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## PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

2008 Ordained to the Office of Word and Sacrament, Eastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada  
2015 Certified Intentional Interim Minister, Interim Ministry Network.

## HONOURS, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- 2023 Guest Editor, *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Volume 44, Issue 2 - Canadian Lutheran History: Remembering Today, for the Sake of Tomorrow, Published by Martin Luther University College (MLUC, formerly Waterloo Lutheran Seminary) and Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon.
- 2017 Co-President with Monsignor James Hutton, Service in Commemoration of the 500th Year of the Reformation: From Conflict to Communion; Ecumenical and Indigenous Peoples Gathering, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Sudbury.
- 2017 Participant in the 2017 World Council of Churches Delegation to the 2017 Arctic Circle Assembly, (preCOP25), Reykjavik, Iceland, including meetings with Presidents of Iceland Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson and Gudni Th. Johannesson with His Holiness Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew I.. Outcome work included the “Just Peace with the Earth Statement” signed at Digranes Church, Kópavogur.
- 2016 Co-Author “Seeking a Spiritual Covenant: Possibilities in the Haldimand Tract,” Adrian Jacobs and Karen Kuhnert, *Yours, Mine, Ours: Unravelling the Doctrine of Discovery, Truth and Reconciliation Trilogy Series*, eds. Cheryl Woelk and Steve Heinrichs. 2016, (Book 1- *Wrongs to Rights: How Churches can Engage the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, 2016, Book 3 - *Quest for Respect: The Church and Indigenous Spirituality*, 2017, ed. Common Word Books.
- 2015 Invited Delegate to the *Future of Life in the Arctic Conference* hosted in Storforsen, Sweden by the Church of Sweden and the Canadian Council of Churches, (preCOP21). Outcomes included both the “Make It Operative” Campaign at the behest of Chief Wilton Littlechild, Commissioner of Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission (so as to advance legally-required inclusion of Indigenous Peoples, Women and Youth into the UN COP -Conference of the Parties on Climate Change) process, and also To address needs of circumpolar Peoples’ with *Future of Life in the Arctic Storforsen Appeal*.
- 2008 Author, “Listening to Fetal Loss Research, Lived Stories and the "Luring" Voice of God,” Karen Kuhnert in *The Spiritual Care Giver's Guide to Identity, Practice and Relationships: Transforming the Honeymoon in Spiritual Care and Therapy*, Thomas St. James O'Connor, Colleen Lashmar, Elizabeth Meakes, Editors, CAPPEWONT, Waterloo, ON, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, 2008.
- 1985 Luncheon Guest of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother at the invitation of the Honourable Helen Hunley, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.

- 2007 *Student Research Award*, The Society for Pastoral Counselling Research.
- 2008 **MDiv.** Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Waterloo Ontario Paper: *Fetal Death Response*.
- 2008 *The George and Matilda Kiehl Liturgical Arts Award*, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.
- 2008 *Delton J. Glebe Award in Pastoral Care and Counselling*, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.
- 1992 **B.A.** University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta  
Community Development Specialization, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies.
- 1991 *Charles S. Noble Award for Student Leadership at the University of Alberta*,  
In Recognition of Outstanding Dedication to the Students of Alberta.
- 1990 University of Alberta *Maimie Shaw Simpson Book Prize*  
for the Advancement of Women on Campus.
- 1985 *Alberta Youth Year Award*,  
Alberta Youth Year Secretariate, Government of Alberta.
- 1984 *Alberta Junior Citizen of the Year Distinction*  
TransAlta Utilities and Alberta Power, Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association.

