

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**John R. Mabry**

### EDUCATION

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

### MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Interim Pastor</b> Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (formerly LCMS)	February 2013–present
<b>Senior Pastor</b> Grace North Church (UCC/NACCC)	June 2008–present
<b>Associate Pastor</b> Grace North Church (NACCC)	May 1994–June 2008
<b>Installation as a Pastor in the United Church of Christ</b>	April 22, 2012
<b>Consecrated to Episcopacy</b> 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 Deaconate**  
in the International Free Catholic Communion

April 27, 1991

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

May 13, 1979

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

<b>Program Director in Spiritual Direction</b> The Chaplaincy Institute <i>Duties: program design, administration, teaching, student supervision.</i>	January 2003– present
<b>Core Faculty</b> The Chaplaincy Institute <i>Duties: teaching World Religions, Comparative Theology, Practical Ministry skills.</i>	January 2003–present
<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> 2017 San Francisco Theological Seminary <i>Duties: teaching spiritual direction</i>	January Intercession
<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> Santa Clara University; Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministry <i>Duties: teaching spiritual formation, spiritual direction, prayer and discernment, intergenerational ministry, interreligious dialogue.</i>	2013–2015
<b>Adjunct Faculty, MA in Spiritual Guidance</b> Sophia University/Institute of Transpersonal Psychology <i>Duties: teaching spiritual development, interviewing prospective students, program development.</i>	Sept 2006– May 2012
<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> John F. Kennedy University <i>Duties: teaching Christian mysticism, world religions.</i>	2007–June 2011

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Publisher and Editor-in-Chief</b> <i>The Apocryphile Press</i> <i>Duties: All aspects of book production, including acquisition, editing, page layout, marketing and distribution.</i>	May 2004—present
<b>Managing Editor</b> <i>Pacific Church News: The Magazine of the Episcopal Diocese of California</i> <i>Duties: production coordination, editing, staff writing, proof reading, research, desktop production.</i>	February 1997—May 2005
<b>Editor</b> <i>Presence: The Journal of Spiritual Directors International</i> <i>Duties: article selection, editing, staff writing, production coordination, staff and volunteer coordination, proof reading, research, desktop production.</i>	November 1997—October 2003
<b>Managing Editor</b> <i>Creation Spirituality magazine</i> <i>Duties: production coordination, editing, article selection, staff writing, proof reading, research, desktop production.</i>	October 1989—January 1995

## 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).

"Companionship 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