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### I. Personal Data

Born February 9, 1941 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada.

### II. Education

University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, in College of Education and College of Arts and Science, 1959-62. Received diploma in education in 1962 and B.A. in November 1964.

Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, 1965-68. Received B.D. in May 1968.

Toronto School of Theology, 1974-78. Received the Th.D. degree in New Testament studies in May 1978. Dissertation: "The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry in the Gospel of Luke: A Redaction-Critical Study of Luke 4: 14-30."

#### Sabbaticals

1985-86: Scholar at Ecumenical Institute for Theological Research at Tantur near Jerusalem, Israel, September 1985-June 1986. Project: "God Raised Them Up: The community of the Crucified and Risen Christ," a study of the exodus and reversal motifs in the Acts of the Apostles.

1992-93: Based in Elkhart, but attended regular sessions of the New Testament professors group of the Association of Chicago Theological Seminaries. Project: 1 and 2 Thessalonians (Believers Church Bible Commentary). Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1995.

1999, January through June: Based in Elkhart, except for two weeks in Paraguay for Latin America Anabaptist Consultation, February 9-14, plus travel; and one week travel in Switzerland, April, and six weeks in Accra, Ghana, teaching at Good News Theological College and Seminary, April and May. Project: Remember the Future: The Pastoral Theology of Paul the Apostle (manuscript complete, awaiting publication).

### III. Church and Service Experience

Teacher - Viscount High School, Viscount, Saskatchewan, 1962-63  
Thompson High School, Thompson, Manitoba, 1963-65.

Christian Education Direction (part-time) - Broadway EUB Church, South Bend, Indiana, Jan. 1966-Dec. 1967.

Pastor - Mountainview Mennonite Church, Vancouver, B.C., July 1968-August 1974.

Member and active participant - Toronto United Mennonite Church, Toronto, Ontario, September 1974-January 1978; and Hively Avenue Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN, February 1978-October 2001.

President of Central District Conference of the General Conference Mennonite Church, 1991-93

Co-Pastor with wife Lillian - Parkview Mennonite Church, Kokomo, IN, October 2001- .

IV. Teaching and Administrative Experience

Instructor of Conrad Grebel College "School of Adult Studies" course, "Modern Study of Jesus," 1976-77.  
Lecturer in New Testament, Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 1977-78.  
Director of Field Education and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, 1978-81.  
Dean and Assistant Professor of New Testament, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, 1981-1984.  
Dean and Associate Professor of New Testament, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, 1984-1990.  
Associate Professor of New Testament, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 1990-1995  
Visiting Professor of New Testament, Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, India, January - March 1991  
Professor of New Testament, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 1995-  
Vice President for Administration, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 1996-98  
Visiting Professor of New Testament, Good News Theological College and Seminary, Accra, Ghana, April and May 1999  
Acting Dean, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 1999-2000

Courses Taught

Introduction to the New Testament  
Reading the Bible  
Introduction to Biblical Language Study  
The World of the Bible  
Gospel of Luke  
New Testament Church  
Greek Exegesis: Passion and Resurrection Narratives  
Corinthian Correspondence  
The Epistle to the Romans  
Pauline Theology and Ethics  
Greek Exegesis: The Early Paul  
Caring for the Church: 1 and 2 Thessalonians  
New Testament Evangelism  
Urban Ministry Seminar  
Minister in the Church  
SEM: Pastoral Ministry  
SEM: Teaching  
SEM: Preaching

V. Publications

Books  
1 and 2 Thessalonians (Believers Church Bible Commentary). Scottsdale: Herald Press, 1995  
Remember the Future: The Pastoral Theology of Paul the Apostle. Scottsdale: Herald Press, 2006

Articles (selected)

- "The Furious Climax in Nazareth." *THE NEW WAY OF JESUS*, W. Klassen (ed.), Faith and Life Press, 1980, pp. 87-99.
- "Community and Mission at AMBS." *THE BULLETIN OF THE MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARIES*, October 1981.
- "Hearing and Doing the Word." *THE MENNONITE*, May 11, 1982.
- "Supervised Ministries in the Free Church Tradition." *SEMINARY AND CONGREGATION: INTEGRATING LEARNING, MINISTRY, AND MISSION*, LeRoy H. Aden (ed). 1982, pp. 55-67.
- "Who Can 'Make It' in the Ministry?" *THE MENNONITE*, April 9, 1985.
- "God Raised Them Up." *AMBS BULLETIN*, November 1986.
- "A New Exodus." *THE MENNONITE*, Dec. 23, 1986; and *GOSPEL HERALD*, Dec. 30, 1986.
- "I Prefer Living Stones to Holy Rocks" *THE MENNONITE*, Dec. 10, 1991.
- "Jesus Who Delivers Us from the Wrath to Come' (1 Thess. 1: 10): Apocalyptic and Peace in the Thessalonian Correspondence" in *1992 SBL Seminar Papers* (Society for Biblical Literature) pp. 121-132.
- "Jesus We Know, but Who are You?" *THE MENNONITE*, May 10, 1994; *GOSPEL HERALD*, July 23, 1994
- "You have no Excuse, whoever you are" *GOSPEL HERALD*, Nov. 1. 1994
- "The Gospel and Excuses" *THE MENNONITE*, February 14, 1995
- "Power and the Big Picture" *THE MENNONITE*, Oct. 24, 1995
- "A Rearview Glimpse of the Future" *THE MENNONITE*, Nov. 28, 1995
- "Faithfulness and Unity in Romans" in *Without Spot or Wrinkle: Reflecting Theologically on the Nature of the Church*. Institute of Mennonite Studies, 2000; pp. 48-64.
- "Confessing Faith, Confronting Sin" in *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* (Vol. 3 no. 2; fall 2002) pp. 67-76.
- "Continue in what you have learned" in June Alliman Yoder (ed.) *The Work is Thine, O Christ: In honor of Erland Waltner*. Institute of Mennonite Studies, 2002; pp. 105-108
- "A New Testament Model of Ministry and Leadership" in Erick Sawatzky (ed.) *The Heart of the Matter*. Cascadia Press, 2004.
- "The New has Come: An Exegetical and Theological Discussion of 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:10" in Mary H. Schertz & Ivan Friesen (eds.) *Beautiful Upon the Mountains: Biblical Essays on Mission, Peace, and the Reign of God*. Elkhart, IN: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 2004; pp. 197-214.
- "From a Distance: Pastoral Care and Theological Education" in *Teaching Theology & Religion*. Volume 9.1, 2006; pp. 44-52.

Unpublished Manuscripts

- The Beginning of Jesus Ministry in the Gospel of Luke. ThD dissertation, Toronto School of Theology, 1978
- God Raised Them Up: The Community of the Crucified and Risen Christ.
- "'The Oppressor you Know' (2 Thess. 2:3-7): Apocalyptic and Peace in 2 Thessalonians", Study of Peace in Scripture Section at S.B.L., New Orleans, November 1996.

VI. Awards and Professional Associations

- Received a Theological Scholarship and Research Award from the Association of Theological Schools of the U.S. and Canada for 1985-86 academic year.
- Member of the Society of Biblical Literature

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