

Steve Shive

Brief Biography

Greetings! I was born and raised in Chattanooga, TN and lived there for nineteen years. My freshman year in college, my parents moved to Greenville, SC. I have two brothers; one is a retired manufacturer's representative in the heating and air-conditioning business and the other is my twin who is a PCUSA HR Minister in North Carolina. I am a graduate of Auburn University, Columbia Theological Seminary and Union Presbyterian Seminary.

I have been in Presbytery leadership as a Transitional and General Presbyter for 12.25 years, ten years in the Presbytery of Wyoming and most recently as the Interim General Presbyter in Grace Presbytery. For twenty-five years I served as pastor of 4 churches of various sizes in Missouri, North Carolina, Wisconsin and North Dakota. Yes, I have been around the block. I am a pastoral leader who rallies people around a shared and agreed upon vision that seeks to be in alignment with God's hopes and dreams and the people's passion, skills, and gifts. I think the greatest gifts I will bring to the Synod of the Sun are skills in collaboration, visioning and empowerment coaching. I am a certified ICF Coach. I, also, have spearheaded a dream organization, the Sabbath Center, which offers retreats for spiritual seekers to provide the space for solitude, silence and contemplative practices. My life purpose is, "to coach and cook up adventures in collaboration and transformation." I believe the most significant asset a leader of any type can bring to her/his team in this VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous) time is a centered and calm presence.

I have been married to my wife, Doris, for 37 years; Our home is outside Fort Collins, CO. We have two adopted Peruvian children who are both thirty-two years old. Claire is an artist who has just finished a second bachelor's degree in Graphic Design and lives in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Jordan is a Candidate under Care of Denver Presbytery, is finishing seminary and is doing a year residency in CPE at UC-Health in Denver.

In my spare time, I love to travel, read, garden and experiment with culinary arts. I am an avid hiker and find the beauty and silence of nature golden. Upon my retirement I am planning to walk the complete Camino de Santiago.