

# INTERIM MINISTRY EDUCATION AT UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

## ABOUT THE LEADERS



### **The Rev. Hart Edmonds, Team Leader**

Currently, Rev. Hart Edmonds is serving as Interim Head of Staff with the Oxford Presbyterian Church, Oxford Ohio in the Presbytery of Miami Valley. This is Hart's fourth experience in interim/transitional ministry. His permanent residence is in the Cincinnati metropolitan area where his wife Cheryl serves as an installed pastor, within the Presbytery of Cincinnati. Hart and Cheryl have lived in Cincinnati for the last five years. Hart's ministry experience includes urban ministry, service in a racially integrated congregation, community organizing, campus ministry, new church development, and service in various sized congregations. He has served on the teaching faculty for interim ministry education at Austin Seminary and now at Union Presbyterian Seminary. In the larger ecumenical church, Hart serves as Chair of the Board for the Center for Parish Development, based in Chicago. Together with Cheryl he is the parent of three twenty-something sons at various stages of getting launched in their careers.

Hart values the importance of the connectional church in our Presbyterian tradition and affirms that God's Spirit is at work in these transitional and frequently chaotic times.

### **The Rev. Laura Sherwood**

The Rev. Laura Sherwood received her M.Div. from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1998 and has been working in Interim and Transitional Ministry since her ordination in 2000, serving 7 churches in Ohio and Indiana as in both Associate and Pastor/Head of Staff positions.

Laura has worked with churches with various transitional needs including conflict mediation, size transition and creative visioning. She has also worked in contract/consultant work with her current Presbytery, Whitewater Valley - Indiana, for Transforming Congregations and Mission Insite Demographics. Laura has worked with the Union Interim Training Faculty since 2013 and MALT (St. Louis) Faculty since 2015.





### **The Rev. Dr. Ken McFayden**

Ken McFayden, Ph.D. serves as Professor of Ministry and Leadership Development and Dean of the Leadership Institute at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. In addition, he teaches courses in the areas of congregational leadership and administration. His book, *Strategic Leadership for a Change: Facing Our Losses, Finding Our Future*, was published by The Alban Institute in 2009. In addition to his teaching and administrative roles, he has served as keynote speaker on the topic of leadership and change in a variety of settings. He has conducted numerous workshops and consultations for clergy and lay professionals in the theory and practice of leadership, and in team development, strategic planning, and conflict management.

Prior to joining the seminary faculty in March of 2000, Ken served as Executive Director of North Central Career Development Center in New Brighton, MN from 1994-2000. Previously, he served as a hospital chaplain in Louisville, KY from 1991-1994, and as an associate pastor in Alliance, OH from 1986-1990. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA).