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Personal

Married to Aven Pendleton since 1989 (the best thing about me). Children: Anna (1990), Kerstin (1991), James (1993), Carina (1997), Daniel (1999), and Erik (1999).

Work Experience

Director of General Church Outreach: 2004-Present

Duties involve planning and oversight of General Church evangelization strategy and supporting pastors and congregations world-wide.

Current areas of focus include:

- Piloting the development of an online church model to be used by people remote to physical congregations
- Developing friendly, church-wide programs and materials that address spiritual needs and provide a pathway for integration into the church
- Facilitating the establishment of new congregations in North America and abroad
- Overseeing translation of New Church theological works into non-English languages
- Leading the development team for www.newchurch.org
- Teaching Evangelization in the BACNC Theological School
- Providing oversight for growth oriented Congregations
- Assisting the Administration by helping with planning; providing outreach perspective to boards; offering periodic evangelization training events, etc.

The Ivyland New Church: 1996-2004

Served as Pastor of congregation and Executive Director of the Ivyland Montessori Preschool.

The Sunrise Chapel in Tucson, Arizona: 1994-1996

Served as Assistant Pastor and Vice Chair of Board of Directors.

Nya Kyrkans Församling I Stockholm (The Stockholm New Church Society): 1990-1994

Served as Pastor; Trustee for the Scandinavian Swedenborg Society; travel support to Denmark, Norway, England.

Church Committee work

GC Board Committee supporting International Church 2017-present

Bishop's Consistory: 1996-2005; 2010 – 2014

Bishop's Advisory Committee (counsels with Bishop on employment matters): 1997 – present

General Church Helping Children in Crisis: 2012 - present

Guest Member, General Church Board of Trustees: 1996-present

Director, General Church Evangelization Committee: 2004-present

Trustee for Loving Arms Mission: 2007-2013

Trustee for the Korean New Church Corporation: 2009-present

General Church Board Strategic Funding Principles Committee: 2011-2017

Membership Committee for the Council of the Clergy: 1996-2004; 2009-2012

Secretary of the General Church of the New Jerusalem's Clergy: 1996-2004

Recent Samples of Publications

“From Use, In Use and For Use” Sermon, Bryn Athyn Cathedral January, 2019:

<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/119661053>

“Becoming an Angel” Sermon, Bryn Athyn Cathedral, September, 2018:

<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/117031682>

“Closing the Back Door: Core issues effecting decline in worship attendance” General Church of the New Jerusalem Council of the Clergy Meetings June 2017

“Building Spiritual Resources” Sermon, Bryn Athyn Cathedral February, 2015; New Church Life Jan/Feb 2015

“Rethinking the Representative Nature of the Priesthood” General Church of the New Jerusalem Council of the Clergy Meetings, Bryn Athyn, PA 2014

“Preaching with Meaning” Council of the Clergy, 2012

“What the Lord Says about Salvation in the Gospels” Council of the Clergy, 2012

“No One Beyond Reach” Article New Church Connection, 2012 Issue #1

“Opening the Church” General Church Assembly Plenary Address, June, 2011

“The Courage to Grow” Audio Sermon available through www.newchurch.org, 2009

“The New Church – A Church in His Image and Likeness” Council of the Clergy, 2008

“Building Healthy Relationships: A New Church Journey Program” Co-written with John and Lori Odhner, 2008

“Realizing the Dreams of Marriage” Sermon, New Church Life, 2007

Other examples are available through a name search at www.newchurch.org

Work Related Interests

New Church theology – particularly related to the book series *the Arcana Caelestia*

Preaching and the study of what skills support effective preaching

Research in evangelization and church outreach efforts

Study in organizational systems and strategic models particularly related to team-building

Online video and live-streaming

Serves as Vice Chair of the Board for Non-Profit “Depression to Extinction” an organization working to help those suffering from depression.

Serves as a Trustee for the Non-Profit “Freedom Team,” an organization that serves underprivileged and disabled U.S. Veterans.

Recreational Interests

Sports; assisting at the family cattle ranch in South Dakota; almost anything out of doors with family; history; painting; music

Education

B.A. History, The George Washington University, 1986

M. Div. The Bryn Athyn College of the New Church Theological School, 1990

Columbia University School of Business - Institute for Not-for-Profit Management, Executive Certificate Program, 2008