

RETIREES

The Reverend Carol Baggett-McKinley

I was born in Sacramento, Kentucky. I grew up with seven brothers and sister on the family farm which was passed down for several generations. I moved to Canada in the mid 1980s.

I have served in the United Church for 25 years as an ordained minister. I served at Plattsville/Washington, Queensville, Queensville-Holland Landing, Cookstown-Thornton, a contract position at Shining Waters Regional Council, and Asbury and West United Church.

I am married to Rick McKinley which has been and continues to be an adventure. I have three children Stephanie, Robert, and James, and three grandchildren, Christopher, Madison, and Laurie Ann.

I love spending time with family, travelling, gardening, and close friends. I plan to do all these things a lot more in retirement. I also plan to take up ballroom dancing.

The Reverend Cindy Cooper

I grew up at Grace United Church in Brampton, Ontario where I attended Sunday School, served a term as president of the youth group, taught Sunday School and chaired their pastoral care committee. I trained to be a primary/junior school teacher, but after two years supply teaching realized it was not for me. I then pursued becoming a Christian counsellor and began taking courses at Emmanuel College. I enjoyed the classes so much that I decided to get my M.Div. After graduating, I worked in lay ministry as a Staff Associate with the English speaking 2nd generation congregation of Toronto Korean United Church, from 1988-1991. I then served as Staff Associate in Christian Education and Pastoral Care for Centennial-Japanese United Church in Toronto from 1991-1994.

I felt a call to ordained ministry so began the process in 1994, culminating with ordination by Toronto Conference in 1997. From 1994-2006, I was the minister for the Home and Huttonville Pastoral Charge. In 2006 I returned as minister with Centennial-Japanese United Church and in 2011 became minister for both Centennial-Japanese United Church and Oriole York Mills United Church. They later amalgamated and became Bayview United Church in 2014 with whom I continued to minister until my retirement this year.

In the wider church, I served on the Toronto Conference Ethnic Ministries Committee and Youth and Young Adult committee in the early 1990s. Then I served on the presbytery and conference education and students committees, and the conference Internship Committee and Interview Board for over 20 years. It was a joy and a privilege to support many candidates through their ministry process.

I have had a full and vibrant ministry filled with inspiration, joy, sorrow, wonder, worship, service, learning, Reiki healing, grace and love. I am thankful for the opportunity to share God's love and blessings with so many wonderful people in such meaningful and positive ways. I am looking forward to the new roads I will explore in the next phase of my life.

The Reverend Hugh D. Reid

Hugh was born and raised in Hamilton, ON. His gifts as a speaker were recognized early and honed as a finalist for Ontario in the National High School Public Speaking competition held in Yellowknife, N.W.T. and as the Chair of the debating union and member of the Hart House debates committee at the University of Toronto.

He attended Victoria University, U of T and completed his Masters of Divinity at Emmanuel College, graduating with the Sanford Gold Medal in Divinity and a post-graduate fellowship. Hugh has been married to Esther for 39 years and they have two grown children, Heather an artist in Montreal and Will a nuclear engineer in Port Elgin.

Hugh has been in full time ministry for 37 years, serving three pastoral charges beginning with a three-point charge near Dunnville (South Cayuga), then Ryerson in Hamilton, and for the past 22 years, he has been coordinating minister at Kingsway-Lambton, in Etobicoke. He also served for two years as a Teaching Assistant in Systematic Theology at Emmanuel College while doing doctoral work and for a year as adjunct faculty in Pastoral Care at Emmanuel, and for many years he has been a site field educator and internship supervisor for Emmanuel College, Vancouver School of Theology, and the Atlantic School of Theology. As well as the many students he has had the privilege of working with and supervising, six individuals from the congregations he has served have gone on to ordained ministry in the United Church.

Hugh has been involved in served on many boards and agencies for social justice and theological learning. He was an early adopter and pioneer of the use of technology in worship. His articles and sermons have been published in a number of journals. He has done a great deal of anniversary and guest preaching, and led preaching and theological workshops. His grief program is employed in a number of churches. But his greatest joy in ministry is to serve the local congregation and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the beloved community.

His anticipated future in retirement is more opportunities to serve in ministry (deepening spirituality in God's lavish grace, supporting bold discipleship in the way of Jesus Christ, and serving daring justice through the humble love of the Holy Spirit). He also aspires to do more reading, golfing, travelling and learning.

His predominant feeling after 37 years in ministry is gratitude.