

Don Cummings Life Experiences

EDUCATION:

Asbury University, B.A. Sociology

Asbury Theological Seminary, M.Div.

Boston University School of Theology, post graduate studies

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS:

Bloomville UMC, Summer Supply Pastor

Youth Pastor First UMC, Cynthiana KY as a student at Asbury Theological Seminary

Church at the Lake, Chippewa Lake, OH, (5 years)

Beechwood UMC, Alliance, OH (5 years)

Huron UMC, Huron, OH (2 years)

Mayfield UMC Mayfield Village/Chesterland, OH (23 years)

Grace Church, Buena Vista, CO (5 years)

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS:

Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church 1973

Bill Easum Church Growth with Integrity Consultant for over 30 congregations in East Ohio

Secretary of the Executive Committee for the Large Church Initiative of the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church

Secretary of the East Ohio Conference Commission on Higher Education

Secretary of the East Ohio Conference Council on Ministries

Secretary of the East Ohio Conference Personnel Committee

Member of the Western Reserve District Committee on Ministry

Faculty member of the Local Pastors Licensing School of East Ohio Conference teaching the class on Preaching and Worship for three years

Member of the planning team for the East Ohio Conference two-year Leadership Academy of eight three day retreats focusing on developing leadership skills required for senior pastoral leadership in the local church

Director of the Large Church Initiative Senior Pastor week-long retreat in Colorado for three years

Historical re-enactor of Father John Dyer, an early Methodist Circuit Rider and influential spiritual leader in Colorado from 1862 to 1901 who was selected to be one of 16 founders honored with stained glass portraits in the rotunda of the Colorado State Capitol Building.

BACKGROUND:

As an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Don served as the CEO/Administrator, preacher/teacher/spiritual leader/caregiver, fund raiser and staff leader in 6 local churches. In his longest-term pastorate of 24 years, he supervised a staff of 22 members, conducted three major capital funds campaigns that raised over \$4,000,000 and oversaw the planning, design and building of a new \$7.2 million, 52,000 square foot church building on a 30 acre site. He also served as a Tour Host for four trips to Israel through Educational Opportunities and the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies.