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Interim Minister's Information Form

Name David Samuel Hodgson



Ecclesiastical Status PC(USA) Honorably Retired **Presbytery**
Membership Grand Canyon Presbytery

Ordination Date 10/01/67 **Formal Education**

2000-2003 San Francisco Theological Seminary
D.Min. Theology and Public Policy

1966-1967 University of Edinburgh, New College, Scotland
Independent Study, Exegesis & Exposition

1963 – 1966 Princeton Theological Seminary
M.Div. Preaching, Major (**Honors**); Bible, Minor

1959 – 1963 Gettysburg College
B.A. Philosophy, Major; Bible, Minor

Continuing Education

2012 Boundary Training (Third time with three different denominations.)

2010 Stephen Ministry Training

2003 Conflict Resolution, One Week Seminar at Ghost Ranch, NM

1992 – 1993 Interim Ministry Training Introduction & Advanced, Interim
Ministry Network, Redwood City CA

1993 Parliament of the World's Religions, Chicago

Experience Level 69 years

Employment Type Three Quarter Time

Minimum Effective Salary (Negotiable) **Position Types (with experience)** - Interim
Pastor, Head of Staff

Geographic Choices

In every parish I have served I have felt called by God, and that has made ministry both successful and satisfying. However, in retirement I am hoping to find a position within commuting distance from Royal Oaks Retirement Community in Sun City.

Languages English

Primary Skills

- Administrative Leadership
- Communication, Written and Oral
- Community Service and Leadership
- Corporate Worship/Sacraments
- Leadership of Staff and Volunteers
- Pastoral Care
- Preaching
- Problem Solving and Decision Making
- Spiritual Development
- Transitional / Interim Ministry

Training / Certification

Interim Ministry Training

- Week 1 by Interim Ministry Network at Redwood City, CA in 1992
- Week 2 by Interim Ministry Network at Redwood City, CA in 1993

Clergy Couple? No ~ however my wife, Deanne, is also an ordained Presbyterian minister, a registered nurse, and a teacher/trainer in Therapeutic Tai Chi and Medical Chi Gung, Life Coaching and Stress Management

Sexual Misconduct Self-Certification Statement

I certify below that no civil, criminal, ecclesiastical complaint has ever been sustained* or is pending* against me for sexual misconduct; and I have never resigned or been terminated from a position for reasons related to sexual misconduct.

I have read this certification and release form and fully understand that the information obtained may be used to deny my employment or any other type of position from the employing entity. I also agree that I will hold harmless the employing or judicial authority or any other entity from any and all claims, liabilities, and causes of action for the legitimate release of any information related to sexual misconduct.



Past Experience

2022-224: **Interim Head of Staff**, First Presbyterian Church Mesa, Mesa, AZ, suburban, 300.

2021: **Interim Pastor**, Peoria Presbyterian Church, Peoria, AZ, 200.

2018-2020: **Interim Head of Staff**, Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church, Tempe, AZ, Suburban, 286.

2016-2018: **Interim Pastor**, First Presbyterian Church of Sun City, Sun City, AZ, Suburban, 170.

2015-2016: **Interim Head of Staff**, Chandler Presbyterian Church, Chandler, AZ, Suburban, 100

2014: **Interim Head of Staff**, Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley, AZ Suburban, 1500

2011-2013: **Interim Head of Staff**, Opportunity Presbyterian Church, Spokane, WA; Urban, 271

2009–2011: **Interim Head of Staff**, Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, Sun City West AZ; retirement, 900

1995–2009: **Solo Pastor**, Congregational Church of the Valley, UCC, Scottsdale AZ; Suburban, 150

1994–1995: **Interim Pastor**, Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman AZ; Small town, 100

1992–1993: **Interim Pastor**, Gilbert Presbyterian Church, Gilbert AZ; Suburban, 200

1989–1992: **Interim Pastor**, Vision Hill Community Church, ICCC, Glendale AZ; Suburban, 150

1980–1989: **Senior Pastor**, Community Church of Smoke Rise, Kinnelon NJ; Suburban, 400

1967–1980: **Senior Pastor**, Presbyterian Church at Absecon, Absecon NJ; Small Town, 250

[1973-1976 I simultaneously served a term as Mayor, City of Absecon]

Other Services

2015	Personnel Committee, presbyteries of Grand Canyon & De Cristo
2008–2011	Committee on Ministry
2006	Moderator, Presbytery of the Grand Canyon
2007	Chair, Presbytery Council, Presbytery of the Grand Canyon
2006	Presbytery Nominating Committee
2003–2005	Presbytery Committee for Peace & Justice
1997	Delegate to the General Assembly, PC/USA

Church Characteristics Desired

I am looking for another experience of ministry for which I believe God has uniquely prepared me. I have been successful in matters of conflict management and resolution, administration and reorganization, pastoral care and preaching, faith formation and spiritual development. I have been active in matters of social justice and effective in

shaping public policy. I have strengthened congregational ties to their ecclesiastical tradition while enabling them to be relevant to the changing landscapes of congregational and community life.

