

LOUIS B. WEEKS

President and Professor of Historical Theology Emeritus
Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond and Charlotte

Education:

Duke University, Ph.D. 1970
Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, B.D. 1967
Princeton University, A.B. 1963

Family:

Married Carolyn M. Weeks, Ph.D. 1964. Sons Louis M. and Sidney H. are married, and each family has children.

Vocational Service:

Interviewer for Resourcing American Christianity Website, 2008-

Consultant, The Alban Institute, 2008-2009

Consultant for congregations, including First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL; First Presbyterian Church, Richmond VA; White Memorial Presbyterian Church Raleigh, NC; Second Presbyterian Church Roanoke, VA. First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh NC. Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA; Second Presbyterian, Indianapolis, IN; Hidenwood Presbyterian, Newport News, VA; and St Andrew Presbyterian, Suffolk, VA 1997-2012

President Emeritus, Union Presbyterian Seminary, 2007-

Minister of Word and Sacrament, Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, 2007-

Chair of Executive Committee, Washington Theological Consortium, 2006-2007

President and Professor of Historical Theology, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond and Charlotte, 2001-

President and Professor of Historical Theology, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, 1997- 2007

President and Professor of Historical Theology, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, 1994-1997

Minister of the Word and Sacrament, National Capital Presbytery, 1996-2007

Dean of the Seminary, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1983-1993

Acting Dean, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1979-80, 1982

Professor, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1978-1994

Associate Professor, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1974-1978

Adjunct Professor, University of Louisville, 1973-78

Assistant Professor of Historical Theology; Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1970-1974

Teaching Assistant in Religion, University of North Carolina, 1969-70

Instructor, Centre de Jeunesse et Ecole Publique Secondaire, Republic of Zaire, 1965-66

Chair, Steering Committee for The Rehoboth Project, 2002-2008

Chair, Steering Committee, Project Burning Bush, 2000-2007

Chair, Institute for Reformed Theology, 1999-2007

Chair, Accreditation Team of the Association of Theological Schools and Regional Agencies to the Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico, Bangor Theological Seminary, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1996, 1998, 2006

Member of the Board, Christian Children's Fund/ChildFund International, 2002-2008

Chair of Advisory Board, Carl Howie Center for Science, Art, and Theology, 1995-2008

Special Preacher for Sprunt Lectures, Union Theological Seminary, 1995

Chair of the Editorial Board, *Interpretation*, 1994-2007

Church Administration Professor for "School for Pastors," Omaha Foundation, Hastings College, NE, Summer, 1994; Winter, 2008

Member, Committee on Theological Education (PCUSA) 1994-2007

Secretary, Member of Board of Trustees, Presbyterian Community Center, 1993, 1994

Special Scholar, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, 1991

Member of the Board of Directors, The Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture; Louisville, KY, 1990-1995

Member, Presbyterian Hunger Program (PCUSA), 1989-92

Founding Chair of Academic Committee for the Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center, 1985-1988

Minister, Presbytery of Memphis (PCUSA), 1983-96

Member, General Assembly Committee on Book of Church Order (PCUS), 1982, 1983

Board Member, Presbyterian Community Center, Louisville, KY 1981-83, 91-94

Chair, General Assembly Task Group on the Use and Authority of the Bible (PCUS), 1979-1982

Interim Pastor, for Church Redevelopment, Goshen Presbyterian Church, Goshen, KY, 1979

T.V. Moore Lecturer, San Francisco Theological Seminary, 1979

Teaching Elder, Presbytery of Memphis (PCUS), 1978-83

Workshop Leader for Career Development, Muskingum Valley Presbytery, 1976-1978

Interim Pastor, South Frankfort Presbyterian Church, KY, 1975

Member, General Assembly Bicentennial Committee (PCUS), 1975, 1976

Consultant on Theological Reflection, Harvey Brown Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY, 1974-75

Parish Associate, Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church, 1974-77

Member, General Assembly Committee on Presbyterian and Reformed History (PCUS), 1973-77

Co-Director, Case Method Institute, Pasadena, CA and Wake Forest, NC, 1978-81

Convenor, Association for Case Teaching, 1978

Workshop Leader for theological faculties studying Case-Study methodology, Nashville, TN; Washington, D.C.; Louisville, KY; Chicago, IL; New York, NY; Durham, NC; Dayton, OH; San Francisco, CA; Wake Forest, NC; New Orleans, LA; Denver, CO; San Juan, PR; Ft. Wayne, IN 1974-82

Case-Writing Coordinator, Case-Study Institute of the Association for Theological Schools, Louisville, KY and Vandalia, OH, 1974-79

Advanced Fellow, Case-Study Institute, 1973

Fellow, Case-Study Institute, Cambridge, MA, 1972

Teaching Elder, Presbytery of Louisville (Union), 1973-1978

Interim Pastor, Briargate Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY, 1972

Stated Supply, Little River Presbyterian Church, Hurdle Mills, North Carolina, 1968-1970

Teaching Elder, Presbytery of Memphis (PCUS), 1967-72

Publications:

Books:

A Sustainable Presbyterian Future: What's Working and Why. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.

