

Reverend Doctor Robert Taylor Baggett III

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Interim Minister

2020-2021

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Glencoe, MN

Worship planning and leadership, teaching, and pastoral care, and other ministerial duties as required.

Preacher for the Week

August 9-14, 2020

Chautauqua Institution
Chautauqua, NY

Provide Sunday sermon and daily morning homilies through the week. Recorded for online presentation.

Senior Minister

2004-2020

The Community Church of Vero Beach
Vero Beach, FL

All aspects of leadership of this 2,250-member church including: preaching, administration, stewardship, pastoral oversight, and visioning. This has involved efforts in fundraising for the church's \$4 million annual budget as well as major projects totaling \$14-million for chapel renovation, sanctuary renovation, the purchase of a new 72 rank organ, and the construction of a youth building as well as a new fellowship hall and a contemporary worship space. Oversight of 68 full and part-time staff members. Men's Bible study leadership. Pilgrimage leadership to multiple international locations.

Publications: Several sermons recorded and aired on *Day1* radio program and published online on *Day 1* website.

Senior Minister

1994-2003

Wayzata Community Church
Wayzata, MN

All aspects of leadership of this 3,000-member church including: preaching, administration, stewardship, pastoral oversight, and visioning. Fundraising for the church's \$3.2 million annual budget. \$2-million debt elimination from a prior building campaign and successful new \$9 million campaign for building renovation and construction of a gymnasium and space for the growing church school and youth ministry. Oversight of all staff.

Senior Minister

1989-1994

First Congregational Church
Naperville, Il.

Leadership of this 800-member church with primary responsibilities included preaching, administration, stewardship, visioning and helping develop programs for caring for the poor of the community.

Associate Minister

1983-1988

Plymouth Congregational Church
Miami, Florida

Primary responsibilities included developing programming for families, community involvement, and preaching in place of the Senior Minister during the summer months. Represented a parishioner's family at the memorial service for Pan Am 103 victims in Lockerbie, Scotland, helped to lead a service for the deceased at the Catholic Basilica in Washington, D.C., and preached in the National Cathedral Bethlehem Chapel at the one-year anniversary service of the Pan Am 103 tragedy.

Chaplain

1982-1983

Memorial Hospital
New Orleans, Louisiana

Clinical Pastoral Education training, functioning as full-time chaplain.

Musician

1980-1982

Bars, Restaurants, Music Halls
French Quarter, New Orleans, La.

Earned seminary tuition by singing and playing guitar. The experience complemented my education in exposing me to a host of human needs.

E D U C A T I O N

Center for Congregational Health, Winston-Salem, NC; Intentional Interim Ministry training, certification, 2020

Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia; Doctor of Divinity, (Honoraria Causa), 2009

Oxford University, Oxford, England; Summer Theological Institute, 2008

Graduate Theological Foundation, South Bend, Indiana; Doctor of Ministry, 2010

Robert Schuller Preaching Institute, Garden Grove, California; 1992

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Master of Divinity, 1983

Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama; B.S. General Studies, 1980

Newnan High School, Newnan, Georgia; graduated 1973

ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORIZATION

Ordained ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ, Minnesota Conference

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Board of Advisors, *Day1* Ministry, Atlanta, Georgia; 2015 to present

Crossover Mission, Vero Beach, Florida; board member; 2012 present

Board of Trustees, Nazareth Galilee Institute, Nazareth Israel; 2015-2019

Board of Trustees, Hanley Addiction Center, Vero Beach, Florida; 2007 - 2010

Board of Directors, Florida Conference; 2008

Chair Search Committee, U.C.C. Florida Conference Minister; 2006

United Church of Christ Senior Ministers' gathering, St. Louis, Missouri; keynote preacher;
2001

Convener of *Conversations* (gathering of U.C.C. large church pastors); 1999-2001

Chaplain of the Day, United States Congress, Washington, D.C.; 1998

United Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota; Trustee 1998

Church and Ministry, U.C.C. Minnesota Conference; 1995

Chicago Theological Seminary, Board of Advisors; 1994

Protestant Appeal, Miami, Florida, Trustee; 1988

Community Renewal Society, Miami Florida, Trustee; 1988

Coconut Grove Rotary Club, Miami, Florida, President; 1987

INTERESTS

Skiing, snowshoeing, kayaking, golf, music
College Football
British Movies
Attending theater
Reading
Watching my wife revel in life
International Travel

PERSONAL

Beloved wife, Casey G. Baggott
Five grown children and six beautiful grandchildren
One elderly cat
Member United States Seniors Golf Association, Greenwich, Connecticut

REFERENCES

Available on request