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS**

- 2009 - Archivist (Story-keeper), Eastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada in partnership with Wilfrid Laurier University Archives and Special Collections.
- 2009 – 2011 Anniversary Archivist by the appointment of the Eastern Synod and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary in partnership with Laurier Archives and Special Collections for the Joint Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary (MLUC/LUTHER) and Wilfrid Laurier University.
- 2024 - 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign Committee for the Canadian Council of Churches.
- 2018- 2023 Two Rivers Ministry Area (Eastern Synod) Leadership Team.
- 2017 Invited Delegate to the *World Council of Churches Conference on Just Peace with Earth* and Ecumenical Service at the Hallgrímskirkja; Preacher at the Grensás Church, Reykjavik, translation by Rev. Dr. María Ágústsdóttir.
- 2012- 2014 Elected to Kitchener -Waterloo Eastern Synod Lutheran Church Conference Council; helped guide the KW Conference into three Ministry Areas (Map & Identity Exercise).
- 2011 – 2017 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada Representative to the KAIROS Indigenous Rights Circle (KIRC), KAIROS Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, Canada.

#### **PRINCIPAL**

- 2021 Ongoing Remembering Today for the Church of Tomorrow Project, Co-ordinators include Donald W. Sjoberg, Stephen Larson, Gordon Jensen, Rebecca Voigts Larson and Karen Kuhnert. See CanadianLutheranHistory.CA. List of oral history interviews, videos and webinars to follow.

## LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

SEPT 2017 – OCT 2022	Called Pastor	St. James, St. Jacobs, ON
Dec 2016 – July 2017	Interim Ministry	Faith, Fergus and Elora, ON
May 2014 – April 2015	Intentional Interim	St. Peters, Milverton, ON
Sept 2013 – July 2014	Contract Pastor	Zion, Stratford, ON
Sept 2012 – July 2013	Contract Pastor	St. Stephens, Kitchener & St. James, Mannheim, ON
May 2008 – June 2010	Called Pastor	St. James, Baden, ON

2009-2020 Trinity Village Care Centre monthly ministry Preacher-President.

2013-2015 Trinity Village Board Member

## SEMINARY PLACEMENTS

Chaplain Intern, Campus Ministry Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo and

Intern, St. Matthews's Kitchener

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student Placement, Christ Lutheran Waterloo

1<sup>st</sup> Year Student Placement, Mount Zion Waterloo

## ADVANCED EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

2017 *Transformational Leadership Program*, Eastern Synod, ELCIC

2016 *Time For A Change: Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice*, TI2016, Renison College Module  
Trinity Institute 2016 Conference, Trinity Wall Street, New York City, Online

Bishop Michael Curry, <https://trinitywallstreet.org/videos/ti2016-confronting-demon-racism>

<https://trinitywallstreet.org/videos/trinity-institute-bishop-curry-sermon>

Emilie Townes <https://trinitywallstreet.org/videos/trinity-institute-peoples-history-race>

*The Shadow of Slavery*, <https://trinitywallstreet.org/videos/shadow-slavery>

Kelly Brown Douglas <https://trinitywallstreet.org/videos/trinity-institute-soul-searching-culture-control-kelly-brown-douglas>

Julian Wachner,

Deconstructing Whiteness, <https://trinitywallstreet.org/videos/deconstructing-whiteness>

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva

The Art of Listening, <https://trinitywallstreet.org/videos/art-listening>

Heidi Kim, Missioner for Racial Reconciliation, Justice & Advocacy Ministries, the Episcopal Church, <https://trinitywallstreet.org/videos/discovery-class-look-mirror>

Janine Tinsley-Roe (Founder and Executive Director, Shinnecock-Sewanaka Society, former Native American Missioner for The Episcopal Church); Gary Dorrien (Reinhold Niebuhr

Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary; Economy, Difference, Empire: Social

Ethics for Social Justice); T. James Kodera (Professor of Religion, Wellesley College)

<https://trinitywallstreet.org/videos/trinity-institute-panel-qa>

- 2016 *Generous Giving Practicum*, Evangelical Lutheran Foundation of Canada
- 2015 *Intentional Interim Ministry Program*, Interim Ministry Network  
 IMN Field Work, 2016  
 FTML - The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Leader  
 FTMC - The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Congregation
- 2013 *Readings in Canadian History*, H429, Department of History (Senior Undergraduate Level)  
 Wilfrid Laurier University with Professor Emerita (History) Dr. Suzanne Zeller.
- 2012 *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times* Training Event, Peter Steinke.
- 2009 *Theology in Canadian Contexts*, 681i (Doctoral Level)  
 Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Dr. Allen Jorgenson.
- 2007 *Clinical Pastoral Education – 2nd Basic (Extended) Unit*, Cambridge Memorial Hospital  
 September 2, 2007 – March 27, 2008.
- 2006 *Clinical Pastoral Education – 1st Basic (Intensive) Unit*, Cambridge Memorial Hospital.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Chapters

