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Rev. Dr. Earl B. Stewart

Academic Background

BA -Baylor University (Major: Greek)

M.Div. - University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (cum laude)

MA (Psychology -with a specialty in counseling) – Georgia School of Professional

Psychology D.Min. - (Pastoral Counseling) - Graduate Theological Foundation

Psy.D. -(Psychology) -Graduate Theological Foundation

* The focus of my Psy.D. Thesis (completed in October, 2017) was: *"The Impact of Emotional Intelligence on the Retention of Clergy in Churches."*

Other

2 years of CPE (includes supervision training) Pastoral Counseling certification

(AAPC) Fellow (College of Chaplains)

Training in Jungian psychology

Conducted workshops for nurses at the University of Texas Medical Center (Houston) related to assertiveness and self-esteem.

Conducted workshops for clergy in several Presbyteries on: *"Emotional Intelligence and Effective Pastoral Ministry."*

Training in Natural Church Development (I have used the survey in 10 churches)

Professional

Church pastor

Sr. Staff Chaplain and Pastoral Counselor -University of Texas Medical Center - Houston, TX Executive Director of a counseling center that did assessments of clergy and seminary students Short-term missionary – Taiwan

Interim pastor (10 churches)

If you need additional information, please let me know.

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Statement of Faith

I believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. That affirmation is the core of my Christian faith. My life belongs to him because his death and resurrection paid for my sins and reconciled me to God. In Christ I, along with other believers, belong to God in life and death. In Christ I am justified by grace through faith.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God in that the Holy Spirit enables me to receive the Scriptures as the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and God's word to me. It is in reading and meditating on the Scriptures that the Holy Spirit enables me to encounter God speaking to me through the Scriptures and to encounter Christ, who is God's living Word.

I believe the Reformed Christian tradition enables me to best live out my call as a Christian. It is in community with other believers that I experience the presence of God more fully. The challenge of diversity within a Christian value system enables me to experience the promise of the Reformed Christian tradition of "reformed and ever reforming." As such, diversity enables me to experience the unity that God offers me in Jesus Christ, as has been my experience in multiracial and multicultural churches I have served. It enables me to be sensitive to the ways in which God seeks to work in my life and in the lives of others. It enables my faith to experience the kinds of challenges that result in growth.

I believe in the priesthood of all believers. As such, I affirm that men, women, and children are called to serve the larger community as God leads them. I believe that we, as a church of Jesus Christ, are called to live out the Great Commission to the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and to witness to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.