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Professional Ministry and Lifespan Faith Development:

Ordained to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry (2000) and in final fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Interim/Developmental Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Meadville (PA), 2016- present (half-time)

My primary responsibilities are: leading worship twice/monthly and overseeing the worship program, providing pastoral care and overseeing the lay pastoral care team, leading lay trainings, collaborating with the Board and committees on growth initiatives, stewardship, membership, and projects that will bring the congregation in line with healthy trends and prepare them for their next long-term minister.

Assistant Minister and Affiliated Community Minister, First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh, 2011- 2016 (part-time)

My primary responsibilities in this part-time ministry were leadership of the Caring Connections Pastoral Care program and the Adult Faith development program. I also lead worship services monthly, presided at weddings, and memorial services, and provided ministerial presence and support for staff, lay leaders and their projects.

Consulting Parish Minister, Unitarian Fellowship of Storrs (CT) (2006-09) (part-time) In this part-time consulting minister to a fellowship of 50 members. I provided meaningful worship, collaborated with leadership on growth and stewardship issues, served as a pastoral presence and community builder, and offered programs to foster congregational and spiritual development. I helped them heal from past conflicts and envision themselves more positively. Served as host of local cable program, "Message From the Meetinghouse."

Parish Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading (MA) (2000- 2003)

In this full-time settled ministry to a suburban congregation of 250 adult members, 150 children, and 40 youth, I provided leadership in worship, social justice, and pastoral care, represented the congregation in the community, served as supervisor of staff (3), developed and taught adult education courses, nurtured leadership, and increased volunteerism and stewardship through collaboration with committees. I also participated in long-range strategic planning/visioning as they considered a building addition, and adapted governance and other congregational structures.

Spiritual Care Coordinator, Massachusetts Home Hospice, Greater Boston area, (2004) As a full-time employee, I provided pastoral counseling and spiritual care services to patients and their families as part of an interdisciplinary team; prepared and offered presentations, workshops, and support groups about caregiving, end-of-life spirituality and bereavement; presided at memorial services, and represented the organization to the clergy community. **Keynote presenter at district conference, June 2004, “Dying in the Living Room: Spiritual Passages for Patients and Families.”**

Personal and Spiritual Growth Programs with Youth and Adults:

Creator and Facilitator of Leadership Retreats, (2006-present) Programs I have organized and facilitated include: Board retreats, Pastoral Care trainings, Ministry start-ups, Conflict Transformation Town Meetings, Lay Worship trainings, and Visioning Retreats.

Director, Creator and Facilitator of Youth Programming:

~Teen Life Issues Conference, Ferry Beach Park Association (1995-1999) For four summers, I served as the co-director of a week-long conference/camp for senior high youth. Our curriculum included worship, arts, small group exploration and reflection, fun and frolicking.

~Coming of Age, First Parish in Concord, UU, (MA) a full-year personal and spiritual development program for senior high youth, including values assessment, decision trees, and a Vision Quest. (1993-95; now an established part of the First Parish youth program.)

Creator and Facilitator of numerous personal and spiritual growth lifespan faith development programs and curricula (see attached addenda)

Family Life, Marriage, Divorce and Conflict Resolution Work:

Volunteer Case Coordinator and Facilitator, Communities for Restorative Justice (Concord, MA) (2009-2011) In this role, I coordinated a team working with youth offenders, families and victims to address non-violent crime through restorative justice methods. Previously, I served as a facilitator working directly with youth offenders, victims and their families.

Faculty and Administrator, The Center for Families in Transition (2004-present) I serve as lead facilitator of the **Parents Apart program, a state-approved and mandated class for divorcing parents in MA.** Each month in two locations, I facilitate 5-hour seminars for divorcing parents about the psychological and emotional impact of divorce on adults and children, how to reduce conflict and co-parent effectively.

Director, Divorce Without Destruction, Pittsburgh, PA (previously Cambridge, MA) (2006-present) In my role as Director of this private practice, I deliver affordable and effective divorce solutions that reduce conflict and lead to good outcomes for families. My services include: mediation, counseling, parent and couple coaching, parenting coordination (court mandated and voluntary), seminars and grief support; I collaborate with attorneys and the Family Court system.

