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I’ve been in local church ministry for 37 years as an Elder in the West Virginia Annual

Conference, having retired in June, 2022. I maintain a relationship with the Conference through a

monthly luncheon with clergy-peers, and by serving as a member of the Nine-Rivers District

Committee on Ordained Ministry.

Following my educational track from Georgia Tech and Asbury University, I served as a Youth

Minister at Wayside UMC in Vienna, WV in 1980-82 before attending Asbury Seminary.

I have served two separate appointments in Mercer County, two in Cabell County in the

Huntington area, and Mt. Pleasant UMC near Parkersburg.

My ministry began on a rural 3-point charge in Mercer County, a period of four years that still

offers fond memories and generates ideas of what could-have-been done in the years there.

Ministry through the years has led me in several surprising directions. Following an invitation

from a Circuit Judge, I served on the local Drug Court and later supervised a local church

ministry outreach through a very successful Celebrate Recovery hybrid.

I have certification in a pre-marriage counseling tool through SYMBIS, designed by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, and have been a 35+-year member of the American Association of Christian

Counselors, (See aacc.net).

Ministry Interests Reflecting My Own Experience and Practice Include the Following:

• Spiritual Formation

• Disciple Bible Studies

• Family Focus Ministry

• Making Marriages Strong

• How to Get the Most from Your Bible Reading

• Preaching for Personal Application

• Reaching New People