- 2016 “Seeking a Spiritual Covenant: Possibilities in the Haldimand Tract,” Adrian Jacobs and Karen Kuhnert, *Yours, Mine, Ours: Unravelling the Doctrine of Discovery*, TRC Trilogy Series, eds. Cheryl Woelk and Steve Heinrichs, 2016, (Book 3 - *Quest for Respect: The Church and Indigenous Spirituality*, 2017, ed. Jeff Friesen; *Wrongs to Rights: How Churches can Engage the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, 2016, ed. Steve Heinrichs), Common Word Books.
- 2008 “Listening to Fetal Loss Research, Lived Stories and the "Luring" Voice of God, *The Spiritual Care Giver's Guide to Identity, Practice and Relationships: Transforming the Honeymoon in Spiritual Care and Therapy*, Thomas St. James O'Connor, Colleen Lashmar, Elizabeth Meakes, Editors, CAPPEWONT (Southwestern Ontario Region of the Canadian Association for Pastoral Practice and Education); Waterloo, ON: Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, 2008.

### Guest Editor:

- 2023 Volume 44, Issue 2 Guest Editor, *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Canadian Lutheran History: Remembering Today, for the Sake of Tomorrow.

### Editorial in *Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology*

- 2023 FOREWORD: "Canadian Lutheran History: Remembering Today, for the Sake of Tomorrow," *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Vol. 44: Iss. 2, Article 1. DOI: 10.51644/FJTQ5960, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol44/iss2/1> .

### Current Articles:

- Forthcoming*: “*Experiencing Gospel: Luther, Men, Women and Children around the Table in Reformation and Contemporary Eras, A Tribute to Gordon Jensen*” release July 2024 *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*.

## Journal Articles

- 2023 "Canadian Lutheran History Sources and Resources Presentation: Remembering for the Sake of the Gospel," *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Vol. 44: Iss. 2, Article 7. DOI: 10.51644/BFUK9892, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol44/iss2/7> .
- "Remembering Canadian Lutheran World Relief - Relationships: Coastal Compassion, A Propositional History," *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Vol. 44: Iss. 2, Article 10. DOI: 10.51644/LKTM5606, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol44/iss2/10> .
- "Remembering Canadian Lutheran World Relief—Relationships: Mid-Century Concord and Discord, A Propositional History," *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Vol. 44: Iss. 2, Article 11. DOI: 10.51644/UIHP3680, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol44/iss2/11> .
- Gordon A. Jensen; Karen Kuhnert; Donald W Sjoberg and Stephen Larson "Consideration of the Affirmation and Appeal, with Appreciation for the Work of Norman J. Threinen," *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Vol. 44: Iss. 2, Article 5. DOI: 10.51644/PGAM8611, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol44/iss2/5> .
- Karen Kuhnert and Gordon A. Jensen, "Selected Bibliography in Canadian Lutheran History," *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Vol. 44: Iss. 2, Article 19. DOI: 10.51644/FVZN6286, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol44/iss2/19> .
- Stephen Larson; Kenneth C. Kuhn and Karen Kuhnert "Remembering Lutheran Campus Ministry For the Sake of the Gospel," *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Vol. 44: Iss. 2, Article 12. DOI: 10.51644/SKIZ4651, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol44/iss2/12> .
- Stephen Larson; Gordon A. Jensen; Donald W. Sjoberg; Karen Kuhnert; Peter Mathiasen, Peter; and Raymond T. Blacklock, "Remembering Canadians in Global Missions and World Service," *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Vol. 44: Iss. 2, Article 17. DOI: 10.51644/HCBC5596, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol44/iss2/17> .
- Jennifer Ardon; Hanne Kuhnert; Marcus Busch; Donald W. Sjoberg; Gordon A. Jensen, Karin Achtelstetter; Senait B., and Rachel Manyon, Transcribed and Edited by Karen Kuhnert, "Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran Immigration Board of Canada," *Consensus: Vol. 44: Iss. 2, Article 13*. DOI: 10.51644/TNMW6372, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol44/iss2/13> .
- 2022 "2SLGBTQIA+- Sexuality in Changing Canadian Lutheran Contexts and Identities," *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Vol. 43: Iss. 2, Article 7. DOI: 10.51644/IIZK7015, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol43/iss2/7>; 663 Usages.