To Be a Presbyterian-Revised Edition. Louisville: Geneva Press, 2010.

All For God's Glory: Redeeming Church Scutwork. Herndon: Alban Press, 2008.

Co-editor with Ann Weems, Faith in Words: A Celebration of Presbyterian Writers. Geneva Press, 2004.

Vital Signs: The Promise of Mainstream Protestantism. Co-author with Milton J Coalter and John M. Mulder. Grand Rapids: Eerdmanns, 1995.

Co-author with Milton J Coalter and John M. Mulder, The Re-Forming Tradition: Presbyterians and Mainstream Protestantism, 1992.

The Pluralistic Vision: Presbyterians and Mainstream Education and Leadership, 1992.

The Diversity of Discipleship: The Presbyterians and Twentieth-Century Christian Witness, 1991.

The Presbyterian Predicament: Six Perspectives, 1990.

The Mainstream Protestant Decline: The Presbyterian Pattern, 1990.

The Confessional Mosaic: Presbyterians and Twentieth-Century Theology, 1990.

The Organizational Revolution: Presbyterians and American Denominationalism, 1992.

Co-editor with Milton J Coalter and John M. Mulder, The Presbyterian Presence: The Twentieth Century Experience, 7 vols. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1990-92.

The Presbyterian Source: Bible Words That Shape a Faith. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1990. (Translated into Korean, 1994)

Making Ethical Decisions: A Casebook for Christians. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1987.

American Christianity: A Case Approach. Co-author with Rosell and White. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986. (Translated into Korean, 1993)

To Be a Presbyterian. Atlanta: John Knox, 1983. (Translated into Korean, 1993)

Kentucky Presbyterians. Atlanta: John Knox, 1983.

Co-editor, Introduction to Philosophy. Jack Rodgers, 1981.

Co-editor, Resolving Church Conflict. Doug Lewis, 1981.

Co-editor, Full Value: Cases in Christian Business Ethics. Oliver Williams and John W. Houck, 1978.

Co-editor, Experience and Reflection. A series of case-oriented books published by Harper and Row, 1978.

A New Christian Nation (1790-1860). Washington, D.C.: Consortium Press, 1978.

Casebook for Christian Living. Co-author with Weeks, Evans, and Evans. Atlanta, John Knox, 1977.

Case Studies on Christ and Salvation. Co-author with Rogers and Mackenzie. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1977.

Cases in Theological Education: A Bibliography. Editor with Burleson, 1976.

Church Cases and Related Subjects. Editor with Burleson. Cambridge, MA: Intercollegiate Clearing House, Harvard Business School, 1974.

Casebook on Church and Society. Editor and contributor with Bridston, Foulkes, and Myers. Abingdon: Nashville, 1974.

Articles:

"Growing Christians in Today's World," Presbyterian Survey, August, 2012. 24-26.

"First Call Congregation," Christian Century, December 4, 2010. 12-13.

"God is in the Details," Christian Century, January 27, 2009. 10-11.

"Good News is No News," Presbyterian Outlook, September, 2005.

"A Brief Look at the Reformed," Bulletin of the Institute for Reformed Theology, Fall, 2005.

"Reformed and Presbyterian Churches" The Encyclopedia of Christianity, Vol 4, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005.

"Grace Travels Outside Karma," Lilly Forum Paper, January, 2003.

"We Federated," In Trust, Summer, 2002.

"At Home in the Spiritual Marketplace," Christian Century, February 23, 2000.

"A Successful Development Program: How Did We Get There?," Seminary Development News, July, 1999.

"Presbyterianism," Published for Contemporary American Religion, Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century, by Macmillan Publishing USA, 2000.

"Revisiting the 'Two Church Hypothesis' After Seven Years," The Presbyterian Outlook, November 17, 1997.

"An Affirming Process: Union Search Builds Trust and Support," In Trust, Autumn, 1994.

"Learning from the Numbers," introductory article for Comparative Statistics 1993, PCUSA, 1994.

"The Presbyterians Choose Louisville: A Case Study in Denominational Relocation," Urban Resources, 1988, Vol 5, Number 1, Lo1-Lo8.

"Francis Makemie: Interpreter of the Faith," A.D. and Presbyterian Survey, 1982, 1983.

"Case Study as Pastoral Hermeneutic," Hermeneutic: Association of Field Work Supervisors, 1982.

"The Scriptures and Sabbath Observance in the South," The Journal of Presbyterian History, Summer, 1981.

"Stuart Robinson: Kentucky Presbyterian Leader," Filson Club Historical Quarterly, Fall, 1980.

"Terah Templin: Kentucky's First Presbyterian Clergy," Filson Club Historical Quarterly, Fall, 1979.