Theme Speaker, Summer Conference, Ferry Beach Park Association, Saco, ME (August 2009) I served as the writer and presenter of a five-part theme presentation entitled, "Thoreau's Three Chairs: Sitting Well with Covenant." The series explored our covenantal relationships with self, loved ones, and community, and how to structure conflict-reducing "covenantal conversations."

Director Radiant Vows, Pittsburgh, PA (previously Cambridge, MA) (2003-present) **Winner** – 2014 Bride's Choice Award, Wedding Wire Network. As director of this private practice, I offer pre-marital and marriage counseling and education and officiate at customized weddings and services of union for a diverse population.

Seminar Director, PREPARE-ENRICH Counseling Programs (2007- present). Three or four times per year, I facilitate full-day trainings in the PREPARE-ENRICH pre-marital and marital counseling programs for clergy and counselors in the Boston and Pittsburgh areas.

Professional Trainings:

Intensive Unit in Clinical Pastoral Counseling, Mass General Hospital 1997
Full-time 11-week counseling residency to a diverse urban population.

Professional Mediation Training: Boston Mediation Associates (40 hour certification training, 2008).

Conflict Transformation Intensive, 40 hours, UUMA Convo, Ottawa (2009).

Graduate of 20-week Authentic Happiness Life Coaching program in positive psychology with Dr. Martin E.F. Seligman (U Penn, 2005).

Anti-Racism and Diversity Trainings (numerous) 1999- present

Graduate of The Gottman Institute, Parenting/ Marriage Education programs.

Parenting Coordinator Training (2009) with Robin Deutsch, PhD, MSPP.

Professional Coach within a Collaborative Law Team Training (2008), Mass. Collaborative Law Council.

Education:

Master of Divinity, Harvard University Divinity School 2000

Coursework towards the MDiv degree included: theology, religious studies, counseling, grief support, conflict management, organizational leadership, sociology of the family, and lifespan human development.

Master's Thesis: *Writing as a Tool for Self-Discovery, Spiritual Renewal, and Community Building in UU congregations* (includes a 6-week minister-led curriculum).

Bachelor of Arts, English, Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA 1978

Undergraduate Thesis: *The Multivalence of Truth in the works of William Faulkner*. Junior Year Abroad: Tufts in London program; Editor of “Minorbird,” Chatham Arts Magazine; Internships - Pittsburgh Magazine and WQED-TV.

Professional Affiliations and Activities:

- Member, Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA) –OMD chapter (Instrumental in forming the UUMA Greater Pittsburgh Cluster and planning 2 cluster assemblies –(website: uupittsburgh.org); served on leadership team of MBD chapter (2001)
- Founding Board Member, Wright Tavern Center for Spiritual Renewal, First Parish, Concord, MA 1997 -2000
- Mentor to Rev. Jim Magaw during his preliminary fellowship (2015-18)
- Mentor to Caron Carnahan, Commissioned Lay Minister (2014-18)
- Supervising Pastor to Pat Trudeau, Meadville-Lombard student (2015-16)
- Member, The Berkshire Group (UU Minister’s academic study group, 2002 -04)
- Member, Reading (MA) Clergy Association, 2000- 2003; Meadville Clergy Consortium, 2016 – present
- Presenter, OMD Lay Leadership Conference, 2015
- Co-Facilitator, MBD District RE "Pot O' Gold" Workshop: The ABC's of Adult RE. (10/99)
- Guest Lecturer, Andover-Newton Course on Entrepreneurial Ministry
- Guest Speaker and Presenter, “Learning to Fall” Gilda’s Club of Western Pennsylvania and National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (2012-13); Eastern Connecticut University, “Peacemaking in the Individual and the Family.” (2009/2010)