2012 "“Only If”: Lutheran Identity in Canada," *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, Vol. 34: Iss. 1, Article 3. DOI: 10.51644/WQON2276, <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol34/iss1/3> ; 587 Usages.

***Published Sermons, Liturgies, Prayers and Resources***

2019 Featured interview subject in *Stronger Together*, 14 Minute Film by Rebel Sky Media, produced for Woodland Cultural Centre, <https://htepartnership.ca/2019-film> .

2014 Co-creator KAIROS Advent Resource: *Building Reconciled Relationships*.

2011 Video Script Editor and Production Consultant *Remembering for the Future* Commemorative DVD for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wilfrid Laurier University and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eastern Synod, ELCIC.

**LUTHERAN IDENTITY AND OTHER ACADEMIC STUDY TRIPS**

2024 March 2024 research at the United Nations, the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation Libraries and Archives in Geneva, Switzerland.

2023 LWF Krakow and Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland; Holy Roman Empire Research in Vienna, Austria; Luther and Reformations Tour, Germany and Switzerland; WWII Occupations and Oppressions study in Berlin and in Baltic Lutheran Churches (Finland, Estonia, Latvia); Canadian History and Canadian Lutheran History with the Anglican Church of Canada, London, England.

2022 and 2023 Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

2019 October: New York State: Seneca-Iroquois National Museum (Western Door); Harriet Tubman National Home and Historical Sites, Church and Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn; Auburn Human Rights Commission Museum; Cayuga County Records Office; Schoharie and Mohawk Valley Lutheran Churches; Auriesville Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs; Johnson Hall Historic Site; Fort Stanwix and Oriskany Battlefield site; New York State Library Albany; Iroquois Museum (Schoharie, Eastern Door); Saratoga National Historic Park; Fort Ticonderoga; Château Ramezay - Historic Site and Museum of Montréal, Historic Home of Canada's Governors General including Sirs Frederick Haldimand and Guy Carleton, and Governor of Montreal Claude de Ramezay; Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec (BANQ).

2019 February: Seneca-Iroquois National Museum (Western Door); State Museum of Pennsylvania (Harrisburg); Gettysburg Seminary and Battlefield, Gettysburg; Oneida Nation of the Thames Museum; National Museum of the American Indian; National Museum of African American History and Culture; Library of Congress; Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park; Capitol Building; Return on the Trail of the Black Walnut Conestoga, Pennsylvania to Conestogo, Ontario.

2018 Queenston Heights; Haudenosaunee Landscape of Nations; Niagara Regional Native Friendship Centre; Fort George National Historic Site; Seneca Falls Women's Rights National Historical Park.

2016 Provincial Archives of Alberta, Alberta and Northwest Territories Synod, ELCIC Fonds.

2016 Great Peace of Montreal, 1701 and Georgian Bay Reconciliation Research: Chippewas of Rama First Nations Office; Rama Cultural and Research Centre; Rama Public Library.

