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PURPOSE

I wish to continue serving as a Community Interfaith Educator – an interdisciplinary, intercultural and interfaith bridge-builder – through teaching, writing, research, workshop facilitation, conference coordination, panel moderation, and media commentary – all aimed at promoting better global understanding and cooperation. As a Baha'i, I attempt full-time dedication to a community-building process toward a unified and dynamic global civilization.

SUMMARY

I am a lifelong student and teacher of world religions with master's degrees in religion, education and philosophy. A Unitarian minister for 25 years and a Baha'i since the year 2000, I serve as a Community Interfaith Educator on Vancouver Island. With my wife Wendy, I am active in Baha'i community work, cycles of teaching, and interfaith outreach. Since the year 2000, I designed and taught over 200 community courses in quite varied settings. Content areas include: world religions and history of ideas, major civilizations, science and spirituality, as well as evolution and lifespan development in multidisciplinary perspective. My educational and interfaith experiences, and my love for learning and teaching enable me to serve as an effective and inspiring teacher on diverse cultural, philosophical and religious themes.

CITIZENSHIP

Canada and the United States

EDUCATION

Master of Arts, (M.A.) Philosophy

University of Idaho 1985, Moscow, Idaho, US

Master of Divinity, (M.Div.) Religious Studies & Parish Ministry

Starr King School, affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union 1976
Berkeley, California, US

Master of Science, (M.S.) Education

Texas Arts & Industries University 1971, Kingsville, Texas, US

Bachelor of Arts, (B.A.) Philosophy, Psychology & Sociology

Texas Christian University 1969, Fort Worth, Texas, US

TEACHING VENUES

Elder College (Vancouver Island, BC)

Wilmette Institute Online (centered in Chicago, Illinois)

Baha'i Summer Schools (British Columbia, Green Acre, Bosch)

Simon Fraser University (Harbour Centre, Vancouver, BC)

University of British Columbia (Robson Square, Vancouver, BC)

University of the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford, BC)

Community Learning Program (West Vancouver, BC)

Community Centres... Public Libraries... Seniors Centres... Churches

University of Idaho (Moscow, Idaho, US)

Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, California)

SOME COURSES TAUGHT from 2000 to PRESENT

- World Religions: *“Founders of Faith”...“Eastern & Native Religions”*
“Western Religions”...“Revealers & Revelations”
“Comparative Prophecies”...“Women Mystics”
“Interfaith Bridge-Builders”...“World Scriptures”
“Jews, Christians & Muslims: Legacies of Hope”
“Spirit & Virtue: An Interfaith Appreciation
“Islam: Origins & Development”...“Jewish Faith & Legacy”
“Sister Faiths: Jewish & Christian, Hindu & Buddhist, Islamic & Baha’i”
“How Can We All Get Along?”
- World History & Philosophy: *“Civilizations & Religions”... “Justice through the Ages”*
“Eye to the Ages”...“Centuries of Darkness & Light”
“Why Do Civilizations Rise & Fall?”...“Philosophers of History”
“Hinges of History & Forays into the Future”
“Philosophy & Baha’i Faith”... “India’s Religion & Philosophy”
“Spiritual Renaissances: Creative Episodes in the Drama of History”
“Comparative Philosophy”...“One World: Visions Past, Present & Future”
- Evolution & the Human Lifespan: *“Evolution: Unfolding Life, Culture & Spirit”*
“Humanity’s Spiritual Evolution”...“Science, Religion & Spirituality”
“Lifespan Development”...“Aging & Spirituality”...“Life Review & Stories”
“The Afterlife: Multifaith & Multidisciplinary Views”

PUBLICATIONS

- “Sharing Light: A Multifaith Resource Manual for Educators”* (2024)
“Eye to the Ages: A Baha’i-Inspired Philosophy of History” (book, 2024)
“How Can We All Get Along? – A Baha’i Perspective on Globalization
(chapter in an anthology, 2022)
“Human Nature & World Religion: Toward a Baha’i-Inspired
Philosophical Anthropology” (chapter in an anthology, 2018)
“Founders of Faith: The Parallel Lives of God’s Messengers” (book, 2010)
“Universal Questions: Exploring the Mysteries of Existence” (book, 1997)
“Rainbowmaking: Intercultural & Interfaith Outreach” (curriculum, 1995)
“How to Host a Public Forum” (manual, 1992)
“In Our Hands: Peace & Justice” (curriculum, 1989)
“Religious Education & Our Ultimate Commitment” (book, 1985)

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCES & SERVICES

- Recipient of King Charles III Coronation Medal for Interfaith Cooperation (2025)
Secretary, Restorative Justice Society (2023-2026)
Secretary, TCU Dialogue for Democracy (online, 2022 - 2026)
Baha’i Representative on the Multi-Faith Summit Council of BC (2020 - 2026)
Founder & Coordinator of the Abbotsford Interfaith Movement (2015 - 2022)
Co-recipient of ‘Cultural Diversity’ Award, Fraser Valley (2012)
Recipient of ‘Ethical Leadership’ Award, Vancouver (2001)
Recipient of ‘Unity in Diversity’ Award, West Vancouver (1998)
President, Canadian Chapter, International Assoc for Religious Freedom (1996 - 2000)
Program Coordinator, Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (1995 - 2000)
President of the Multifaith Action Society, British Columbia (1994 - 2000)
Organizing Multicultural & Interfaith Forums (1993 - 2025)
Co-Founder of the North Shore Multicultural Society (1994)
Unitarian Minister in California, Idaho & British Columbia (1976 - 2000)
Travel & Study: Israel, Greece, China, Japan, India, England, Korea, Turkey (1975 - 2023)