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"...Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others." – 2 Timothy 2:2

Seeking a creative leadership role with a relational, innovative, forward-thinking local church ministry or organization where a big vision flows out of a warm heart to reach this generation and the next.

EXPERIENCE/SKILLS:

Communication Director/Specialist

- **Director of Communications:** Led department for a multi-site, multi-venue megachurch, unifying strategy, developing a web presence, social media, and branding as well as creating internal systems to organize the flow of communication at all levels.
- **Author/Writer:** Authored the book, *The Six Hats of the Worship Leader* (2014), which is currently used in Christian universities for worship training. In 2022 book, *MINDBLOWN: Unlock Your Creative Genius by Bridging Science and Magic*, was published. Articles appeared in [WorshipLeader.com](#), [Churchleaders.com](#), [Sharefaith.com](#), [ChristianityToday.com](#), [ChurchTechToday.com](#), HighCalling.org, and ChurchMarketingSucks.com, Worship Musician Magazine, Essential Worship.
- **Content creator:** Graphics, copy, videos, social media campaigns, for churches, book publishing, and music distribution.
- **Blogger:** Blogged at Rich Kirkpatrick's Weblog (RKblog.com) (2005-present), a blog ranked consistently in the top 50 Christianity blogs in the nation, influencing leaders and creatives on topics of creativity, faith, and culture. Recognized in 2011, 2014, 2015, and 2017 as a "Best of Best Blog" by Worship Leader Magazine.
- **Speaker/Presenter:** Presented at conferences on creativity, worship leading, and social media: Worship Innovators Conference (2022-23), National Worship Leader Conferences (2012-2017), The Worship Conference (2012), The Forge Conference, Ocean Grove, NJ, WorshipTogether.com, Overland Park, KS; All About Worship Retreat, Olathe, KS. (2010). IdeaCamp, Irvine, CA; Saddleback Worship Conference, Lake Forest, CA (2008).

Pastoral/Leadership

- **Executive management team:** Helped oversee and develop budgets and strategic planning for megachurches.
- **Department management** of up to 300 volunteers and up to 6 full-time employees.
- **Caregiving:** trained and experienced in hospital visitation, spiritual direction, weddings, and funerals.
- **Discipleship** of leaders: men's groups, small groups, and one-on-one mentoring.
- **Preaching/Teaching:** an effective speaker, trained, and experienced in biblical teaching and preaching.

Creative Arts Ministry

- **Worship leader/worship director** for large and small venues from the piano, keys, and acoustic guitar in modern worship, blended, and liturgical settings.
- **Church planter:** developed teams and tools from scratch for two new churches.
- **Multi-campus:** served as a campus worship director, directed worship leadership personnel for offsite venues.
- **Multi-venue:** launched, developed, and coached worship and tech for seven simultaneous and different worship options, including video venues and additional space for unique styles of worship.
- **Technology:** Installed and upgraded audio, lighting, video, and printing operations in several settings including church plants, church launches of campuses, and large meeting rooms. Projects exceeded \$300k. Proficient in Planning Center and use of multi-tracks.
- **Leadership Development:** Mentored and developed worship leaders who became worship pastors, staff members, and leaders. Collaboration with a team to build farm systems and leadership pipelines to raise up new leaders.

Musician

- **A Beautiful Liturgy**, co-founder. Self-titled recording released in 2016. A Beautiful Liturgy Music (ASCAP). The song "Lord Have Mercy (A Modern Kyrie)" was featured on SongDiscover, in January 2017. Single/music video "Glory Be to God and High" (2018); "In The Silence" (2020) single and music video.
- **Solo artist:** Five-song EP "Drink The Divine" released on March 2012 under Epic Stache Music (ASCAP). The single "Wonder of Worship" was released on November 2011.

- **Vocal Music:** Choral conductor and arranger, vocal coach, session singer, and soloist in contemporary music.
- **Instrumental Music:** Proficient in chart creation, incorporating horns and creative instrumentation in modern worship. Accompanist for choirs, worship teams in modern worship and blended worship settings.
- **Composer:** Songwriter and liturgist.

EDUCATION

- **MA Leadership**, 2019-2021 (4.0 GPA), William Jessup University, Rocklin, CA
- **BS Bible and Theology**, 1993, San Jose Christian College (now William Jessup University), San Jose, CA.
- **AA Music**, 1991, DeAnza Community College, Cupertino, CA.
- **Phil Mattson School of Music**, 1986, Spokane, WA (Music trade school) Music Performance.

WORK HISTORY

Full-Time Ministry History

- **Weekend Experience Dir./Team Development**, Friends Church, Yorba Linda, CA (2019-2020). [3000 attendance]
- **Pastor of Service Production/Communication** Centerpoint Church, Murrieta, CA (2013-2014). [2000 attendance]
- **Worship Pastor** Sunridge Community Church, Temecula, CA (2007-2010). [800 attendance]
- **Worship/Communications** Pastor Neighborhood Church, Redding, CA (2003-2007). [2000 attendance]
- **Worship Pastor** Hill Country Bible Church NW, Austin TX (2000-2003). [4000 attendance]
- **Music Minister** Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton CA (1995-2000). [800 attendance]

Self Employment

- **Worship Consultant**, Christ Church East Bay, Berkley, CA. (2024–present)
Contract Worship Leader/Musician, Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, Walnut Creek, CA. (2022–present)

- **Lutheran Church of the Cross** • Laguna Woods, CA (2021–2022).
Extended contract consulting on worship revitalization, marketing, and leadership development.
- **Coach/Consultant**, pastors, boards, and worship leaders, university classes (2012-present)
- **Writer**, author of two books and writer for various online journals, Sharefaith.com, WorshipLeader.com, ChurchLeaders.com.

Bi-Vocational Ministry History

- **Contemporary Worship Leader/Pianist-Accompanist** – Our Saviors Lutheran Church, San Clemente, CA (2014-2019).
- **Interim Worship Director** Venture Christian Church, Murrieta, CA (2011).

WEBSITE LINKS

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