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United Methodist, The West Michigan Annual Conference, Deacon-1986, Elder-1989  
Affiliate Member, The Detroit Annual Conference

### **EDUCATION**

DREW UNIVERSITY, Madison, New Jersey – Doctor of Ministry, 1992, Emphasis upon Ethics in the Wesleyan Tradition and Postcritical Hermeneutics, Project: “Wesley’s Class Meeting As A Model For Contemporary Integration Of Christian Nurture And Christian Action,” Supervised by Donald W. Dayton, Advisor and Albert J. D. Aymer, Reader

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Princeton, New Jersey - Master of Divinity, 1987, Graduated Sixth in Class of 165, Teaching and Research Track with Emphasis on American Church History and Ethics, Thesis: "Moral Philosophy And Moral Reform: The Ethics Of Charles G. Finney And Asa Mahan," Supervised by James H. Moorhead, Advisor, Thesis Awarded 1987 Princeton Theological Seminary Senior Fellowship in History

ADRIAN COLLEGE, Adrian, Michigan – Bachelor of Arts, 1984, Graduated Seventh in Class of 225, *Summa Cum Laude*, Double Major in History and Philosophy, Thesis: “Perfection And Deontology: The Moral Theology Of Asa Mahan”

### **ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT**

THE ACADEMY FOR PREACHING IV, The Section on Worship, The General Board of Discipleship, The United Methodist Church, 1992-1994, Selected from Nationwide Pool to Attend the Premier Preaching and Worship Institute of The United Methodist Church

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1996 TO PRESENT - Chaplain and Director of Church Relations, Adrian College, Michigan, Revitalized Student Participation in and Leadership of Campus Spiritual Life, Improved Relationships between the College Chaplaincy and Faculty, and Increased the Visibility of Adrian College among United Methodism

1993 TO 1996 - Pastor, Centenary United Methodist Church, Pentwater, Michigan,

Guided Congregation through Strategic Planning and Strengthened the Christian Education Program

## **Momany, 2**

1987 TO 1993 - Pastor, New Hope United Methodist Church, Mecosta, Michigan, Implemented the Merger of a Three-point Charge, Oversaw the Construction of a New Church Building, and Led the Renewal of Ministry with Youth and Young Adults

1984 TO 1987 - Seminarian Assistant Pastor, Peace Temple United Methodist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan, Directed Youth Confirmation and Education Ministries and Created Neighborhood Summer Youth Activities Program

1984/5 AND 1986/7 - Intern, United Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, New Jersey, Conducted and Analyzed Community Interviews as Part of "The Plainfield Project," An Urban Sociological Research Venture Designed by Richard K. Fenn and Princeton Theological Seminary

1985/6 - Assistant Protestant Chaplain, Rider College, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, Initiated Ecumenical Worship Opportunities throughout Campus and Enhanced Student/Faculty Dialogue of Religious Issues through "Supper Symposium" Gatherings

## **SELECTED WRITINGS**

### **Commentary**

"The End of College and the Community of Ends," *Historians Against Slavery*, May 12, 2017.

"Who 'Counts' in Ministry Any More?" UMC.org., March 31, 2017.

"Ravine to Freedom is Journey to Self," *Historians Against Slavery*, January 3, 2017.

"Taking Our Theology Seriously," UMC.org., November 16, 2016.

"The Real Battle," *The United Methodist Reporter*, June 9, 2016.

"My Three Stages of Ministry," *The United Methodist Reporter*, April 13, 2016.

"Why the 'Intrinsic Worth' of People is a Big Deal," *The United Methodist Reporter*, March 16, 2016.

"Flint Water 'Crisis' Sign of the Times," *The United Methodist Reporter*, February 10, 2016.

“Right and Rationalization,” *Historians Against Slavery*, January 27, 2016.

“Each Person Another Self,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, January 14, 2016.

“Slavery and Sanctification,” Christian History Institute Blog, December 22, 2015.

### **Momany, 3**

“Whatever happened to “truth”?” *The United Methodist Reporter*, December 3, 2015.

