

Mark J. Englund-Krieger

Biographical Statement:

Theological Statement: Baptized as an infant and raised within the love and fellowship of the church, I believe that Jesus Christ has moved in my life as Lord and Savior all my days. I am privileged to celebrate this year the 20th anniversary of my ordination to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). I believe we are in the midst of a massive theological reformation which the Holy Spirit is inspiring all around the world. This reformation is frightening and exhilarating at the same time. I would like in some small ways to contribute to the reformation, renewal and transformation of our church. I believe the theological and spiritual resources for this transformation are found in the tradition of faithfulness which has been passed down to us. These include a deep commitment to:

- be a church that is reformed and always reforming,
- seek in the holy scriptures an authentic Word inspired by the Holy Spirit,
- do the hard work of prayer and spiritual discernment which guides us to stand in God's calling for our lives and vocations,
- the controversial work of social witness which always names the principalities and powers with which we fight;
- the essential unity of the church in Jesus Christ.

Formal Education:

B.S., University of Pittsburgh, 1981.

M.Div., Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1985.

Ph.D., Divinity School of the University of Chicago, 1998.

Dissertation: The Social and Political Ministry of the Presbyterian Church: From the Social Gospel to Social Justice and Beyond.

Pastoral Service:

Presbyterian Church of Atwood, Kiskiminetas Presbytery, 1985 – 1988.

First Presbyterian Church of Morris, Illinois, Blackhawk Presbytery, 1992 – 1999.

Parkwood Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh Presbytery, 1999 – 2005.

Service to the Larger Church:

Commissioner to the General Assembly from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, June 2004.

Field Education supervisor in support of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 2001-2005.

Adjunct Faculty, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Fall 2004,

Ethics Elective: *Ethical Dilemmas in American Christianity*.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Pittsburgh Presbytery, 2003 -2005.

Committee on Ministry, Blackhawk Presbytery, 1994 -1999.

Mission Service: Extensive inner city mission work in Pittsburgh including flood-relief ministry after Hurricane Hugo in September 2004; participation with Hosanna Industries (a Christian home building ministry in Pittsburgh); international mission trips to Mexico, Haiti, and Malawi in southern Africa.

Our Family: My wife **Kristina** has her M.S.W. from the University of Pittsburgh and is a Licensed Social Worker currently on staff with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit in Pittsburgh.

Our three sons: **Kyle** is 16 years old and finished his Junior year in high school. He is in the National Honor Society, has played the trombone in the marching band, earned varsity letters in cross country and track. He has been very active in church including playing guitar in the Praise Band. Kyle attended several Montreat Youth Conferences, the Presbyterian Youth Triennium and participated in Project Burning Bush, a high school leadership development program sponsored by Union Theological Seminary. This June, he is on the Presbytery of Pittsburgh's Youth Mission Trip to Malawi in southern Africa. Kyle works as a lifeguard at a county pool in Pittsburgh.

Michael is 13 years old and finished 7th grade. He is also an Honor student, plays the baritone horn in the honors band, and has been on the cross country, basketball, soccer and track teams. He has been very active in church including mission trips with Group workcamps and volunteer work at WorldVision's Pittsburgh center. Michael works as a soccer referee.

Eric is six years old and finished Kindergarten. He enjoys reading books, riding bikes with his friends, playing baseball and computer games. At this point, his goal in life is to keep up with his big brothers.

Our family is very active keeping up with everyone's busy schedules: running to school events, concerts, music lessons, games, track meets, church and youth ministry events. Our focus at home is always on school work. Our family hobby is "collecting" national parks, camping wherever possible. We have visited Acadia, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Rocky Mountain, Gunnison, Mesa Verde, Mount Rushmore, Black Hills, Devil's Tower, Mammoth Cave, Shenandoah, Adirondack, and Freedom Trail National Parks and many state parks in between. In the winter, we use our season passes to ski at Seven Springs as much as possible.