- 2016 Upper Canada Village and Pioneer Cemetery; Library and Archives Canada; Cemeteries of South Dundas Parish; Pointe-À-Calliere; Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History.
- 2015 Charles H. Wright Museum of African American Heritage, Detroit; Second Baptist Church – Last Stop on the Underground Railroad Site; Dossin Great Lakes (Immigration) Museum; Museum of Ontario Archaeology, London.
- 2015 Nova Scotia Archives; Dalhousie University Library and Archives; Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre; Little Deutsch Church Historic Site; St. George's Anglican Church; Halifax, Black Educators Association; Resurrection Lutheran, Halifax; Our Saviour Dartmouth; Africville Heritage Communities (original and relocated); Black Cultural Centre Museum Dartmouth; Lunenburg and Lunenburg County.
- 2012 Provincial Archives of New Brunswick; University of New Brunswick Library.
- 2003 Archives of Manitoba, Synod of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, ELCIC Collections.
- 1998 The Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) Library and Archives, Saskatchewan Synod, ELCIC.

#### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND TEACHING SEMINARS (SELECTED)**

- 2022 Presenter, *November 15*, Webinar Series *For the Sake of the Gospel*, co-sponsored by the Remembering Today for the Church of Tomorrow Project, Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon and Martin Luther University College
- "Canadian Lutheran History Sources and Resources Presentation: Remembering For the Sake of the Gospel."
  - "Remembering Canadian Lutheran World Relief - Relationships: Coastal Compassion, A Propositional History."
  - "Remembering Canadian Lutheran World Relief—Relationships: Mid-Century Concord and Discord, A Propositional History."
  - "Remembering Lutheran Campus Ministry For the Sake of the Gospel," Stephen Larson; Kenneth C. Kuhn and Karen Kuhnert.
- Panelist, *October 25*, for the Webinar Series *For the Sake of the Gospel*, co-sponsored by the Remembering Today for the Church of Tomorrow Project, Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon and Martin Luther University College
- "Consideration of the Affirmation and Appeal, with Appreciation for the Work of Norman J. Threinen."
- 2011-2020 Curator and presenter of content related to Lutherans and Canadian Black History for the Annual Black History Month celebration of Maranatha Lutheran Caribbean Black History Month celebration in partnership with the Congress of Black Women KW and the CCAWR Canadian Caribbean Association of Waterloo Region.
- From 2018-2021 this included research and animation for the *Hymn to Freedom* Project and the creation of the sound recording and video production of *Many Roads to Freedom in Recognition of Canadian Black History* led by Lauris DaCosta. This is a bilingual and specifically Canadian equivalent to “Lift Every Voice and Sing: The African-American or ‘Black’ National Anthem,” see. <https://www.hymntofreedom.ca/> .
- 2017 Co-presenter, *Nord500North Conference*, “*With not For*” presentation with Sister Priscilla Solomon at the Commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, Sudbury.

- 2017 Co-creator, *Stronger Together On* -Reserve Week-long Intergenerational Learning Retreat between the Haldimand Tract Ecumenical Partnership and Six Nations Polytechnic, at Ohsweken, Six Nations of the Grand River.
- 2016 Sponsorship Co-Chair, Planning Committee for the 2016 National Worship Conference for the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.
- 2015 Participant and presenter, Ecumenical and Six Nations Reconciliation Retreat at Six Nations, November 2015, with Six Nations Polytechnic. This was foundational to the launch of the Haldimand Tract Ecumenical Partnership, see <https://htepartnership.ca/> .
- 2013 Panelist, KAIROS Circle-Fest and KIRC Toronto (Spring Meeting) participant in KIRC meeting in Squamish Lil'wat Territory BC (Fall).
- 2011 Co-Curator, March 5, 2011, *Celebrating the Leupold Legacy* event at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Curator of the five-room Archival exhibition for Wilfrid Laurier University and Church guests and the public.
- 2009 -2012 Judge, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Masters Graduate Level Poster Contest in Spiritual/Pastoral Care and Counselling at the request of Dr. Thomas St. James O'Connor.
- 2008 Presenter, Society for Pastoral Counselling Research Conference, now affiliated with the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA).
- 2007 Presenter, National Conference of the Canadian Association for Pastoral Practice Education.

