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Present position

Youth and Urban Minister North Haven Congregational Church

Background and past positions

Grew up in New York City . . . Father, minister of the First Hungarian Reformed Church, New York . . . Secretary of the National Youth Cabinet of the United Church of Christ, 1961-62 . . . Delegate to the North American and European Ecumenical Youth Assemblies, 1961,1962 . . . Vice-president, Yale Divinity School Student Association, 1968 . . . Resident Director, Yale Summer Programs, 1968, 1969

Education

Rudolf Steiner School, New York, 1953-1961 . . . Yale University, B.A., 1965, majored in Chinese Studies and religion . . . Yale Divinity School, B.D., 1968, . . . Yale School of Art and Architecture, courses in the history of city planning and urban structure while at the divinity school

Urban experience 1963-68 Secretary of Dwight Hall, undergraduate organization at Yale responsible for student involvement in the New Haben inner city. Responsibility for developing new programs . . . YMCA group worker with inner city boys . . . Executive Secretary of Hill-Dwight Ministerial Alliance. Community organization work with black mission churches in New Haven inner city, field work while in divinity school. Organized day care center. Edited Alliance newspaper which was distributed to the churches. Worked with New Haven Redevelopment to relocate churches in renewal area. Assisted in comprehensive analysis of Hill area. Co-ordinated Alliance programs with Community Progress, Inc., New Haven's anti-poverty agency

Urban-suburban ministry, 1968 to the present Grant from the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ to discover ways of relating the North Haven church to an inner city target area in New Haven, Newhallville. Planned, with the assistance of Christian Community Action, a day long educational program on the interrelationship of the city and suburb. Worked with the black ministers in the Ministers Association of Newhallville. Secured and supervised divinity school student to work with Association. Developing a group within the North Haven church to take responsibility for continuing the ministry. Final report to the Conference to be "Manual for Developing an Urban-Suburban Ministry"

Vocational goals

To understand the dynamics of urban change . . . To enable the structures to be more responsive to the needs of people . . . To change the structures to create a more human urban environment