

The Rev. Dr. Theodore “Ted” Smith

Education & Credentials:

- * Wesley Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry, 1996; Specialization in Evangelism.
- * Ordained Elder, Virginia Conference, 1988.
- * Emory University, Candler School of Theology, Master of Divinity, 1987.
- * Ordained Deacon, Virginia Conference, 1986.
- * Virginia Wesleyan College, B.A. in Religious Studies, 1984.
- * Pembroke High School, Diploma, Hampton, Virginia, 1980.

Professional Experience:

- * Fredericksburg District Superintendent, United Methodist Church, 2011-Present.
- * Lead Pastor, Register Chapel United Methodist Church, Stafford, Virginia, 2007 to 2011.
- * Senior Pastor, St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church, Burke, Virginia, 2003-2007.
- * Senior Pastor, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Woodbridge, VA, 1997-2003.
- * Adjunct Faculty, Strayer University, Woodbridge Campus, Humanities Instructor 1998-2001.
- * Pastor, Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, Alexandria, VA, 1992-1997.
- * Pastor, Asbury United Methodist Church, Christiansburg, VA, 1989 to 1992.
- * Director of Ethnic Minority Ministries, Virginia Tech and State University, Blacksburg, VA, 1989-1992.
- * Pastor, Fowler Memorial Charge (former Leesville Charge), Lynchburg District, 1987-1989.

Connectional & Community Service

- * Delegate, UM General Conferences, 1996, 2004, 2012, 2016
- * Delegate, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, & 2012 Jurisdictional Conferences.
- * President, The Heartwood Center, 2015 – Present.
- * Reserve Lay Member, Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board, 2012-Present. Appointed by the Virginia Supreme Court to adjudicate Lawyer violations of the Codes of Ethics.
- * Chair, Bishop’s Joint Task Force on Hospitality & Recruiting, 2012-Present
- * Member, Virginia Conference Equitable Compensation Commission, 2015-Present.
- * Member, Virginia Conference Board of Global Ministries, 2013- Present.
- * Member, Virginia Conference Mid-Size Church Development Team, 2014-Present.
- * Member, Virginia Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries, 2013-2015.
- * Member, Wesley Theological Seminary Board of Governors, 2013-Present.
- * Member, Virginia Conference Church Development Team, 2011-2013.
- * Lay Member, Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board, 2005-2011.
- * President, Stafford County Ministerial Association, 2008-2011.
- * Member, Ashland District Committee on Ministry, 2008-2011.
- * Regional School of Mission Instructor, Upper Atlantic, 2010.
- * Virginia Conference School of Mission Instructor, 2009 and 2010.
- * Lay Member, Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board, 2004-2010, (Appointed by the Virginia Supreme Court to determine Lawyer violations against the State Bar Moral and Ethics Codes).
- * Member, Virginia Conference Common Table, 2005-2009.
- * Chair, Common Table African-American Church Resource Development Team, 2007-2009.
- * Lay Member, Virginia State Bar Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline, 2001-2004, Assisted in review and proposal of Virginia State Bar Moral and Ethics Codes.
- * Member, Virginia Conference Initiatives of Hope Task Force, 2000-2004.
- * Vice-Chair, Virginia Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, 2002-2004.
- * Member, Virginia Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, 1996-2004.
- * Member, Virginia United Methodist Board of Pensions, 1988-1996.
- * President, Virginia Tech & State University Campus Ministers Association, 1991-1992.
- * Adult Advisor Conference Council on Youth Ministries, 1988-92.

Short-Term Mission Experiences:

- * Team travel, Bupeoung, Korea, 2014.
- * Team Leader, UMVIM to El Salvador, 2013.
- * Team Leader, UMVIM to the Child Rescue Centre, Sierra Leone, 2007.
- * Team Leader, UMVIM to Tinga Tinga, Mozambique, 2002.
- * UMVIM Team Member, Pyatigorsk, Russia, 2002.
- * Korean Methodist Church Development Training, Incheon & Seoul, South Korea 2001.
- * Team Leader, UMVIM to Africa University, Zimbabwe, 1999.
- * VA Conference Representative to the Mozambique North & South Annual Conferences, 1996.
- * UMVIM Team Member to Cuba, 1995.
- * UMVIM Team Member to Panama, 1983.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

The Rev. Dr. Theodore “Ted” Smith was born and raised in Hampton, Virginia. At a young age Ted transitioned from the family church, Queen Street Baptist Church to Central United Methodist Church in Hampton, Virginia. Central UMC combined with the pastoral and fatherly mentoring of the Rev. Gary Shelton nurtured, formed, and shaped Ted in the mold of Methodism. It was at Emory University that Ted met Teresa Signer (from Monroe, Wisconsin). In 1988, Teresa and Ted were married at the Historic Fort Monroe, Virginia. Ted and Teresa have served as clergy in the Virginia Conference throughout their ministerial careers. In 1994, Ted and Teresa were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Helen. Throughout Ted’s ministry in the United Methodist Church, he has served small, mid-size, and large church appointments, as well as in campus ministry. Ted is known by many to be a creative problem solver, thinking outside the box to tackle local church, district, Conference, Jurisdictional, and denominational challenges. Ted now serves as the District Superintendent of the Fredericksburg District. Among Ted’s passions are mission ministries, kayaking, domestic and international travel, reading, movies, collecting hand carved drums and biking.