### **Church Articles**

- 2021 Archivist Report, *Bulletin of Reports*, Eighteenth Convention, Eastern Synod, ELCIC, 2021, <https://easternsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/Bulletin-of-Reports-reduced-size.pdf> .
- 2018 Archivist Report, *Bulletin of Reports*, Seventeenth Biennial Convention, Eastern Synod, ELCIC, 2018, <https://easternsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/Assembly-2018-Bulletin-of-Reports-Reduced-File-Size.pdf> .
- 2016 Archivist Report, *Bulletin of Reports*, Sixteenth Biennial Convention, Eastern Synod, ELCIC, 2016.
- 2014 Archivist Report *Bulletin of Reports*, Fifteenth Biennial Convention, Eastern Synod, ELCIC, 2014.
- 2014 "A Challenging Gift," in *Canada Lutheran*, January/February, 2014.
- 2012 Acting Archivist Report, *Bulletin of Reports*, Fourteenth Biennial Convention, Eastern Synod, ELCIC, 2012.

### **GRANT FUNDED ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS FOR THE REMEMBERING TODAY PROJECT**

ELCIC National Bishops: Donald Sjoberg, Telmor Sartison, Raymond Schultz and Susan Johnson

ELCIC Executive Leaders: Leon Gilbertson, Jim Chell

ELCIC Seminary Dean Richard Crossman,

ELCIC Lay Leaders: Jan Storch, Don Storch, Lois Johnson

ELCIC Deacons Michelle Collin Sherry Coman, Scott Knarr, Anne Keffer



ELCIC and Predecessor Campus Ministers: Walter Goos, Paul Bosch, John Vedell, Stephen Larson, Kenneth Kuhn, Sherry Coman, Bill Wiegert, Ralph Carl Wushke, Richard Reimer, Robert Schantz, H. Paul Schmidt, Anne Keffer.

### **CHURCH PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

- 2019      Retreat Chaplain, Eastern Synod Women’s Ministries Biennial Women’s Retreat, “Joy in the Journey,” Niagara Ministry Area Leadership Team. Archivist Presentations on Lutheran and Indigenous Reconciliation.
- 2017      Participant, October 29, 2017 Central Toronto Area Churches Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Archival Material and Research.
- 2016      Co-organizer, Presenter, Advancing the Biennium Reconciliation Initiative, June 21, 2016, Eastern Synod Assembly 2016 with Chief Ava Hill and Father Norm Casey: Acknowledging Neighbours, Treaty and Traditional Territories. The Assembly agreed to continue BRI, this is now known as the Eastern Synod Circle for Reconciliation and Justice.
- 2016      Presenter, Eastern Synod Huronia Ministry Area Gathering, *Reconciliation and Reformation Where Treaty Peoples’ Meet*, Midland, Ontario, May 2016.
- 2016      Presenter, Eastern Synod Northern Ministry Area Gathering, *Reconciliation and Reformation, meeting Anishinaabe Neighbours*, Magnetawan, Ontario, May 2016.
- 2015      Participant, Dec 8, 2015, Thinking About Lutheran Church Archives meeting, Eastern Synod, ELCIC and Laurier Library, Archives and Special Collections Talking Together.
- 2015      Presenter, Eastern Synod Atlantic Ministry Area Gathering, *Reconciliation and Reformation Meeting Mi’kmaq Neighbours*, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, June 2015. Guest Preacher, St. Paul’s Bridgewater.
- 2014      Co-organizer and Presenter, Launch of the Biennium Reconciliation Initiative at “Together for the Love of the World,” June 27, 2014, Eastern Synod Assembly 2014 with Mino Ode Kwewak N’gamawak, Commissioner Marie Wilson of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, Jennifer Henry and Ed Bianchi of KAIROS. Task Force Leaders Phil Heinze and Karen Kuhnert.
- 2014      Co-creator of the Lutheran Version of the KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE, with Ed Bianchi of KAIROS.
- 2011      Presenter, Georgian Bay Lutheran Church Women Anniversary Event, Oct 29, Elmwood.
- 2011      Presenter, *Rethinking Canadian Lutheran History*, Archivist Presentation to the Eastern Synod Deans and Directors Meeting.
- 2011      Presenter, *Foundations for Ottawa Valley Lutherans*, Archivist Presentation to the Ottawa Valley Ministry Area, 150-100 Anniversary Celebration, Pembroke.
- 2011      Presenter, *Earliest Toronto Area Lutheran Experiences*, Archivist Presentation to the GTA East, GTA West and Central Toronto Ministry Area congregations, 150-100 Anniversary Celebration, Zion, Sherwood/Toronto.

