

Resume for:
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Objective: To follow the Lord's lead to a position which will utilize my gifts and experience to help people and honor him.

Overview: Pastor with chaplaincy, speaking, counseling, writing, and teaching duties spanning over 30 years. Former Church Planting Director for Converge Northeast (BGC). Author of numerous religious articles, and books including, *The Crucified Church* released in November, 2010, *Whole 4 Life*, *Communicate to Lead*, *Walking To & With, Jesus*, *The Forgiveness Fallacies*, and *The Crucified Couple*. Achievements include:

- Raising up and equipping leaders including pastors, ministry leaders, chaplains, etc.
- Providing chaplaincy services to several local companies, nursing facilities, and government agencies while supervising a team of Chaplains throughout New England.
- Helping 3 different congregations through major transitions. Also helped two of these congregations merge to form stronger, more effective organizations.
- Leading a 118 year old Baptist congregation (BGC) transition to a more outwardly-focused, Purpose-Driven approach. Started as an Interim and became Senior Pastor. Revised the constitution to become elder-led and ultimately merged with two other churches after 7 year transition.
- Launching a new church plant in a challenging community. Grew from 15 to about 120, baptizing over 100 people in 7 years.

Education: MA, MRE, Liberty University, August, 2008 and January, 1999
BA, Theology, Ambassador University, May, 1984
Speaking & Coaching Certification, Maxwell Group, August, 2015

Experience: () August 2006-Present, Mill Pond Church (now called LifeWay Church), Newington, CT. Planter/Senior Pastor and now Executive Pastor. Planted church with 10 teens and 5 adults. Grew by reaching unchurched and non-Christian people in a community of 30,000, a suburb of the least evangelical in the U.S. (Hartford, CT). Preach, Teach, Counsel and manage staff for congregation. Preach publicly as well as on radio, TV, and via the internet. Used Prepare-Enrich to counsel dozens of couples and began presenting seminars to train other counselors over the past 4-5 years. Served as Chaplain for ABC Women's Center and, unofficially, as Chaplain for the Newington Chamber of Commerce and the Newington Transportation Department. Also serve as chaplain for local organizations including two Nursing

homes part time via Marketplace Chaplains and my own company, Rissinger Resource Group, LLC, DBA "Corporate Chaplaincy Services."

() August 1999-August 2006, Calvary Baptist Church-New Life Church, Meriden, CT. Interim and then Senior Pastor through transition, Associate Pastor and sponsored Planter after the merger in June, 2006. Led 118 year old church through a major restructuring and transition which culminated in a merger with two other congregations. Also served as church planting director part-time for Converge Northeast during this time.

() June 1992 to August 1999, Worldwide Church of God congregations in Springfield, MA, Orange, CT, and Berlin, CT. Senior Pastor had all duties above. Started as Associate Pastor and became Senior Pastor after 3 years. Led congregations away from cult teachings of their founder and into orthodoxy.

() 1984-86 & 90-92, Consultant with Munroe, Curry, & Bond Associates. Corporate retained recruiter serving Johnson & Johnson Ethicon, Kodak, and other major firms recruiting research, sales, and management staff. During last two years with the firm, I served as VP Operations, managing a staff of recruiters and clerical workers plus taking sole responsibility for marketing and sales of MCBA services.

() 1989-90, Data General Corporation, Account Executive. Sold Open Systems, Unix Workstations and other hardware to major accounts before accepting a VP position at MCB&A (Above).

() 1987-89, Applied Data Research/Computer Associates. As a Marketing Specialist and later, Account Executive, sold systems software to large accounts in Upstate, NY. Was consistently the number one rep in our regional, Rochester, NY office earning well over \$100,000 per year and winning numerous awards.

References: Multiple available upon request.

Personal: Married 39 years, two children ages 34 and 36, and two beautiful granddaughters. I am flexible via fulltime RV-living.