

Four Areas of Focus for the United Methodist Church Faculty of Saint Paul School of Theology 2009

At the request of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, the faculty have developed an inventory of the way their research, courses and writing can contribute to the Four Areas of Focus for the United Methodist Church:

- 1) Developing Principled Christian Leaders for the Church and the World
- 2) New Places for New People and Renewing Existing Congregations
- 3) Engaging in Ministry with the Poor
- 4) Stamping Out Killer Diseases of Poverty by Improving Health Globally

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- 1) Developing Principled Christian Leaders:

Research Interests:

Pastoral care in the parish, care and leadership in rural congregations and communities.

Courses:

Introduction to Pastoral Theology
Care Ministry in Rural Congregations

Writing:

Practicing Care in Rural Communities and Congregations, with Shannon Jung and Joretta Marshall, publishing agreement from Fortress Press

*Pastoral Implications: Matthew 25:1-13, Matthew 25:14-30, Mark 13:24-37,” in
Lectionary Homiletics*, (Nov. 2008)

- 2) Congregational Development:

Research interests:

NA

Courses:

NA

Writing:

NA

- 3) Ministry with the Poor:

Research Interests:

Guatemala

Courses:

Guatemala Immersion

Writing:

NA

4) Improving Health Globally:

Research Interests:

Depression, trauma, domestic violence, youth violence, hate violence.

Courses:

Ministry in a Violent World

Crisis Intervention

Trauma

Depression

Writing:

Agency, Culture and Personhood: Pastoral Theology and Intimate Partner Violence, (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2008)

“The Protected Generation: Fear, Violence and Perfect Love.” In Sondra Matthaei, editor, *Loving God, Loving Neighbor* (Philadelphia, PA: XLibris, 2008), 108-126

“Toward a Pastoral Theology of Resistance to Violence.” *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 16 (Fall 2006): 35-51