

The Rev. Phyllis A. Meighen, Ph.D.

Authorization for Ministry

2001 Ordination United Church of Christ, USA

Education

█ M.Div. Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA

█ Ph.D. Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
 Dissertation: "Integrating Persons with Severe Developmental Disabilities into the Community Work Force"
 Major: Sociology

█ M.A. Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
 Masters Paper: "The Polyethnic Community of Hawaii"
 Major: Sociology

█ B.S.Ed. Wright State University, Dayton, OH
 Major: Secondary Education Social Studies

█ Diploma Greenon High School, Springfield, OH

Professional Experience

2013 – present ReSource for Christian Spirituality,
 St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Lihue, Kauai
 Positions: Founder and Director; Associate Clergy for Adult Formation (p/t)

2015 – present Lihue United Church, Lihue, Kauai
 Position: Interim Senior Pastor (3/4 time)

2013 Center for Disability Studies, Research Corp of Hawaii
 Position: Kauai Field Professional for two projects; temporary

2006 – 2012 Hanapepe United Church of Christ, Hanapepe, Kauai
 Position: Pastor

2004 – 2006 Community Church of Honolulu, Honolulu, HI
 Moanalua Community Church, Honolulu, HI
 Positions: Associate Pastor of Christian Nurture – part-time, temporary

2004 – 2007 Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ, Honolulu, HI
 Position: Organizing Missioner for the John 17:21 Group; part-time

- 2000 – 2004 Nu`uanu Congregational Church, Honolulu, HI
Position: Associate Pastor of Christian Nurture
- 1996 – 1998 DiverseAbilities, Honolulu, HI (now Abilities Unlimited)
Position: Founders' team member.
- 1988 – 1998 Winners at Work, Honolulu, HI (renamed Abilities Unlimited in 2006)
Position: Founder and president of the first not-for-profit community-based employment service for people with significant disabilities in Hawai`i.
- 1983 – 1996 University of Hawai`i University Affiliated Program, Honolulu, HI
Position: Adjunct Lecturer in Special Education
Position: Project Coordinator for COMTEP.
In 1988 COMTEP became an independent not-for-profit organization, known as Winners at Work.
- 1980 – 1983 State Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities, Honolulu, HI
Position: Program Planning Specialist
- 1977 – 1980 Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
Massachusetts Bay Community College, Wellesley, MA
Position: Adjunct professor of Sociology
- 1976-1977 University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Position: Adjunct Instructor of Sociology
- 1973-1975 Wright State University, Dayton, OH
Position: Adjunct Instructor of Sociology
Responsibilities: Full-time adjunct position with full responsibilities for designing and teaching courses in Introductory Sociology, Sociology for Health Care Professionals, Social Protest Movements and Social Change
- 1973-1975 Sinclair Community College, Dayton, OH
Position: Adjunct Instructor of Sociology
- 1972 - 1973 Arthur D. Little, Inc., Cambridge, MA
Position: Administrative Assistant

Publications Approximately ten co-authored published articles in juried journals of the American Sociological Association (sociology) and the Council for Exceptional Children (special education)

Honors and Awards

- 2005 Woman's Board of Missions of Hawai`i and the Pacific,
Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker
- 2005 Church Women United in Hawai`i, Valiant Woman of the Year
- 2003 Dignity Honolulu, St. John the Beloved Award
- 1994 Council for Exceptional Children Business, Agency, and Community
Award (Winners at Work)

- 1990 Recognized for outstanding program by the Governor’s Council for Persons with Disabilities (Winners at Work)
- 1989 Professional of the Year, Hawai’i Special Parent Information Network

Community and Vocational Involvement

- 2015 – present Woman’s Board of Missions of the Pacific Islands (Hawaii Islands)
Position: Vice President for Kauai
- 2008 – present Kauai Association UCC
Positions: Chaplain (2016-2017)
Church and Ministry Committee member (2008-2011)
- 2007 – 2008 Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
Position: Nominations Committee Chair
- 2005 – 2007 Family Support 360 Advisory Council member, Center for Disabilities Studies, University of Hawai`i-Manoa
- 1998 – 2007 Winners at Work Board of Advisors
- 1995 – 1998 Rotary Club International, Honolulu Club member