**Curriculum Vitae**

**John Turner Kilzer**

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**Education**

**PhD** : Middlesex University in London, England.

**MDiv:** Memphis Theological Seminary 2005.

**MA: English.** Memphis State University. Thesis: *Jungian Symbolism in Works of William Butler Yeats.* 1984

**BA: English.** Memphis State University 1981.

**Academic Appointments**

**Graduate Assistant, English Dept. Memphis State University: 1981-83.** Taught Basic Composition at the freshman and sophomore levels.

**Full-time Instructor, English Dept. Memphis State University: 1984-1987**. Taught Basic Composition, American Literature, European Literature, and Modern Poetry.

**Adjunct Professor, Memphis Theological Seminary**: Co-instructed class on Bob Dylan and the Doctrine of Sin summer 2007; taught Evangelism and Mission class on Oct. 18th for Dr. Dekar.

**Director of Theology & Arts at MTS: 2010 – 2014.** Taught Prophetic Imagination; Cardiognosis: A Knowing of the Heart; The Beloved Community; and Soul Notes: Journaling as a Spiritual Discipline.

**Director of The Church Health Center for Recovery Studies at MTS: 2014 – present.** Teach Pastoral Care and Addiction; led recovery workshops and help create ecclesiological models involving recovery.

**Publications**

**Responsibility as Emmanuel Levinas’s Mission to the Gentiles.** PhD Dissertation, Lexington, Ky: Emeth Press, 2012.

**B.M.I.:** Seventy-five songs Published with Broadcast Music, Inc.

**Recordings:** Twomajor label releases in 1988 and 1993 with Geffen Records. Various other musical releases.

**Releases:** Two songs recorded and released on Rosanne Cash’s *Kings Record Shop*. Dobie Gray

recorded Blue Angel. Trace Adkins released Then Came the Night. Various other cuts.

**Movies and Television:** My song Marilyn Dean and James Monroe used in *Melrose Place*. Wet

Picasso used in the movie *When the Party’s Over*. We Are His Hands used in documentary for

the homeless in Nashville, Tn., 2007.

**Honors and Awards**

Lipscomb Scholarship Grant from Mullins UMC in 2003 and 2004.

UMW Scholarship grant in 2003.

Jackson Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.

West Tennessee Music Hall of Fame in 1999.

Four-Year Letterman in Basketball at Memphis State University.

**Affiliations**

American Academy of Religion.

Professional in Residence at Hazeden Treatment Center.

**Pastoral Experience**

**1996:** Youth Minister at St. Luke’s UMC in Memphis, TN.

**2003-2004**: Street evangelist at Highland Heights UMC; Founded Table Talk, a street

devotion/meal that now feeds up to 75 people on Mondays at Highland Heights.

**2004-2007**: Youth Minister and Worship Leader at Grace UMC in Jackson, TN.

**2007-2009:** Pastor of both Friendship and Elizabeth UMC in Crockett County, TN.

**2009 :** ordained Elder in UMC

**2009 -2010:** Associate Pastor at First UMC Memphis.

**2010 – Present**: Associate Pastor at St. John’s UMC Memphis.

Lead a service of recovery called The Way at St. John’s where we feed and serve 250 to 300 folks every Friday night; lead 12 Step group every Wednesday night at St. John’s; counsel local treatment centers; counsel ministers on issues concerning recovery and the 12 Steps; and help other churches create recovery models.

**References**

Dr. Scott Morris, Director of the Church Health Center, Memphis, Tn., 119 Peabody Ave.,

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Gary Shorb, Chief Executive Officer of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, 1211 Union Avenue,

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