“The Art of Hearing to Speech,” *Historians Against Slavery*, November 20, 2015.

“Voices of History,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, November 16, 2015.

“It’s Time for a New Personalism,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, October 13, 2015.

“Re-envisioning the Social Principles: Reflections on a Unique Drafting Process,” *Faith in Action*, General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church, September 24, 2015.

“Law and Grace and History,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, September 17, 2015.

“Wanted: Good Theology,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, August 20, 2015.

“We the People,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, July 21, 2015.

“A Theology of Work,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, June 15, 2015.

“People and Things,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, May 15, 2015.

“Grace is the Best Incentive,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, April 20, 2015.

“Your Sons and Your Daughters will Prophecy,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, March 11, 2015.

“We Don’t Get to Heaven on Someone Else’s Sins,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, February 11, 2015.

“Human Trafficking is about People,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, January 12, 2015.

“Faith Lived Out,” A Twelve-Part Series on the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church, *The United Methodist Reporter*, January – December 2014.

“In Defense of Atonement Theology: Affirmation of Being,” *Christian Century*, February 5, 2014, Vol. 131, No. 3, 25-27.

“Christians and Wealth Disparity,” <http://www.ministrymatters.com>, September 17, 2013.

“A Little History, Please,” <http://www.ministrymatters.com>, July 9, 2013.

#### **Momany, 4**

“Embracing our ‘Jesus Came for All’ Identity,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, May 24, 2013, 6A.

“Why United Methodist-related schools matter,” United Methodist News Service, February 19, 2013.

“Measuring by Jesus,” <http://www.ministrymatters.com>, January 7, 2013.

“Is Intellect a Liability in Ministry?” <http://www.ministrymatters.com>, November 13, 2012.

“More Than a ‘Hot Topic’: Addressing the Roots of Modern-Day Slavery,” *Circuit Rider*, August/September/October 2012, 30-31.

“Doing Good, Being Holy,” Q & A with Mary Jacobs, *The United Methodist Reporter*, July 20, 2012, 3B.

“Corporate World Answers All Wrong for the Church,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, February 3, 2012, 6A.

“Holiness = Love,” <http://www.ministrymatters.com>, August 8, 2011.

“Why Holiness Matters,” <http://www.ministrymatters.com>, July 16, 2011.

“We Are Seldom Ever Prepared,” *Point of View*, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church, December 15, 2010.

“Churches Should Rail Against Economic Injustices,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, 13 August 2004, 4.

#### **Bible Study**

“Give Praise to God,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, March-April-May, 2018, Forthcoming.

“United Methodists and the Holy Spirit,” *Adult Bible Studies Teacher*, The United Methodist Publishing House, December-January-February, 2016/2017, Vol. 25, No. 2, 14-18.

“The Biblical Imagery of Rivers and Life-Giving Waters,” *Adult Bible Studies Teacher*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2016, Vol. 25, No. 1, 8-13.

“Introduction to the Study,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2016, Vol. 35, No. 1, 3-4.

### **Momany, 5**

“The Sovereignty of Jesus,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2016, Vol. 35, No. 1, 33-67.

“The Holy Spirit,” *Adult Bible Studies Teacher*, The United Methodist Publishing House, March-April-May, 2015, Vol. 23, No. 3, 6-9.

“Between the Triumphal Entry and the Resurrection,” *Adult Bible Studies Teacher*, The United Methodist Publishing House, March-April-May, 2015, Vol. 23, No. 3, 2-5.

“The Spiritual Discipline of Service as an Act of Worship,” *Adult Bible Studies Teacher*, The United Methodist Publishing House, December-January-February, 2014/2015, Vol. 23, No. 2, 14-17.

“Jesus and the Law,” *Adult Bible Studies Teacher*, The United Methodist Publishing House, March-April-May, 2014, Vol. 22, No. 3, 14-19.

“Introduction to the Study,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2012, Vol. 31, No. 1, 3-4.

“What Is Faith?” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2012, Vol. 31, No. 1, 5-39.

