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## Profile

- Commitment to spiritual care, presence and advocacy with individuals in need.
- Creative leadership skills.
- Inspirational style.
- Contemplative approach to working with groups.
- Innovative use of circle in facilitating shared reflections.
- Ability to create safe environments for reflection and creativity.
- Dedication to peace and justice work.

## Arts Ministry Experience

### Chaplaincy

Responds well in crisis situations, employs listening skills and creative spiritual assessment.

### Coordinator of Family Programs

Creative leadership style with families that enables them to understand themselves as a family unit and together reach for their potential.

### Workshop & Retreat Facilitator

Contemplative tools for guiding others in creating safe places for their own creative work and spiritual growth. Utilize the circle approach for a mutual worshipful reflection.

### Group Work Facilitator

Ability to draw out the gifts of individual participants without imposing personal vision and bring together a rich diversity of individuals and ideas.

### Commissioned Pieces & Individual Shows

This work draws on contemplative gifts, deep listening skills and a desire to bring beauty to our world.

## Work Experience

- Children's Outing Association as WSI Lifeguard and Instructor, Artist in Residence and Tutor (1974-6)
- Hillhaven Nursing Home as a Nurse's Aide (1975)
- Steven's Point School System as a Substitute Teacher (1979-80)
- Summer Institute for the Lutheran Human Relations Association of America as Designer and Director of Youth Program (1985-6)
- University of Wisconsin-Steven's Point Child Learning and Care Center as Assistant Teacher (1989-90)
- AfterSchool Day Care Association as Club and Program Specialist and Counselor (1991-93)
- Jefferson School and Charles M. White Memorial Library of Steven's Point as February Artist in Residence (1994)
- Saturday Enrichment Program at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Continuing Education at Edgewood College, Monroe Street Fine Arts and the Weaving Workshop as Weaving Instructor (1993-8)
- Meriter Hospital as Chaplain and Newstart Spirituality Facilitator (1996-2002)
- Community Supported Agriculture as Organic Farm Worker(1996-2002)
- Holden Village as Summer Retreat Staff and Village Artist (1996-2002)
- Lakeview Lutheran Church as Youth and Family Minister (1998-2000)
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church as Coordinator of PromiseKids' Program and Organic Garden Project, Arts Minister (2000-9)
- St. Mary's Hospital as Chaplain (2000-7)
- Greenfield High School as Artist in Residence (2005-6)
- Dane County Jail as Chaplain (2002-present)
- Co-facilitator of the Backyard Mosaic Project (2004-present)

## Education

- Bachelor of Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Teaching Certification, Grades 1- 6 (1978)
- Edgewood College, Religious Studies (1993)
- Meriter Hospital, Clinical Pastoral Education (1996)
- Master of Divinity, Chicago Theological Seminary (1998)
- The Art Institute of Chicago (1997-8)
- Doctor of Ministry, United Theological Seminary (2009)
- Ordination and Installation (2009)

## Projects and Shows

- Juried Shows:  
*Women Creating* , Charles White Library, Steven's Point (1991-3)

- Individual Shows:  
Madison; The Writer's Place, The Art House Café, Lutheran Campus Center, Wisconsin Conference, UCC, Pres House, Meriter Hospital, Monroe Street Fine Arts Center, Community of Hope UCC (1991, 2005), United Theological Seminary(2009)
- Group Shows:  
With JoEllen Seiser, Lincoln Center, Steven's Point (1989),  
*Mother/Daughter Collaboration* with Hannah Mercier, Etes-Vous Prets, Shabazz High School, Monroe Street Library, Victor Allen's Coffee House, Lutheran Campus Center, Community of Hope UCC(1998-2000)  
*Grandmother, Mother, Daughter* with Hannah Mercier and Lucille Fischer, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Reformation Lutheran Church (2001-2005)  
With Joanne Kirkland, *A Century Between Us*, (2004)
- Group Projects:  
Wisconsin Conference UCC; Representative to Nicaragua as Presenter and Artist (1986-8)  
Wisconsin Peace Coalition as Member, Coordinator of Steven's Point Sister City Project with Rostov-Veliky, Russian Federation and Designer of their Friendship Quilt and Fundraising Postcard (1986-90),  
Peace Weaving Facilitator, sending weavings of peace to people in need of support around the world (1991-2009)  
Internship with Judy Chicago's *Through the Flower*, Santa Fe, NM (1992),  
Student Sculpture and Woman's Space, Chicago Theological Seminary (1995-8)  
Facilitator of Student Art Group *Random Images* and Shows (1997-9)  
Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua as Healing Workshop Leader and Creator of a Peace Weaving and Postcard (1999-2000)  
Oblate of Holy Wisdom Monastery (1999-present)  
Reformation Lutheran's Wall, mural project (2001-3)  
Backyard Mosaic Women's Project: a community arts project for women who are incarcerated and returning to their families and communities. (2004-present)

#### Commissioned Pieces:

Chicago Theological Seminary (2001)  
Holden Village (2002)  
Ann Staniforth (2015)

- Organizations:  
Multi-Media & Visual Artist, Inc., Pacific School of Religion's Student Artist's Group, Madison Hours, Creative People's Group at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational UCC, Peace Vigil, Women's Caucus for the Arts, No Limits for Women Artists, Laughing Women at the Well, Women Artists, G'Mammas.  
Volunteer: Luke House Meal, Salvation Army, Mifflin Street Co-op, Parent Volunteer, Church Volunteer, Shabazz High School. Served on committees for Education, Social Concerns, Peace and Justice, Sustainability, TimeBank.

## **Special Areas of Study**

Design, Life Drawing and Anatomy, Weaving, Painting, Welding, Blacksmithing, Metalwork, Mosaics, Sculpture and Fibers. Currently combining Weaving and Sculpture.

## **Personals**

Married to Gilbert Richardson. Blending family of four adult children and eleven grandchildren. Traveling, camping, reading, gardening, hiking, biking, canoeing, skating, skiing, swimming, dancing.