

Pulling Back the Curtains

Book Background: Rev. Dr. Rollin Russell was reared in parsonages in Indianapolis and New Orleans and after graduating from seminary served congregations in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Texas. He then served on staff in two UCC conferences and on a seminary faculty. This book seeks to shed light on the myriad issues that face all pastors, realities of which most church goers are oblivious: the blessed moments, the funny ones, the ambiguities and some of the teeth grinders.

Rev. Russell's pastoral journey spanned the eras of civil rights, the equal rights movement, two anti-war movements, the gay rights movement, and the ecological movement, each of which brought turmoil to churches and to society. In every phase his efforts to further unity are emphasized. This memoir is an effort to pull back the curtain on pastoral ministry during that era and offer theological, ethical and pastoral perspectives on that pilgrimage.

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Endorsements: Rollin Russell is a gifted storyteller and theological guide. His reflections extend from the shared faith within a congregation and the shared life of congregations over the past six decades. You will recognize the stories and appreciate his interpretations.

Rev. Richard Edens, Parish Pastor, Retired

This memoir is not only an honest, insightful and very personal reflection on a life well lived, but readable, scholarly commentary on ecumenical and social justice issues that will resonate with the reader on personal, professional, spiritual and cultural levels.

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