

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

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- 2020            Doctor of Ministry: Missio Seminary (Philadelphia, PA)
- 2011            Masters of Arts in Missional Theology: Biblical Theological Seminary  
(Hatfield, PA)
- 2001            Bachelor of Arts, Christian Education and Biblical Literature: Taylor University  
(Upland, IN)
- 1999            Study Abroad Program, Jerusalem University College (Mt. Zion, Jerusalem)

## Professional Experience

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- 2011-present    Founding Director, Kairos Partnerships LLC ([www.kairospartnerships.org](http://www.kairospartnerships.org))
- Coach
  - Consultant
  - Speaker/Teacher/Trainer
- 2016-present    Affiliate Professor of Practical Theology, Missio Seminary ([www.missio.edu](http://www.missio.edu))  
Courses I have taught:
- Advanced Homiletics
  - Creating a Culture of Discipleship in the Local Church
  - Formation and Mission
  - Pastoral Skills
  - Ministry Internship Seminar
- 2014-present    National Trainer and Strategist, Fresh Expressions U.S.  
([www.freshexpressions.com](http://www.freshexpressions.com))
- 2012-present    Director of Leadership Development & Congregational Care, The Ecclesia  
Network ([www.ecclesianet.org](http://www.ecclesianet.org))
- 2008-2016       Founding Pastor, The Renew Community ([www.renewcommunity.org](http://www.renewcommunity.org)) in  
Lansdale, PA.

## Qualifications and Skills

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- Received coach training through Creative Results Management (Keith Webb)
- Serve as leadership/ministry coach to 35+ leaders in various capacities (business, ministry, academia, NCAA Division 1 athletics, denominational leadership, non-profit, law, etc.)
- Serve as consultant to churches, businesses, organizations, and schools
- Frequent national speaker at conferences, retreats, leadership gatherings, churches, universities, Christian college chapels, etc.

## Awards and Honors

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- Ordained to vocational ministry: February 10, 2013.
- Distinguished Alumni Award, Taylor University (Upland, IN)

## Publications

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### Books

- *The Abide Bible Course Study Guide: Five Practices to Help You Engage with God Through Scripture* (Harper Christian Resources, 2022) (co-author)
- *A Time to Heal: Offering Hope to a Wounded World in the Name of Jesus* (Fresh Expressions, 2021)
- *The Abide Bible* (Thomas Nelson, 2020) (contributor)
- *The Sacred Overlap: Learning to Live Faithfully in the Space Between* (Zondervan, 2020)
- *Why Ask Questions? A Small Book on the Importance of Asking Great Questions* (self-published, 2018) (co-author)
- *Ministry Mantras: Language for Cultivating Kingdom Culture* (InterVarsity Press, 2016) (co-author)
- *Eldership and the Mission of God: Equipping Teams for Faithful Church Leadership* (InterVarsity Press, 2015) (co-author)
- *Fail: Finding Hope and Grace in the Midst of Ministry Failure* (InterVarsity Press, 2014)
- *What We Want to Say to Grads* (David C. Cook, 2013) (contributor)
- *Viral Hope: Good News from the Urbs to the Burbs (and Everything in Between)* (Ecclesia Press, 2010) (contributor)
- *The Message Solo Bible* (NavPress, 2007) (contributor)
- *When God Says Jump: Biblical Stories That Inspire You To Risk Big* (NavPress, 2006)
- *Redefining Life: for Men* (NavPress, 2006)

### Articles

- Published 50+ articles (online and in print) for several publications including:
  - Christianity Today (as well as Leadership Journal and CTPastors.com)
  - Preachingtoday.com
  - American Bible Society
  - Missio Alliance
  - N.T. Wright Online
  - Outreach Magazine

- Faith & Leadership
- Fresh Expressions
- ChurchLeaders.com
- Boundless.org
- Missio Seminary
- Journal of Urban Mission
- For an extensive list of publications, including links to interviews and speaking videos see: <https://www.kairospartnerships.org/publications>

#### **Podcasts:**

- Monday Morning Pastor Podcast (former co-host for 6 seasons): weekly episodes to encourage and equip pastors
- The Resilient Leaders podcast (host): weekly episodes to encourage and equip leaders (180+ episodes).

#### **Video courses:**

- *The Writing Life: Equipping You to be the Writer You Want to Be* (<https://www.kairoscourses.com/courses/the-writing-life>): 4 Sessions of 59 lessons with 2.5 hours of video content

#### **Academic Presentations**

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- Missio Seminary Colloquium Paper: “What new shape of ministry leadership and innovation in ministry are required in the post-pandemic world, and what is required of theological education institutions to address these needs?” (May 24, 2022)
- Delivered charge at the Gordon College Presidential Inauguration for Dr. Michael D. Hammond: Gordon College, Wenham, MA. (April 29, 2022)

#### **Professional Associations**

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- The Ecclesia Network
- Fresh Expressions U.S.
- Jerusalem University College

#### **Volunteer Work**

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- Jerusalem University College Board of Directors (Executive Committee)
- Founder/Director of the North Penn Partnership of Churches (Lansdale, PA)
- Student Ministry Volunteer Leader at The Renew Community (Lansdale, PA)

#### **Personal Information**

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- Family: Married to Megan, sons: Carter (16) and Bennett (13)
- Hobbies: swimming, reading, traveling, writing, kayaking, hiking, taking adventures, and watching baseball, basketball, and college football.