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Profile

- Committed to spiritual care and presence with individuals in need.
- Leadership through inspiration.
- Contemplative approach to working with groups.
- Innovative use of circle in facilitating shared reflections.
- Ability to create safe environments for reflection and creativity.
- Dedicated to peace and justice work.

Arts Ministry Experience

Chaplaincy

Learned to respond quickly in crisis situations; employs listening skills and creative spiritual assessment.

Coordinator of Family Programs

Have developed a creative leadership style for families that enables them to understand themselves as a family unit and together reach for their potential.

Workshop & Retreat Facilitator

Employ contemplative tools for guiding others in creating safe places for their own creative work and spiritual growth. Utilize the circle approach for a mutual worshipful reflection.
Weaving Wisdom; Spiritual Care through the Art and Craft of Weaving.

Collaborative Facilitator

Have nurtured an ability to draw out the gifts of individual participants without imposing personal vision and for bringing together a rich diversity of individuals and ideas.

Commissions

These works of art begin with spiritual care. Together we draw on contemplative gifts, deep listening skills and a desire to bring beauty to our world.

Work Experience

- Children's Outing Association as WSI Lifeguard and Instructor, Artist in Residence and Tutor (1974-6)
- Hillhaven Nursing Home as a Nurse's Aide (1975)
- Steven's Point School System as a Substitute Teacher (1979-80)
- Summer Institute for the Lutheran Human Relations Association of America as Designer and Director of Youth Program (1985-6)
- University of Wisconsin-Steven's Point Child Learning and Care Center as Assistant Teacher (1989-90)
- AfterSchool Day Care Association as Club and Program Specialist and Counselor (1991-93)
- Internship with Judy Chicago's *Through the Flower*, Santa Fe, NM (1992),
- Jefferson School and Charles M. White Memorial Library of Steven's Point as February Artist in Residence (1994)
- Saturday Enrichment Program at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Continuing Education at Edgewood College, Monroe Street Fine Arts and the Weaving Workshop as Weaving Instructor (1993-8)
- Meriter Hospital as Chaplain and Newstart Spirituality Facilitator (1996-2002)
- Community Supported Agriculture as Organic Farm Worker(1996-2002)
- Holden Village as Summer Retreat Staff and Village Artist (1996-2002)
- Lakeview Lutheran Church as Youth and Family Minister (1998-2000)
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church as Coordinator of PromiseKids' Program and Organic Garden Project, Arts Minister (2000-9)
- St. Mary's Hospital as Chaplain (2000-7)
- Greenfield High School as Artist in Residence (2005-6)
- Dane County Jail as Chaplain and Minister (2002-2017)
- Minister and Artist of the Backyard Mosaic Project (2004-present)
- UW Hospital Chaplain (January 2017-present)
- Pastor of Arts and Community at St. John's Lutheran Church (June 2019-present)

Education

- High School Diploma, Milwaukee Lutheran High School (1972)
- Bachelor of Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Teaching Certification, Grades 1- 6 (1978)
- Edgewood College, Religious Studies (1993)
- Meriter Hospital, Clinical Pastoral Education (1996)

- Master of Divinity, Chicago Theological Seminary (1998)
- The Art Institute of Chicago (1997-8)
- Oblate of Holy Wisdom Monastery (1999-present)
- Doctor of Ministry, United Theological Seminary (2009)
- Ordination and Installation (2009)
- Regular Boundary Trainings

Collaborations

- Wisconsin Conference UCC; Representative to Nicaragua as Presenter and Artist (1986-8)
- Wisconsin Peace Coalition as Member, Coordinator of Steven's Point Sister City Project with Rostov-Veliky, Russian Federation and Designer of the Friendship Quilt and Fundraising Postcard (1986-90)
- Peace Weaving Facilitator, sending visual prayers/intentions to people in need of support around the world (1991-present)
- Student Sculpture and Woman's Space, Chicago Theological Seminary (1995-8)
- Facilitator of Student Art Group *Random Images* and Shows (1997-9)
- Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua as Healing Workshop Leader and Creator of a Peace Weaving and Postcard (1999-2000)
- Reformation Lutheran's Wall, mural project (2001-3)
- Backyard Mosaic Women's Project: a community arts project for women during incarceration and as they return to their families and communities (2004-present) Within the project we have collaborated with:
 - a) EVP Coffee
 - b) Project RESPECT
 - c) Lutheran Social Services' *Off the Square Club*
 - d) St. John's Lutheran Church's *Youth Forum*
 - e) Oakhill Correctional's Horticulture Program

We have received support from the following:

- a) Evangelical Lutheran Church Synod
- b) WELCA
- c) Association of Attending Clergy
- d) United Church of Christ Social Concerns
- e) Racine Dominicans
- f) A Fund For Women
- g) St John's Lutheran Foundation
- h) Willy Street Reinvestment Fund
- i) Ashford Textile Award
- j) Madison Arts Commission
- k) Covid-19 Cultural Organization Grant
- l) Lutheran World Hunger Grant

Commissions

- Chicago Theological Seminary (2001)
- Holden Village (2002)
- Numerous individual commissions (Current)

Publications:

- *Weaving Life—Godde, Redemption and Beauty; A Work of Art Thesis*. 2009
- *Women in the Scriptures; A Spiritual Care Coloring Book*. 2016

Special Areas of Study

Human Trafficking, Racial and Gender Equity, Sustainable Practices and Sculptural Fiberwork

Projects, Shows and Publications

- Juried Shows:
 - Women Creating*, Charles White Library, Steven's Point (1991-3)
 - Forward Art*, Madison Public Library (2019)
- Individual Shows:
 - Madison; The Writer's Place, The Art House Café, Lutheran Campus Center, Wisconsin Conference, UCC, Pres House, Meriter Hospital, Monroe Street Fine Arts Center, Community of Hope UCC (1991, 2005), United Theological Seminary (2009)
- Group Shows:
 - With JoEllen Seiser, Lincoln Center, Steven's Point (1989),
Mother/Daughter Collaboration with Hannah Mercier, Etes-Vous Prets, Shabazz High School, Monroe Street Library, Victor Allen's Coffee House, Lutheran Campus Center, Community of Hope UCC (1998-2000)
 - Grandmother, Mother, Daughter* with Hannah Mercier and Lucille Fischer, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Reformation Lutheran Church (2001-2005)
 - With Joanne Kirkland, *A Century Between Us*, (2004)
 - Collaborative shows with Backyard Mosaic Women's Project (Current)
- Organizations:
 - Multi-Media & Visual Artist, Inc., Pacific School of Religion's Student Artist's Group, Madison Hours, Creative People's Group at 1st Congregational UCC, Peace Vigil, Women's Caucus for the Arts, No Limits for Women Artists, Laughing Women at the Well, Women Artists, G'Mammas, TimeBank, Caring for Common Ground; Interfaith Ecological Restoration

- Volunteer:
Luke House Meal, Salvation Army, Mifflin Street Co-op, Parent Volunteer, Church Volunteer, Shabazz City High School, Caring for Common Ground. Served on committees for Education, Social Concerns, Peace and Justice, Sustainability.

Personals

I am married to Gilbert Richardson. We are a blending family of four adult children and eleven grandchildren. Among other interests, I love to travel, camp, read, garden, hike, bike, canoe, cross country ski, swim and dance.