

CURRICULUM VITAE

John R. Mabry

EDUCATION

Certificate in Transitional Ministry Interim Ministry Network, Baltimore, MD	2018
Certificate in Anglican Studies Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, CA.	2016
Certificate in Spiritual Direction Supervision Chaplaincy Institute for Arts and Interfaith Ministry, Berkeley, CA.	2004
Certificate in the Art of Spiritual Direction Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA	1998
Ph.D., Philosophy and Religion California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA	1997
M.A., Spirituality Inst. in Culture and Creation Spirituality, Holy Names College, Oakland, CA	1990
California Single-Subject Secondary Teaching Credential: English California Baptist College, Riverside, CA	1989
B.A., English Literature California Baptist College, Riverside, CA	1988

MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Interim Pastor Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (formerly LCMS)	February 2013–present
Senior Pastor Grace North Church (UCC/NACCC)	June 2008–present
Associate Pastor Grace North Church (NACCC)	May 1994–June 2008
Installation as a Pastor in the United Church of Christ	April 22, 2012
Consecrated to Episcopacy for the	April 22, 2007

Old Catholic Order of Holy Wisdom

Ordination to the Priesthood
in the International Free Catholic Communion

July 13, 1991

Ordination to the Diaconate
in the International Free Catholic Communion

April 27, 1991

Licensed to the Gospel Ministry
by Berea Baptist Church (SBC)

May 13, 1979

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Program Director in Spiritual Direction
present

January 2003–

The Chaplaincy Institute

Duties: program design, administration, teaching, student supervision.

Core Faculty

January 2003–present

The Chaplaincy Institute

Duties: teaching World Religions, Comparative Theology, Practical Ministry skills.

Adjunct Faculty
2017

January Intercession

San Francisco Theological Seminary

Duties: teaching spiritual direction

Adjunct Faculty

2013–2015

Santa Clara University; Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministry

Duties: teaching spiritual formation, spiritual direction, prayer and discernment, intergenerational ministry, interreligious dialogue.

Adjunct Faculty, MA in Spiritual Guidance

Sept 2006– May 2012

Sophia University/Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Duties: teaching spiritual development, interviewing prospective students, program development.

Adjunct Faculty

2007–June 2011

John F. Kennedy University

Duties: teaching Christian mysticism, world religions.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Publisher and Editor-in-Chief

May 2004—present

The Apocryphile Press

Duties: All aspects of book production, including acquisition, editing, page layout, marketing and distribution.

Managing Editor

February 1997–May 2005

Pacific Church News: The Magazine of the Episcopal Diocese of California

Duties: production coordination, editing, staff writing, proof reading, research, desktop production.

Editor

November 1997—October 2003

Presence: The Journal of Spiritual Directors International

Duties: article selection, editing, staff writing, production coordination, staff and volunteer coordination, proof reading, research, desktop production.

Managing Editor

October 1989–January 1995

Creation Spirituality magazine

Duties: production coordination, editing, article selection, staff writing, proof reading, research, desktop production.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Spiritual Guidance Across Religions: A Sourcebook for Spiritual Directors and other People Providing Counsel to People of Differing Faith Traditions (Woodstock, VT: Skylight Paths/Jewish Lights Publishing, 2014).

Faithful Generations: Ministry for the Five Generations Alive Today (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse/Church Publishing, 2013).

Growing Into God: A Beginner's Guide to Christian Mysticism (Wheaton, IL: Quest Books, 2012).

Salvation of the True Rock: The Sufi Poetry of Najat Ozkaya (Berkeley: Apocryphile Press, 2011)

Sermons that Connect: A Beginner's Guide to Crafting and Delivering Powerful, Excellent Sermons (Eugene, OR: Resource Publications/Wipf & Stock, 2011).

People of Faith: An Interfaith Companion to the Revised Common Lectionary (UK: O Books, 2009).

The Monster God: Images of Horrific Divinity in the Religions of the World (UK: O Books, 2008).

The Way of Thomas: Nine Insights for Enlightened Living from the Secret Sayings of Jesus (UK: O Books, 2007).

Noticing the Divine: Introducing Interfaith Spiritual Guidance (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse/Church Publishing, 2006).

God is a Great Underground River (Berkeley: Apocryphile Press, 2006).

God Has One Eye: Mystics of the World's Religions (Berkeley: Apocryphile Press, 2006).

Faith Styles: A Spiritual Typology for Spiritual Guidance and Ministry (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse/Church Publishing, 2006).

I Believe in a God Who Is Growing: Process Perspectives on the Creed, the Sacraments, and the Christian Life (Berkeley: Apocryphile Press, 2006).

Who Are the Independent Catholics: An Introduction to the Old Catholic and Independent Catholic Churches (co-author with John P. Plummer) (Berkeley: Apocryphile Press, 2006).

Crisis & Communion: The Remythologization of the Eucharist (Berkeley: Apocryphile Press, 2004). Adapted from my doctoral dissertation for popular reading.

Heretics, Mystics & Misfits (Berkeley: Apocryphile Press, 2004).

Tau en Christendom: God in de ogen van de natuur (Den Haag, Netherlands: Miranda, 1995). A Dutch translation of *God As Nature Sees God*.

God As Nature Sees God: A Christian Reading of the Tao Te Ching (Rockport, MA: Element Books, 1994). Adapted from master's thesis for popular reading.

The Little Book of the Tao Te Ching (Rockport, MA: Element Books, 1995).

ARTICLES | *Selected Highlights*

"The Practice of Exchange in Spiritual Direction," *Presence: An International Journal of Spiritual Direction*, Vol. 19, No. 3, September 2013, p. 6.