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT INVOLVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2023 Visitor, Thirteenth Lutheran World Federation Assembly, Krakow, Poland.
- 2019 Applicant, Eastern Synod Youth and Young Adult Committee application for *Change the World School* funding for an intergenerational tour of Inter-religious, Cross-cultural, and Gender Justice Rights learning sites including the UN in New York and the Smithsonian in Washington.
- 2019 Delegate 2019 ELCIC National Convention, Regina.
- 2018 Organizer, Four Week Two-Rivers Ministry Area Study on the “ELCIC Study Guide on Medical Assistance in Dying.”
- 2018 Group Leader, CLAY Thunder Bay, Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering, Thunder Bay, ON, for St. James, St. Jacobs Young Adults.
- 2017 Support person for preparations for the Eastern Synod Thames Ministry Area Gathering, *Reconciliation and Us*, London, Ontario, November 2017.
- 2017 Representative Participant, *Ancient Voices Contemporary Contexts*, Lutheran Representative to the Two Circles North American Gathering, American Indian Institute.
- 2017 Representative Participant, KAIROS Circle-fest Gathering, and Kairos Indigenous Rights Circle (KIRC meeting) Toronto, May.
- 2016 Participant, Bay Ministry Area Evening with Chief Ava Hill on “Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Truth and Reconciliation, Six Nations Community.
- 2016 Participant, *Generous Giving Practicum* (October 3-4, 2016) Sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Foundation of Eastern Canada, Geneva Park Conference Centre, Georgian Bay.
- 2016 Co-leader for Trinity New Hamburg Youth, CLAY PEI, Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering, Prince Edward Island.
- 2016 Co-founder of the Lutheran Young Adult “35 Under 35” Project that became the Young Canadian Lutherans Movement.
- 2016 Participant, KAIROS Kitchi Blanket Exercise and Intergenerational Indigenous and Ecumenical Gathering, Ottawa.
- 2016 Representative Participant, Kairos Indigenous Rights Circle (KIRC), and KIRC Fall Meeting Edmonton, AB with Edmonton Native Healing Centre and Poundmaker Lodge.
- 2015 Participant, Canadian Delegation to the Detroit Youth Gathering, 30,000 participants in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Youth Gathering with Trinity New Hamburg.
- 2015 Participant, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, Final Report Event, Ottawa.
- 2015 Participant, National Walk for Reconciliation, Ottawa.
- 2015 Participant, KAIROS Gathering, and Representative Participant in the Kairos Indigenous Rights Circle (KIRC) *Time for Reconciliation* (Ottawa May 29-June 5), and KIRC Fall Meeting Toronto, ON with Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre.
- 2014 Process Participant, Report of UN Special Rapporteur to Canada James Anaya.
- 2014 Representative Participant, KAIROS Circle-Fest and KIRC Toronto (Spring meeting) *Resetting the Relationships* process.

- 2014 Participant, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, National Event, Edmonton, Alberta.
- 2013 Process Participant, Preparations for the Visit of UN Special Rapporteur to Canada James Anaya.
- 2013 Reader, Harley Eagle Presentation to the World Council of Churches on the Doctrine of Discovery, Busan, Korea.
- 2012 Representative Participant, KAIROS Circle-Fest and KIRC Toronto (Spring meeting) and St. Andrews By The Sea, NB (Fall meeting) with Passamaquoddy Chief Akagi and Alma Brooks of the Wabanaki Confederacy.
- 2011 Representative Participant, KAIROS Gathering, and Kairos Indigenous Rights Circle (KIRC) formation events (Spring), KIRC Fall Meeting North Bay, ON with Anishinabek Nation Leaders and Staff.
- 2010 Worship Volunteer, Eleventh Lutheran World Federation Assembly, Stuttgart, Germany.
- 2003 Student Visitor, Tenth Lutheran World Federation Assembly, Winnipeg, Canada.

