses taught:</u> Death & Dying, Introduction to the Holocaust, Values in Christian Spiritual Development, Religious Faith in the Modern World, Psychology & Religion	1995 to 2001
PASTOR, CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HILLSIDE, NEW JERSEY (Interracial/multi-cultural congregation)	1983 to 1992
INTERIM PASTOR AT SIX DIFFERENT 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 (WHILE ALSO SERVING AS A PARISH PASTOR)	1988

ORDINATION:

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

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

BOOKS (dissertation):

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

Book in process: *The World of the Dying: Because You've Never Died Before.* (Anticipated publication date, April 2003)

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. Augsburg, Vision, a publication of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, October, 1998, Vol. 8 No. 9.

LECTURES ON HOLOCAUST RELATED SUBJECTS:

-----, "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 Committee of the Jewish Federation of MetroWest, Whippany, New Jersey	1989 – 1999 (until moving to Israel)
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The Bishop's Advisory Committee on Ecumenical Matters. Advisor on	1989 - 1999
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Jewish/Christian Relations, to the Bishop
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America, New Jersey Synod

The Sisters of Zion, of Notre Dame
(Jerusalem, Canada, New York)
Christian/Jewish Relations and Encounter:

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

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

New Jersey Council of Churches, Inter-religious 2002
Dialogue Working Group

BUSINESS

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