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## OBJECTIVE

I desire to use the unique gifts and experiences God has given me to serve in helping God's people grow in their relationships with God: The Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit; with fellow believers, in both the local body and beyond; and with those outside the Church as they represent and embody Christ and share their faith.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- I am a born-again believer in Jesus Christ, committed to faithfully serving wherever the Lord sends me.
- I am an experienced team leader with demonstrated management skills.
- I work well with a diverse team of people from varied backgrounds.
- I am strong in one-on-one relationship skills.
- I am a leader who helps others understand their role in the greater mission and engage with it.
- I am an experienced Preacher and Bible Teacher.
- I have worked extensively with members of the international community in a university setting.
- I am a highly analytical thinker with a proven ability to visualize details in accomplishing objectives.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Grounds Manager

**November 2011 - Present**

Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL

I began in the role of part-time maintenance in 2011, primarily in electrical and lighting, working across all areas. In 2014, I moved to a full-time groundskeeper position, then to Lead Groundskeeper in 2016, and then to Grounds Manager in 2019. I oversee contracts, including tree removal, refuse removal, and mowing. I am responsible for planning and executing landscaping projects and managing plants. I am responsible for snow management. I have worked as part of the broader Facility Services department in the leadership team.

Additionally, I oversee the implementation of the "Trinity Food-Drop" (Food Pantry), with a volunteer staff composed of international students or their spouses, serving as the food bank distribution for the student body. I manage a crew consisting of full-time and part-time staff in campus maintenance and beautification. This provides opportunities for biblical and theological discussions and those concerning daily life.

### Hospital Chapel Leader

**September 2011 – March 2020**

Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville, IL

I served as the coordinator for the Sunday Morning service, arranging speakers, musicians, and individuals to give the invocations and benediction. I served as the primary speaker, preaching in 30 –35 services each year. When not preaching, I provided the invocation and benediction for other preachers and often the special music. I spoke with visitors as opportunities provided. I also operated the equipment to record the services, which were then rebroadcast on the hospital's television system. This position ended with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Conversations ensued for a couple of years following the easing of protocols in May of 2023, but nothing came of it, and the ministry never restarted. This was a volunteer ministry position.

### Director of Campus Safety and Security Services

**December 1999 – March 2009**

Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL

I began working in the Security department as a part-time officer in 1989. I moved into the full-time Lead Officer position in 1993. In this position, I oversaw training new officers and the university's parking program. I was then promoted to Director in 1999. I oversaw a team of more than 20 staff members, including full-time, part-time, and support staff. This team was one of the most diverse departments on campus, both ethnically and academically. As a team, we ensured the safety of the physical campus and everyone on it. Additionally, we responded to the campus community's needs, from simple assistance, such as unlocking a door, to serving as the first responders to medical, fire, and police emergencies. I served as the primary campus liaison with these civil authorities, working

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directly with the Bannockburn Chief of Police and the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Prevention Bureau. I oversaw and negotiated the campus-wide fire alarm maintenance contract for 32 buildings. I served as chair of the university's Safety Committee, developing and implementing policies ranging from office ergonomics to disaster and active shooter responses. I served on the Institutional and Auxiliary Services management team, alongside other department heads, including Grounds, Maintenance, Custodial, Housing, Event Services, Mail Room, and Dining Services. I served on the university's Commencement Committee to ensure a smooth event each year. During this time, I also had the opportunity to impact students' lives, especially those who worked for me, many of whom were preparing for ministry themselves.

## Additional Experience

<b>Trail Life USA Trail Guide</b> Trinity Community Church, Libertyville, IL	<b>August 2014 – May 2020</b>
<b>Boy Scout Chaplain/Assistant Scoutmaster</b> Troop 273, Northeast Illinois Council, Vernon Hills, IL	<b>April 2008 – December 2017</b>
<b>School Bus Driver</b> First Student, Prairie View, IL	<b>October 2011 – April 2014</b>
<b>Security Officer/Dispatcher</b> Professional Security Consultants, Inc., Hawthorn Mall, Vernon Hills, IL	<b>October 2009 – November 2011</b>
<b>Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher</b> CrossLife Evangelical Free Church, Libertyville, IL	<b>January 2001 – June 2009</b>
<b>Small Group Leader</b> Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL	<b>August 2008 – March 2009</b>
<b>Worship Choir Member</b> CrossLife Evangelical Free Church, Libertyville, IL	<b>September 2003 – June 2005</b>
<b>Assistant to the Youth Pastor</b> Living Grace Community Church, Cary, IL	<b>June 1995 – August 2000</b>

## EDUCATION

<b>Trinity College</b> B.A. – Youth Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minor in Bible</li><li>• Minor in Music</li></ul>	<b>Deerfield, Illinois</b> 1992
<b>Trinity Evangelical Divinity School</b> <i>MDiv – Christian Education</i>	<b>Deerfield, Illinois</b> 1996
<b>Trinity Evangelical Divinity School</b> DMin – Pastoral Ministries <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation Title: Examination of the Use of First-Person Narrative Preaching in the Public Worship Service</li></ul>	<b>Deerfield, Illinois</b> 2022

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