

## Ron Karkosky

<b>Name</b>	<b>Consulting Specialties</b>
Ron Karkosky	TIPs Pastor

Ron and Sandy grew up in Indiana and were raised in Christian homes. They met in high school and married shortly after. They have four grown children and ten grandchildren. They were licensed foster parents during which time they shared their home with 68 foster infants and children. They are currently raising two grandchildren, Brayden and Makenna.

The couple attended Anderson First Church of the Nazarene where they were involved in various facets of music for more than 30 years. Ron eventually became First Church's Minister of Music and Sandy used her talent as an accomplished pianist to complete the ministry team.

Even though the couple began as lay ministers, Ron was successfully employed as Director of Quality in the corporate world. He achieved an Associate Degree in Manufacturing Technology, a Journeyman in Tool and Die, and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (Suma Cum Laude). Sandy also had a successful career as a Respiratory Therapist and Registered Polysomnographer (Sleep Disorder Technician).

In 1999, God called Ron and Sandy to full-time ministry. Leaving "comfort zones" behind, Ron enrolled in ministerial studies and was ordained in 2004.

In April 2001, Ron and Sandy accepted a call to North Communities Church (a new Nazarene church plant) in Westfield, IN. as an Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation. In September 2002, they went to pastor Tipton IN. First Church of the Nazarene. Then Ron and Sandy were called to Newburgh IN. New Life Church of the Nazarene as Lead Pastor and wife in December of 2006. And then June 1, 2014 they began their assignment as Pastor here at Richmond First Church. And since February 2019 Ron served NCS as a Transitional Interim Pastor (TIP) in Grandview Washington and Cassopolis Michigan.