

Collet Varner

Name

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Consulting Specialties

TIPs Pastor

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE:

1994 to 2016

Warner University

Lake Wales, Florida

Professor of Bible and Church Ministry

Taught classes at all levels of Bible and applied pastoral ministry.

- Chair of Bible and Church Ministry Department.
- Involved in development of Online Church Ministry degree program.
- Taught two years during that time at McLaughlin Middle School in Lake Wales, FL

2012 to 2015

Church on the Ridge

Sebring, FL

Bivocational Pastor

Ministry in a small town context.

Worship attendance increased from 12 to a monthly attendance of 55.

Restored a trusting, healthy, and productive relationship with the Church of God, Florida.

1987-1994

Park Forest Church of God

Fort Wayne, IN

Lead Pastor

- Ministry in a suburban context.
- Worship attendance increased from 72 to a monthly average of 180.
- Led a \$460, 000 building fund and facility expansion.
- Worked with three associate pastors in first ministry experiences.
- Two persons from the congregation responded to a pastoral call during this period of time.

1980–1987 Big Lake Church of God Columbia City, IN
Lead Pastor

- Ministry in a rural context.
- Worship attendance increased from 111 to monthly average of 138.
- Expanded sales to include mass market accounts.
- Expanded sales team from 50 to 100 representatives.
- One person responded to a pastoral call during this period of time

1978 -1980 Forest Avenue Church of God Niagara Falls, NY
Lead Pastor

- Ministry in a declining population.
- Worship attendance increased from 92 to a monthly average of 114.

1972-1975 West Court Street Church of God Flint, MI
Associate Pastor

- Areas of Responsibilities: Christian Education and Youth.

PASTORAL INTERIM MINISTRIES

2017-2018 Pawnee Avenue Church of God, Wichita, KS

2004 – Community Church of God, Ft. Pierce, FL

2003 -2004 Westside Community Church, Apopka, FL

EDUCATION

1999 Doctor of Ministry, Fuller Theological Seminary
Ministry Focus Paper: *Assisting the Small Congregation of the Church of God, Anderson, IN, to
Growth through Consultation*

1978 Master of Divinity, Anderson University School of Theology

1977 Master of Ministry, Anderson University School of Theology

1971 Bachelor of Arts (Sociology and Religion) Anderson University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Church Consultant for over 40 small congregations of the Church of God
- Guest Lecturer, Fritzlar Bible College, Fritzlar, Germany
- Interim Pastor in Church of God Florida congregations in: Apopka, Port St. Lucie, Bradenton, Winter Haven
- Church of God Task Force for Women in Ministry
- Speaker at Virginia General Assembly State Campmeeting