

Dale B. H. Dirksen - Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Bachelor's Degree in Sacred Music, Ambrose University – focus on music composition (1979 – B. Sac. Mus.)

Master's Degree Religious Education, Canadian Theological Seminary – focus on youth and camp ministry (1988 – M. R. Ed.)

Master's Degree in Leadership, Briercrest Seminary – focus on leading change (1997 – M.A.)

Doctorate in Worship Theology, The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Jacksonville, FL – focus on historical liturgy, the church year, symbolism in worship and spiritual formation in worship (2003) (D.W.S.)

Graduate Certificate in Executive Coaching, Royal Roads University, Victoria, BC (2012)

Other Professional Experience

Adjunct Faculty – various schools, past and present

The Robert E. Webber IWS, Jacksonville, FL (Doctoral Dissertation Supervisor); Briercrest College and Seminary; Horizon College and Seminary; the International College of Cultural Studies (Hyderabad, India). Ambrose University College

Professional Musician - Based in Vancouver, Canada (1980 – 1984)

Graphic Artist - Regina, SK; Richmond BC; Vancouver, BC (1979 – 1983)

Memberships/associations/affiliations

ICF (International Coach Federation)

SOCAN (Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada)

ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers)

Professional Experience

Executive Pastor – Forest Grove Community Church (Saskatoon, SK) – (2009-2019)

- Work with staff to bring alignment of mission/vision with practice
- Coach Site leaders in multi-site contexts
- Public communication
- Give leadership to the implementing of the FGCC strategic plan
- Align finances with the vision, mission and strategic plan of the organization
- Foster a synergistic relationship with the staff towards the maximum contribution of each member in accordance with their talents and abilities
- Oversee the recruitment, hiring and management of staff
- Provide opportunities for professional development of staff
- Develop and ensure adequate support structures for all staff for their encouragement, accountability and development

- Coach/assist staff in planning, goal setting, prioritizing, and ministry implementation within our key strategies

Faculty – Briercrest College and Seminary, Caronport, SK (1997 – 2009)

Associate Professor, M.Div program coordinator, Liaison with India Campus

- Areas of teaching: leadership; the mission of the organization; thriving in postmodern/emerging culture; leadership and practice; and a variety of other areas of teaching.
- Leading/coaching for organizational spiritual health
- Master of Divinity Program Coordinator – this is the pastoral formation degree
- Supervisor of the Experiential Integration program (internship, mentored leadership development, field supervisor training)
- Liaison between the Canadian campus and the India extension site in Hyderabad – this role included occasional teaching in India

Non-profit Coaching/Consulting – (1997 to present)

General consultation with non-profit organizations regarding their vision, direction and practice. Provide seminars and teaching to help organizations become more effective in aligning practice with vision and desired outcomes.

Canby Alliance Church – Pastoral and Musical role – Canby, OR, USA (1989 - 1995)

Canby is a bedroom community of about 10,000 people just outside of Portland, Oregon. Portland is a fairly large city which was just over a half a million people at the time.

Responsibilities: Giving leadership to all areas of the church related to the arts. Coach and mentor leaders within the church. Marketing, and the development of significant outreach.

Camp Administrator – Lloydminster, SK Canada (1987 - 1989)

Responsibilities included: Recruiting and training 30 staff for camp leadership positions, developing a senior staff team, working with a governing board to develop vision and direction, promoting and marketing the camp to prospective campers, promoting and marketing the camp to prospective donors, developing an annual budget and maintaining adherence to that budget, overseeing the operation of the camp.

Hobbies

My wife and I enjoy fishing, hunting, and camping. I also enjoy woodworking and golf.