“God’s Covenant,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, December-January-February, 2011/2012, Vol. 30, No. 2, 5-32.

“The Psalms as Literature: Structure, Poetry, Themes,” *Adult Bible Studies Teacher*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2010, Vol. 19, No. 1, 2-7.

“The Theodicy Question,” *Adult Bible Studies Teacher*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2010, Vol. 19, No. 1, 14-19.

“Introduction to the Study,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2010, Vol. 29, No. 1, 3-4.

“God Protects,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2010, Vol. 29, No. 1, 68-95.

“Evidences of Jesus as Messiah,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, December-January-February, 2009/2010, Vol. 28, No. 2, 33-67.

“Introduction to the Study,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, March-April-May, 2009, Vol. 27, No. 3, 3-4.

### **Momany, 6**

“The Path to New Life,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, March-April-May, 2009, Vol. 27, No. 3, 40-67.

“Old Testament People of Commitment,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, December-January-February, 2008/2009, Vol. 27, No. 2, 61-88.

“Introduction to the Study,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2008, Vol. 27, No. 1, 3-4.

“The Birth of a New Community,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2008, Vol. 27, No. 1, 5-32.

“Images of Christ in Hebrews,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, June-July-August, 2008, Vol. 26, No. 4, 5-39.

“Restoration and Covenant Renewal,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, March-April-May, 2008, Vol. 26, No. 3, 68-95.

“Introduction to the Study,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, December-January-February, 2007/2008, Vol. 26, No. 2, 3-4.

“God’s People Increased,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2007, Vol. 26, No. 1, 40-67.

“What Does God Require?” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, June-July-August, 2007, Vol. 25, No. 4, 33-67.

“Living in God’s New World,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, March-April-May, 2007, Vol. 25, No. 3, 68-95.

“Christ Guides and Protects,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, December-January-February, 2006/2007, Vol. 25, No. 2, 68-95.

“Introduction to the Study,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2006, Vol. 25, No. 1, 3-4.

“The Spirit of Giving,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, June-July-August, 2006, Vol. 24, No. 4, 79-111.

“Introduction to the Study,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, March-April-May, 2006, Vol. 24, No. 3, 3-4.

“God’s Gifts of Leadership,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, December-January-February, 2005/2006, Vol. 24, No. 2, 38-78.

### **Momany, 7**

“To the Ends of the Earth,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2005, Vol. 24, No. 1, 79-111.

“Jesus’ Life (Gospel of Mark),” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, June-July-August, 2005, Vol. 23, No. 4, 5-37.

“Saved by God,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, March-April-May, 2005, Vol. 23, No. 3, 5-37.

“Introduction to the Study,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, December-January-February, 2004/2005, Vol. 23, No. 2, 3-4.

“God’s Creativity Continues,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, September-October-November, 2004, Vol. 23, No. 1, 38-78.

“The Pastoral Letters,” *Adult Bible Studies Teacher*, The United Methodist Publishing House, June-July-August, 2004, Vol. 12, No. 4, 6-9.

“Guidelines for the Church’s Ministry,” *Daily Bible Study*, The United Methodist Publishing House, June-July-August, 2004, Vol. 22, No. 4, 71-111.

## **Ethics and Historical Theology Presentations**

Keynote Speaker, United Methodist History Convocation, Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University, April 22, 2017.

“Contemporary Lessons from Past Abolitionists,” Second Formal Conference of Historians Against Slavery, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 26, 2015.

“Trafficking as an Issue of Personhood,” Keep Making Peace Conference, East Lansing, Michigan, April 11, 2015.

“The True Nature of Virtue: A Holiness Ethic for the Twenty-First Century,” the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, March 6, 2015.

Workshop on a Pedagogical Game – “Reacting to the Past’s Frederick Douglass, Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Constitution: 1845,” with Deborah Field and Mark Higbee, First Formal Conference of Historians Against Slavery, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 21, 2013.