I have selected experiences below to illustrate the kinds of transition and transformation that interim seasons provide.

Accomplishments at Valley Presbyterian ~ A Transitional Interim

In February of 2014 Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley, AZ, invited me to lead the congregation through a brief interim season. They had been searching for a pastor for a year, intending to replace the retiring pastor without an interim transition; but when the retirement date was advanced I was privileged to share their season of preparation. The session established specific goals that were in keeping with the church's core values and strategic initiatives, and together we enjoyed an amazing period of healing, innovation, inspiration, collegiality and cooperation. An exciting new pastor was called, and we spent the remainder of the interim season preparing for his arrival, including an attempt to pre-pledge the budget for the first year of his tenure.

Accomplishments at Opportunity Presbyterian ~ A Transformational Interim

In November of 2011 I was invited by the Presbytery of Inland Northwest to do a transformational interim at Opportunity Presbyterian Church in Spokane Valley, WA. During a long tenured pastorate the congregation built a large and beautiful church and assumed a debt of over four million dollars. When the pastor retired, the church's leadership floundered for the next seven years: an unfinished interim period in which no healing was done or conflicts resolved, a failed pastorate in which competing agendas and divergent expectations caused many parishioners to leave, and an ineffective bridge pastor in which no reconstruction work was attempted. During those years of floundering leadership, one third of the pledging units left the church leaving the faithful remnant to carry the burden of the debt. It was a task they accepted with generosity and devotion but it left precious few resources for staff leadership or program development.

The congregation refinanced its debt at a significantly lower interest rate, clarified its vision with a sense of spiritual adventure, celebrated its one hundredth anniversary by laying a strong foundation for the second century, and established an independent Foundation in order to bless their future with legacy giving. They called a faith-filled pastor to lead them into the second century. They are truly a church of *opportunity!*

Accomplishments at Desert Palms ~ A Transformational Interim

I was invited by the Executive Presbyter to apply for the position of interim head of staff of Desert Palms, and I am delighted to report that after a year and a half of conflict resolution and pastoral healing, of church reorganization and staff rebuilding, the congregation became a vibrant, hopeful, and strong congregation. Ninety percent of the congregation was in worship every Sunday and more than ten percent of the congregation has been trained as Stephen Ministers. Their excitement in worship is matched by the spirit of their caring.

The congregation has borne witness to profound levels of spiritual growth during their interim transformation. We shared relevant sermons, transformational worship, and meaningful experiences of pastoral care and counseling. 2010 was the 30th anniversary of their founding, and as we celebrated their sacred history, they were also

laying the foundation for the next adventure in ministry. In their Mission Statement they have said that the quality of my leadership has gifted them with the confidence and resilience they need to change, and I was honored to be a part of it.

Leadership Style

I am a team builder and a coach, a spiritual leader who participates and delegates while remaining accountable for outcomes and consequences. There are times when I am called upon to be arbitrator, decision maker, and diplomat, and I perform those duties well; but my most creative style emerges in pastoral and administrative teams where I lead effectively by communicating, cooperating and collaborating. The result is that team ministry is productive because it makes the best use of our talents and skills, and it is fun because it brings out the very best in each of us.

Key Theological Issues

I have come to believe that civilization is engaged in a great theological debate to determine the relevance of God to the experience of life on earth. That debate is no longer confined to Sunday schools, seminaries or Bible study groups, for it has erupted in social unrest, in struggles for liberation, in conflicts between nations, in crusades for social justice and in forms of violence that speak without words. In the chaos and confusion of our time the nature of God is being debated, the nature of human life is being demonstrated, the power of faith and the solidarity of spirit are being evaluated, and all the fundamental questions of human existence are being raised in the same moment of history as if to test the relevance of God to life on earth.

That dialogue has challenged and shaped my ministry from the very beginning. I have served as Mayor of a city and have struggled to translate the values of the pulpit into public policies. I have a doctor of ministry degree in theology and public policy, and have been passionately involved in the emerging democracies of Uganda and Ukraine helping them translate faith values into social and political policies. And in every parish I have served I have enabled congregations to live the Word in profound and simple ways, convinced that the most eloquent sermons are the ones that take on form in the lives of those who worship together.

References

Provided upon request

Signature:

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Date: May 27, 2026