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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Results-driven communications strategist with extensive experience in creating and delivering global communication programs tailored to culturally diverse audiences in Africa, Asia, and Europe. Successfully implemented a comprehensive global communication strategy to position United Methodist Communications (UMC) as a strategic asset for The United Methodist Church. Proven ability to bridge cultural gaps, strengthen organizational communication, and advocate for global issues in alignment with broader organizational goals. Skilled in stakeholder engagement, strategic planning, and cross-cultural communication.

Key Accomplishments:

- Led the development and deployment of communication programs through innovative channels, ensuring relevance and effectiveness across various cultural contexts.
- Developed and standardized internal and external processes for consistent and effective global communication, enabling all UMC teams to efficiently deliver programs worldwide.
- Identified and nurtured communication talent globally, recommending and implementing training programs to improve local communication skills for more impactful ministry.
- Collaborated with international church leadership, including delegates and caucus groups, to build advocacy strategies that enhanced positive perceptions of UMC's work as a global agency for the church.

Core Competencies:

- Building bridges and nurturing relationships
- Mission understanding
- Constituent focused
- Team player
- Results oriented leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATIONS, Nashville, TN 08/2004 – 02/2024

Director, Global Communication Program (MM/YYYY – 02/2024)

- Developed communication programs that met the needs of a culturally diverse and globally diverse audience for Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Director for Global Relationships for Africa, Asia, and Europe (08/2004 – MM/YYYY)

- Developed content with communication cadres for Africa, Asia, and Europe.

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY, Muncie, IN 08/2002 – 08/2004

Adjunct Faculty

- Performed as adjunct faculty, teaching undergraduate journalism classes.

REHOBOTH UMC, Muncie, IN 07/2000 – 12/2003

Administrative Pastor

- Acted as administrative pastor in a cross-cultural appointment.

COMMUNITY UMC, Brookville, OH 09/1998 – 07/2000

Youth Pastor

- Served as youth pastor while attending seminary at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH.

NYAKATSAPA HIGH SCHOOL, Watsomba, Zimbabwe

05/1997 – 08/1998

Headmaster

- Functioned as school headmaster and administrator.

MUREWA HIGH SCHOOL, Murewa, Zimbabwe

09/1991 – 05/1997

Deputy Principal (01/1995 – 05/1997)

Geography Teacher (09/1991 – 12/1994)

E D U C A T I O N

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD ABD), International Psychology, CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, Chicago, IL (all but dissertation)

Doctor of Philosophy, Strategic Leadership, REGENT UNIVERSITY, Virginia Beach, VA

Master of Arts, Journalism, BALL STATE UNIVERSITY, Muncie, IN

Master of Science, Information and Communication, BALL STATE UNIVERSITY, Muncie, IN

Master of Arts, Religious Communications, UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Dayton, OH

Bachelor of Arts, Geography and Literature, UNIVERSITY OF SIERRA LEONE, Freetown, Sierra Leone