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WRITING AND PUBLISHING

Co-author, *Selections from Truth in Progress: Letters in Mixed Company*, 2007
Writer-in-Residence, Rodney Street Laundry, Helena, Montana, 2004-2009
Author, *It Happened in San Antonio* (Globe Pequot Press, 2006)
Co-author, *We Were Baptized Too: Claiming God's Grace for Lesbians and Gays*
(Westminster John Knox Press, 1996), awarded the 2007 Outstanding Book on Social Justice from
Fellowship of Reconciliation and finalist for 2007 Lambda Literary Award
Author, Introduction, *Rise Above the Law* (The Swing Bridge Press, 2000)
Author, "Religion and Homosexuality," *St. James Press Gay & Lesbian Almanac*, 1998
Author, Numerous articles on sexuality and spirituality
Publisher, *Open Hands Magazine*, (as executive director of Reconciling Ministries Network, 1999-2002)
Publisher, *Shaping Sanctuary* (RMN, 2000)
Editor, *Perkins Perspective*, Alumni/ae Magazine, Southern Methodist University
Perkins School of Theology, 1990-1996

WORK

Development Director, Myrna Loy Center, Helena, Montana, 2004-present
Executive Director, Reconciling Ministries Network, Chicago, Illinois, 1999-2003
Non-Profit Fund Development and Strategic Management Consultant, clients included Walt Whitman
Community School, a gay and lesbian high school in Dallas, and Welcoming Church Movement for
foundation research, 1998-2000
Interim Dean, Samaritan Institute (denominational seminary for the Universal Fellowship of
Metropolitan Community Church), Dallas, 1997-1998
Development Director, Foundation for Human Understanding, Dallas, 1996-1997
Executive Director of Public Relations and Fund Development, Southern Methodist University Perkins
School of Theology, Dallas, 1990-1996
Youth Minister, First United Methodist Church, McKinney, Texas, 1983-1984 and 1986-1990

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration, Texas A&M University, College Station, 1983
Master of Divinity, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, 1990, awarded the B'nai Brith Award

ORGANIZATIONS

National Advisory Council for Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, 2002-04
Chairperson, GATHER, an outreach program for at-risk youth, Chicago, 2003
National Religious Leadership Roundtable (NRLR) with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1999-2003
Member, NRLR Steering Committee, 2002-2003
Graduate, Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute Candidate and Campaign Training, Victory Fund, 1998
Samaritan Institute Board of Directors, 1996-1997
Co-founder, RALLY, outreach program to LGBT youth, Dallas, 1994
Co-founder, SMUGGLE, gay and lesbian staff and faculty organization, 1993
Co-founder, Woman Sanctuary, women's spirituality community, Dallas, 1991