## **Momany, 8**

Featured Teacher/Speaker, Michigan Area School for Pastoral Ministry, August 20-22, 2013, East Lansing, Michigan.

“The Future of the Wesleyan/Holiness Tradition,” with Elaine Heath, Henry H. Knight, III, and Douglas Strong, the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Seattle Pacific University, March 22, 2013.

Presenter, “Human Trafficking,” The President’s Interfaith and Community Service Challenge Summer Convening, Howard University, Washington, DC, July 9, 2012.

“The Conception of the Moral Law in the Anti-slavery Movement,” Presented to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on the Underground Railroad, Sponsored by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 6-8, 2008.

“The Foundation of Obligation and the Affirmation of the Person in the Moral Philosophy of Asa Mahan,” Presented to the 4<sup>th</sup> International Reid Symposium, Princeton Theological Seminary, September 7-9, 2007.

“Theonomy and the Higher Law: History and Hope,” Presented to the 34<sup>th</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry, Adrian, Michigan, April 13-15, 2007.



“Vocation as Theonomy,” Presented to the Wesleyan Center for Twenty-First Century Studies, San Diego, California, February 9-11, 2006.

### **Books**

*Asa Mahan: True Believer, Abolitionist, and the Evangelical Spirit* (Nashville: Foundery Books, Forthcoming).

*Doing Good: A Grace-Filled Approach to Holiness* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2011).

### **Articles/Chapters/Entries**

“Economic Justice: A Wesleyan Perspective,” *Class Meetings: A Small Group Study Guide Resource for Collegiate Ministries*, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church, August 16, 2016.

“The True Nature of Virtue: A Holiness Ethic for the Twenty-First Century,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 51:1 (Spring 2016), 145-154.

Character Biographies and Role Descriptions for Asa Mahan and Charles G. Finney in *Frederick Douglass, Slavery, and the Constitution, 1845* by Mark D. Higbee and James B. Stewart (New York: Norton, Forthcoming).

### **Momany, 9**

“Faculty Psychology in the Holiness Theology of Asa Mahan,” *The Asbury Journal*, Vol. 69: No. 2 (Fall 2014), 136-147.

“Why Reality Matters: The Metaphysics and Ethics of Asa Mahan,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 44:2 (Fall 2009), 142-153.

“The Fellowship of the Spirit/Intersubjectivity by Participation,” *The Asbury Theological Journal*, 60:2 (Fall 2005), 75-84.

"Aliens in a Foreign Land: Memory as Kenosis in a Culture of Achievement," *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 37:1 (Spring 2002), 195-210.

"The Image of God and the 'Social Principle': The Trinitarian Theology of Asa Mahan," *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 36:2 (Fall 2001): 174-186.

"The Concept of Person and the Consistent Ethic of Life: A Wesleyan Perspective," *Proceedings of the First Formal Conference of the Wesleyan Center for Twenty-First*

*Century Studies*, San Diego, California, January 1997: 69-78.

"Wesley's General Rules: Paradigm for Postmodern Ethics," *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 28:1-2 (Spring-Fall 1993): 7-22.

### **SELECTED TEACHING**

Part-Time Instructor, Philosophy/Religion Department, Adrian College, 1998 - Present

Religion 300: American Religion and Antislavery Literature before the Civil War,  
Spring 2017

Religion 300: Human Trafficking: Reality and Response, Spring 2012

Religion 306: Evangelicalism and Social Reform, Spring 2015 and Spring 2010

Elective 101: First Year Experience, Fall 2007

Religion 300: Theology in the Face of Evil: The Thought and Times of Dietrich  
Bonhoeffer, Spring 2006

Religion 319: The Origins of Protestantism, Spring 2013, Spring 2009, Spring 2007,  
and Spring 2005

Religion 320: John Wesley, Spring 2004

Religion 114: Christian Social Ethics, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall, 2013,  
Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008, Fall, 2007, Fall 2006, Fall 2005,  
Fall 2004, Fall 2003, Fall 2002, Fall 2001, and Spring 2001

Philosophy 201: Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2003 and Fall 2000