#### **MEDIA CHANNELS AND PRODUCTION**

**Personal Website:** LutheranSynodSeminary.com

**Remembering Website:** CanadianLutheranHistory.ca

**YouTube** Channel: Karen Kuhnert – Congregation and Community Videos  
Channel: Canadian Lutheran History – *Remembering Project* Videos

#### **DVD AND DISTRIBUTION PACKAGING WITH DVD SCRIPT BOOKLET**

*Remembering for the Future*, 2011 Commemorative DVD for the 150th Anniversary of the Eastern Synod and 100th Anniversary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and Wilfrid Laurier University.

Karen Kuhnert DVD Script Editor and Production Consultant (not screenwriter), see <https://porthope.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S192C2832571>. This citation under-describes the contribution of Project Principal Debbie Lou Ludolph, Video Host Bishop Michael Pryse and the work of Principal Dean David Pfrimmer in the development of the play storyline and DVD.

#### **ONLINE VIDEO CREATION/PRODUCTION (SELECTED BY VIEWS) CHURCH AND COMMUNITY**

248 Views, *A January 2021 Thank You and Prayer*: <https://youtu.be/ySipG0dhQLk>

94 Views, *7 Minutes "Join the Journey," ThunderCLAY 2018*: <https://youtu.be/rW262Wrn0ec>

98 Views *2021 Advent 3 Two Rivers Ministry Area*: <https://youtu.be/PmOsQEKA4bs>

88 Views *Trinity New Hamburg, CLAY 2016*: <https://youtu.be/NxSs3fALHXA>

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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Karen Hudson was born to Don and Shirley Hudson of Spirit River, Alberta. After completing high school Karen attended the University of Alberta beginning in 1985. For two years, Karen worked at Campus Recreation and at the Lister Hall Student Residence. In 1988 she ran for election as U of A Student Body President. In 1989 Karen was appointed to the VP-Academic Advisory Committee for the University of Alberta.

Following the March 20, 1989, Provincial Election, Karen began work as a Summer Student for the Alberta Government Caucus in the Legislature Office of the Honourable Robert (Bob) Bogle. In August Karen was then hired to serve as Executive Secretary to the seven-member All-Party Legislative Committee called the Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries with the Honourables Robert Bogle (Chair), Stockwell Day and Mike Cardinal of the Government Caucus, Pam Barrett and Tom Sigurdson of the New Democrat Caucus, and Percy Wickman and Frank Bruseker of the Liberal Caucus.

Nearing the conclusion of the mandate for the Select Special Committee, Karen was hired as a Researcher for the PC Government Caucus Research Branch and served those elected in the 1989 and 1993 Alberta General Elections, most specifically, the Honourable Pearl Calahasen, Glen Clegg, Robert (Butch) Fisher and John Drobot.

Karen Hudson and Peter Kuhnert married in 1989. After Peter completed his Family Medicine (MD, FCFP) and Anesthesia (GPA) training, the couple moved to Inuvik, NWT and became Co-owners of Arctic Family Medical House, historically Canada's most northern privately owned Medical Clinic. In their seven years in Inuvik, Karen additionally led the effort to bring the circumpolar Arctic Winter Games to the Canadian arctic Delta. And she was part of innovation teams working to develop community infrastructure in Inuvik (pool, arena, museum and church-community center).

In 2000, the Kuhnert family of five launched in Waterloo, Ontario to attend Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. The Reverend Doctor Peter Kuhnert (MD, MDiv.) was ordained in 2006 and Called to serve Maranatha Caribbean Lutheran Congregation. The Reverend Karen Kuhnert (MDiv.) was ordained and Called to St. James Lutheran Church in Baden in 2008.

Since meeting at the University of Alberta in 1985, Peter and Karen Kuhnert have been partners in life and work for almost forty-years.