



The Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

I am created by God to compassionately meet people where they are; to begin to illuminate the tension between how we live, think and love in the world and how God intends for us to live, think, and love in the world; to create and explore different paths towards that which God intends for us; and to co-journey with others, constantly proclaiming confidence in God. Our journey may lead us to places where it seems impossible to fulfill God's dream of radical inclusivity. Yet I have deep and abiding faith that God's dream will prevail, and God will lead us and all creation to wholeness.

Ministry Experience

Littleton United Methodist Church, Littleton, CO (2012 - currently)

- Lead Pastor of a theologically and vocationally diverse congregation of 1200 in South Denver that welcomes gay, straight, homeless, wealthy, seasoned Christians, and seekers into intentional community guided by the commitment to love one another in the name of Christ.
- Led the congregation through a multi-year visioning process that culminated in the development of a nonprofit whose mission is to build meaningful relationships among our neighbors through a weekly community meal that offers nourishment, unconditional love, and abundant grace.
- Implemented a Capital Campaign that raised over \$2.1 million to build a commercial kitchen, improve accessibility and increase hospitality.
- Developed systems and structures that empowered laity in a wide variety of leadership roles and ministries to work alongside seasoned staff of clergy and lay.
- Primary areas of focus: Worship, Vision, Stewardship, Administration.

First United Methodist Church of Cheyenne, WY (2005 – 2012)

- Senior Pastor of the largest United Methodist Church in Wyoming, one of the top 10 largest churches in the three-state area of the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- Led the congregation of 1100 from a wide variety of socio-economic levels including ranchers, senators, educators, blue-collar workers and medical professionals.
- Spearheaded a \$4.1 million building project to upgrade and increase usable and accessible space.
- Completed two successful capital campaigns raising \$3.2 million during economically challenging times.

First United Methodist Church Loveland, CO, Associate Pastor (2001 – 2005)

- Creative leadership exemplified in the Celebration of Ministry Events.
- Envisioned, developed and maintained the Hospitality and New Member Ministries.
- Pastoral Care leadership of Prayer Team, Hospital and Shut-In Visitation.
- Worship Leader, Coordinator and Designer, Class Facilitator and Retreat Leader.

Westminster United Methodist Church, Family Life Pastor (1997 - 2001)

- Youth Fellowship Coordinator and Team Leader developing programming, retreats and events.
- Children's Ministry Team Leader developing programming, events, drama ministry, ecumenical Vacation Bible School, fundraising for a new playground
- Child Care Ministries Leader developing personnel, safe sanctuary, and supervisory guidelines for Child Care Staff and developed a Child Care Ministry Team.
- Family Ministry Leader for family studies, retreats, and activities
- New Member's Class Teacher, Book Discussion Leader, Bible Study Leader, Worship Leader

Community and Conference Leadership

- Rotary Club of Littleton Director, 2016 - currently
- Faculty, Rocky Mountain Conference Local Licensing School, 2012 - 2016
- Iliff School of Theology Alumni Association, 2012-2016
- President of the Iliff School of Theology Alumni Association, 2015 - 2016
- Iliff School of Theology Board of Trustees, Alumni Representative 2015 - 2016
- Clergy Delegate, General and Jurisdictional Conference of the UMC, 2012
- Convener, Wyoming Research and Recommendation Team, Rocky Mountain

Leadership and Career Experience Prior to Ordination

- Covina United Methodist Church, Covina, California, Ministry as a Layperson. My first call came to resurrect the nonexistent Children's Ministry at my home church as the Education Commission Chairperson (1988 to 1990, and 1993 to 1994)
- Founder and owner Robinson Design Studio, Covina, California, an all-encompassing, multi-faceted graphic design company. After a successful seven-year run, the business was sold at a profit to allow pursuit of my call to ministry

Education

- Ordained Elder in Full Connection, June 2002
- Ordained Probationary Deacon towards Elders Orders, June 1999
- Iliff School of Theology Graduate, 1998, Master of Divinity with Distinction
- Master of Divinity program at School of Theology, Claremont (1993-1995)
- California State University, Fullerton, Class of 1988, B.A. in Art with High Honors

Publication History

- Contributing author in GBHEM's book entitled Breaking Through the Stained- Glass Ceiling: Women Pastoring Large Churches (2013)
- Article in Circuit Rider, February (2012)
- Article for The United Methodist Church's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM), Lead Women Pastors Project
- Interviewed numerous times for Christian Century, Loveland Reporter-Herald, and the Wyoming Tribune Eagle

Personal Career Highlights and Values Identification

- Developed "Break Bread" the nonprofit organization to bring neighbors together (Littleton UMC) which has developed transformative relationships between over 250 volunteers and 400 neighbors over the course of the first year and a half. This ministry grew out of the belief that while the presenting problem might be food insecurity, the larger issue is the common need for community. The culture of "Break Bread" does not allow for anyone to stand above another, but fosters mutuality, respect and community for all.
- Welcomed Pastor Juan Ixtan Calgua of a sister church in Patalup, Guatemala for an extended visit to First UMC, Cheyenne, Wyoming. This highlights the value I place on our global connections, on opportunities to broaden our understanding of different cultures, peoples and histories, and on developing relationships of reciprocity.
- Functioned as an After-Pastor, following a pastor who was de-frocked due to misconduct. As such I served the church as it recovered, healed and stepped into a new future. This illustrates my commitment to stand beside others in difficult situations, my courage in facing conflict, my ability to facilitate healing, and my call to serve in whatever circumstances my gifts can be used.
- Redefined and recreated the annual Charge Conference of a local church to become a celebration of ministry welcoming over 250 members to the yearly event (Loveland First UMC). I am a creative theologian eager to interpret the best part of church and religion in new and exciting ways.
- Wrote a paper critiquing a book on Romans which was presented to the author and received with great praise (Iliff School of Theology). I value academics, strong and grounded theological positions, critical thinking and intellect.

Leadership Style

I believe a team of people can create plans and visions stronger and more effective than anything an individual could. I enjoy the process of discovering what a team discerns, imagines, develop, and commits to, even as I understand my role to guide, nurture, lead, and decide. I like to make space for creative thinking, risk-taking and learning from our failures. I am collaborative in leadership style and strive for consensus. I operate out of a strong sense of grace. I offer my skills, experience and calling to the congregations I serve, eager to discover and receive the gifts the members offer to the sake of our shared ministry.

Personal Hobbies and Interests

I love spending time with my daughters, Emily (and son-in-law Dan), and Chloe, my cat Levon, and my Golden Retriever Lucy. I enjoy film and theater, music of all kinds, photography, travel, scuba diving, reading, exercise and friends. There is no greater privilege than to effectively communicate the love and grace of God.