"Generational Ministry: Spiritual Guidance for the Five Generations Alive Today," *Presence: An International Journal of Spiritual Direction*, Vol. 18 No. 4, December 2012.

"Six Archetypes of Spiritual Guidance" (with Dr. Lisa Fullam), *Presence: An International Journal of Spiritual Direction*, Vol. 18, No. 1, March 2012.

"The New Atheism," *Philosophy Now: A Magazine of Ideas*, No. 78, April/May 2010.

"Not the Same? Online Spiritual Direction, Supervision, and Training," *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry*, Vol. 30, 2011.

"Learning to Bridge Faith Traditions," *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry*, vol. 29, 2009.

"Singing At the Threshold of Life," *Pacific Church News*, Vol. 143, No. 1, p. 30.

"Three Modes of Interfaith Direction," *Presence: An International Journal of Spiritual Direction*, Vol. 10, No. 2, p. 7.

"The Care and Feeding of Generation X" in *Tending the Holy* (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 2004).

"Companioning People with Alzheimer's Disease" (With Robert B. Williams and Rita Hansen), *Presence: An International Journal of Spiritual Direction*, Vol. 9, No. 3, October 2003, p. 32.

"A Changeable Feast: A History of Communion," *Pacific Church News*, Vol. 140, Nos. 1-4, Winter–Autumn 2002 (published in four parts).

"Homecoming: Helping Xers Move from Alienation to Conversion," *The Way*, Summer Supplement 2000.

"The Gnostic Generation: Understanding and Ministering to Generation X," *Presence: The Journal of Spiritual Directors International*, Vol. 5, No. 2, May 1999, p. 35.

"The Way of Non-Direction: Insights on Spiritual Direction from the *Tao Te Ching*," *Presence: The Journal of Spiritual Directors International*, Vol. 4, No. 2, May 1998, p. 55.

——— Reprinted in *Tripod: A Journal of Christianity in China*, Vol. 19, No. 3, May–June, 1999, p. 22 (in both Chinese and English).

"Uncovering the Creation Spirituality Tradition: M.D. Chenu and Matthew Fox," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 11, No. 1, Spring 1995, pp. 10–11.

"Cyberspace and the Dream of Teilhard de Chardin," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 10, No. 2, Summer 1994, p. 22.

"Who Do You Trust? The Issue of Spiritual Authority," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 10, No. 1, Spring 1994, p. 57.

"God the Heretic," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 9, No. 6, Winter 1993, p. 45.

"Each in Their Own Tongue," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 9, No. 3, May/June 1993, p. 42.

"Bede Griffiths: Holy Man for Our Time," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 9, No. 2, May/June 1993, p. 41.

"The Sacrificed God," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 8, No. 6, November/December 1992, p. 42.

"An End to Suffering," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 8, No. 4, July/August 1992, p. 42.

"Morality and Work," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 8, No. 3, May/June 1992, p. 43.

"Ritual: Religion in Action," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 8, No. 2, March/April 1992, p. 8.

"Courage for Creative Theology," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 8, No. 1, January/February 1992, p. 46.

"Bear Each Others' Burdens," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 7, No. 6, November/December 1991, p. 46.

"There is No Salvation (Apart from the Body)," *Creation Spirituality*, Vol. 7, No. 3, May/June 1991, p. 37.

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA. Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries.

Spirituality and Scripture	Methods of Prayer
Interreligious Dialogue	Intergenerational Ministry
Discernment & Christian Decision-Making	

Chaplaincy Institute, Berkeley, CA. Certificate in Interfaith Spiritual Guidance.
Individual class sessions include:

Storytelling	Spiritual Assessment
The Art of Noticing	The Compassionate Observer
Rules and Ethics	The Non-directive Method
Discernment	Being the Wounded Healer
Wrestling with the Divine	The Interfaith Path
Guiding Non-religious People	Group Spiritual Direction
Establishing your Practice	Sexual Issues in Spiritual Direction
Generational Issues	

Chaplaincy Institute, Berkeley, CA. Interfaith Studies program. Individual class sessions include:

Interfaith Theology
Interfaith Theodicy
Interfaith Eschatology
Interfaith Soteriology
Christian Soteriology
Leadership & Power
Process Theology

Spiritual Direction
Varieties of Spiritual Direction
Spiritual Typology
Spiritual Discernment Methods
Listening Skills
Noticing the Divine

World Religions
Introduction to Christianity
Introduction to Buddhism
Introduction to Judaism
Introduction to Hinduism
Introduction to Taoism

Practical Ministry Skills
Introduction to Weddings
Introduction to Baptism
Introduction to Eucharist

Sofia University/Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA. Spiritual Guidance Master's Program.

World Religions
Practicum in Spiritual Guidance
Internship in Spiritual Guidance

Psychology of Spiritual Development
Spiritual Emergence/Emergency

John F. Kennedy University, Pleasant Hill, CA. School for Holistic Studies.

Christian Mysticism

World Religions

LANGUAGES STUDIED

Chinese (Classical), 1992-1993, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA.

Latin (Ecclesiastical), 1994-1995, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA.

Greek (Koine), 1986, California Baptist College, Riverside, CA.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Winner, **1988 World Bible Society Award for Excellence in Greek Scholarship** for translation of the *Didache*

Winner, **1988 President's Writing Award**, California Baptist College

Winner, **1988 Creative Writing Award**, California Baptist College

Winner, **1988 Senior of the Year Award**, California Baptist College