Awards, Activities, and Honors, Published Work

- Finalist, Preaching Competition, Billings Prize, Harvard Divinity School, 1999
- Winner, Scripture Reading Award, Billings Prize, Harvard Divinity School, 1997
- Appointed as Student Member to the Faculty Committee on Ministry, HDS, 1997
- Board Member, Harvard UU Ministry to Students, 1996-98
- Chosen as HDS delegate to national *Seminarians Interacting program*, 1997
- Creator and Editor, “Experiment and Experience – Interreligious Dialogue at Harvard Divinity School,” (faculty and student essays), 1998
- Articles (reprint of my sermons) PRIDE Magazine, “Trans Ain’t Trendy,” June 2016 and “Clearing A Path to Heartfulness,” June 2018
- Meditation chosen for inclusion in For All That is Our Life (Skinner House) 2005 and Falling Into the Sky , 2012

- “Lift Every Voice?” sermon/essay chosen for textbook, Patriotism: A Reader, 2003
- Sermon excerpt published in CLF Quest, October 2015, <http://www.questformeaning.org/quest-article/the-answer-is-everything/>
- Author of 100+ sermons, reflections, essays, meditations, and newsletter columns
- Solo photography/essay exhibit, Undercroft Gallery, Pittsburgh, DeJaView: Darkroom/Digital, March 2014. Planned for Chatham University Gallery, October 2018.
- Curator, “Notions: Western PA Women Artists Explore Legacy, ” March 2016
- Producer and Developer/ writer of ancillary educational materials, WGBH (PBS), 1983-86
- Many feature articles published in Boston-area newspapers and magazines during journalism career, 1978-83

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Rev. Robin Landerman Zucker
(Addenda – Lifespan Learning programs)

Developer & Facilitator of Personal Development, Spiritual & Educational programs and presentations: Programs/Classes held at: many UU churches, Cambridge Center for Adult Education; Concord-Carlisle Adult Education, Aquarius Sanctuary (Littleton), Wright Tavern Center for Spiritual Renewal (Concord); Isis Maternity Center (Needham); Ferry Beach Park Association (Saco, ME) ; UUMA district retreats; Essex Conference Center (MA), Merrimack Valley Hospice (MA),

For youth:

- **Coming of Age** –a year-long personal development and self discovery program for ninth graders (UU congregations; youth/adult leadership team)
- **Teen Life Issues** – a week-long conference for senior high youth.
- **Living It!** – a three-part program, exploring values in daily teen life. (1999)

For adults:

- **Dying in the Living Room** – a presentation to clergy about the spiritual passages for families and patients in hospice care.
- **Thoreau’s Three Chairs: Sitting Well with Covenant** – a five part theme talk on our covenantal relationships with self, loved ones, and community.
- **Conflict Zen** - Understanding your conflict style and how to transform conflict.
- **When the Holidays Hurt** – a two--hour program addressing grief during the holidays
- **Parents Apart** – effective co-parenting after divorce (a five-hour workshop mandated by the Commonwealth of MA)
- **From Partners to Parents** – marriage and parenting education for couples expecting their first child, developed by the Gottman Institute (a six-hour workshop)

- **Ever After: Thriving After Divorce:** a six-week rebuilding program for adults
- **Flowingforce Soul-camp** – a five-day on-site adventure for women in sweat, spirit and self-discovery (2004 and 2005)
- **Word for Word: Writing for Self-Discovery and Renewal** (based on my M.Div. thesis) – six weekly sessions or a one-day retreat.
- **The Five Love Languages** – two-hour seminar exploring the ways in which we communicate in relationships.
- **Walking Towards Walden** – a four-hour program combines walking at Walden Pond (or other wooded area) with readings by Thoreau and personal reflection.
- **Simply Pray** – a four- hour workshop (based on the book) teaching a meditation/prayer bead practice free of specific religious expression.
- **Unplug the Holiday Machine** – a four- hour workshop to help individuals reconnect with their holiday vision and values.
- **Coming of Age at any age** – Credo Writing and Exploration for Adults

Support/pastoral care groups for adults:

- **Leadership of Pastoral support groups** on life issue topics: teen culture, grief/bereavement, chronic illness, caregiver fatigue, sandwich generation, the challenges of Alzheimer's disease, parenting teens, aging, the impact of divorce.