Philosophy 301: Philosophy of Religion, Spring 2016, Spring 2014, Spring 2011,  
Spring 2008, and Spring 2000

Religion 103: Old Testament, Spring 2002 and Fall 1999

Religion 106: Religions in America, Spring 1998

### **Momany, 10**

Adjunct Faculty Leader, The Doctor of Ministry Program, Drew University, Madison,  
New Jersey, 1996-1998

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

The Detroit Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church Board of Justice,  
Advocacy & Equity Harold Stanton Social Justice Award, May 15, 2015

Adrian College Alumni Humanitarian Award, 2011

Presented by the Alumni Association Board of Directors to Alumni who Demonstrate  
an Altruistic Lifestyle that Reflects Adrian College's Founding Spirit of Service

Adrian College Accessibility Award, 2007, In Recognition of Exemplary Efforts in  
Improving Accessibility on the Campus of Adrian College

Adrian College Advisor of the Year, 1998/1999, 2001/2002, and 2006/2007  
Adrian College EXCEL Program Excellent Instructor Award, 2001/2002

Adrian College Senior Award in Philosophy, 1984

Adrian College Senior Award in History, 1984

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1984

Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society

Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society in History

Adrian College Scholarship Cup, 1982, 1983, and 1984

### **CONNECTIONAL AND COMMUNAL LEADERSHIP**

Presenter and Writing Team Member, Consultation on the Social Principles of The  
United Methodist Church, 2015 – Present

United Methodist Representative, National Council of Churches Convening Table on  
“Joint Action and Advocacy on Issues of Justice and Peace,” 2014 - Present

Host and Speaker, Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy (HYLA) of The United  
Methodist Church, Adrian College, June 2014 and June 2015

Design Committee, Adrian College Core Education for Scholarly Success  
(A.C.C.E.S.S), 2012 - 2014

### **Momany, 11**

Michigan Director, Not for Sale Campaign, 2008- 2011

Mentor, Adrian College Educational Success: A Program to Assist First-Generation  
College Students Achieve Success, 2008-2010

Host and Coordinator, First National Not for Sale Campaign Abolitionist Academy, April  
17-19, 2009, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan

Candidacy Mentor, The West Michigan Annual Conference, The United Methodist  
Church, 2007-2008

Steering Committee for Adrian College Self-Study, the Higher Learning Commission, 2007-2008

Host and Workshop Leader, the Student Forum of the United Methodist Student Movement, The United Methodist Church's Premier College Student Leadership Event, May 25-28, 2006, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan

Presenter, Michigan Area Confirmands' Rally, April 2006, March 2004, March 2003, March 2002, March 2001, March 2000, and March 1999

Habitat for Humanity, Various Levels of Involvement from Individual Volunteer to Group Leader - Manhattan, New York; Salem County, New Jersey; Lake County, Michigan; and Lenawee County, Michigan, 1985-2003

CROP Walk Organizational Committee, Adrian, MI (1997-2000), Oceana County, MI (1994-1995), and Mecosta County, MI (1990-1993)

Lenawee United Way and Volunteer Center Youth Committee, 1996-1998

Church-Related Colleges Section, Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, The West Michigan Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 1988-1996

Committee on the District Superintendency, The Grand Traverse District, The West Michigan Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 1995

Supervising Pastor, The West Michigan Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 1994-1996

Michigan Area Response Team, The Committee to Study the Ministry, The United Methodist Church, 1994-1996

## **Momany, 12**

Convener, "Beyond Campus Culture Wars: The Paradigms of Adult Faith and Ministry in Higher Education," A Symposium with James W. Fowler Sponsored by the Michigan Area, The United Methodist Church, November 1995

Annual Conference Preacher, The West Michigan Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, Albion, Michigan, June 1994

West Michigan Annual Conference Representative, Historical Society of the Michigan

Area, The United Methodist Church, 1989-1993

Commission on Archives and History, The West Michigan Annual Conference, The  
United Methodist Church, 1988-1993

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Wesleyan Theological Society

Historians Against Slavery