"Ben Phillip Dies, Funeral Today," Christian Theology: A Case Approach, 1976.

Series of articles for Presbyterian Survey – Presbyterian Beginnings in America:

- "A Shared History and Future," Part XIII, July, 1976.
- "Southern Presbyterians in War and Peace," Part XII, June 1976.
- "Women Come into Own as Presbyterians," Part XI, May, 1976.
- "Home Missions and Evangelism," Part X, April 1976.
- "1933 Church to Economize, General Assemblies Fewer, Shorter," Part IX, March 1976.
- "Overseas Missions," Part VIII, February, 1976.
- "Black Presbyterians and the New Science," Part VII, January, 1976.
- "Presbyterians in the New Nation," Part VI, October, 1975.
- "John Witherspoon, Presbyterian Revolutionary," Part III, September, 1975.
- "The Coming Revolution," Part II, August, 1975.
- "Francis Makemie Credited with Organizing Presbytery," Part I, July, 1975.

Lyman Beecher's Heresy Trail: A Case," Theological Education, 1974.

"Case Use for Historical Disciplines," Theological Education, 1974.

"Racism, World War I, and the Christian Life: Francis J. Grimke in the Nation's Capital," Journal of Presbyterian History, 1973.

"Lewis Sherrill: Christian Education," Journal of Presbyterian History, 1973.

"Horace Bushnell on Black America," Religious Education, 1973.

"Embodiment as a Way of Doing Theological Education," Theological Education, 1973.

"Father Takes Care of Young Ones," Parents Magazine, 1971.

"John P. Parker, Black Abolitionist and Entrepreneur," Ohio History, 1971.

"Baptist Robert Carter, III," Baptist Review, 1971.

"Cotton Mather and the Quakers," Quaker History, 1970.

"Can St. Thomas' *Summa Theologiae* Speak to Moltmann's *Theology of Hope*?" The Thomist, 1969.

"John Holt Rice and the American Colonization Society," Journal of Presbyterian History, 1968.

Chapters:

"Widening Service or Mission Sprawl: The Changing Role of Seminaries," Christian Century, Spring, 2007.

"Governance," co-author with Christa Kline and Robert Cooley in Handbook for Seminary Presidents, 2006.

"Reflections on the Mission of Union Seminary," in As I See It Today, Summer, 1995.

"An Affirming Process," in In Trust, 1994.

"Presbyterian Culture: Views from 'The Edge,'" in Beyond Establishment: Protestant Identity in a Post-Protestant Age, Jackson W. Carroll and Wade C. Roof, eds. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1993.

"An Appreciative Testimony Concerning the Baptism of Infants," in Merle D. Sturge, editor, Baptism and Church, Grand Rapids: Sagamore Press, 1983.

"God's Judgment, Christ's Command: Use of the Bible in Nineteenth Century American Political Life," in The Bible and Politics, James Johnson, ed. Decatur: Society of Biblical Literature/Scholars Press, 1983.

"Faith and Political Action in American Presbyterianism 1776-1918," in Reformed Faith and Politics, Ronald Stone, ed. Washington: University Press of America, 1983.

Other Writings:

Annual devotional articles for the PC(USA) Mission Yearbook, 1994-2007.

Articles published for the Encyclopedia of National Biography, including: "Robert Lewis Dabney," "John Holt Rice," "Finis Ewing," and "Stuart Robinson," 1999.

Introducing Theology, beginning PREM series, Invitation to Learning, 1986.

Church School curriculum materials for Uniform Lessons, 1972-74, Inquiry, 1974, and Young Adult, 1983.

Articles and reviews for Funk and Wagnalls International Encyclopedia, Encyclopedia of Religion in the South, Presbyterian Outlook, South Atlantic Quarterly, Mid-America, Interpretation, The Christian Home, The Christian Ministry, The Thomist, the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of American Religion, the Encyclopedia of Christian Education, The Journal of Religion.

More than fifty historical case studies, published by the Intercollegiate Case Clearinghouse, Harvard Business School.

Grants:

Received Grants:

Louisville Institute, 2007

American Philosophical Society, 1983

Association of Theological Schools, Basic Research, 1976-1977

Rockefeller Doctoral Fellowship, 1969-1970

Helped formulate proposals granted for:

Kresge Foundation, for construction of the Allen and Jeannette Early Center for Christian Education and Worship, 2007

McCune Foundation, in support of the Institute for Reformed Theology, 2006

Dickinson Foundation Grant for the Institute for Reformed Theology, 2005

Arthur Vining Davis Foundation in support of the Allen and Jeannette Early Center for Christian Education and Worship, 2004

Early Foundation Grant for renovating Spence Library, 2004

The Henry Luce Foundation, in support of the Institute for Reformed Theology, 2004

The Lilly Endowment, Inc. to found The Rehoboth Project among ten presbyteries of the PC(USA), (2002). Renewed, 2006

The Lilly Endowment, Inc. to found Project Burning Bush at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, 2000, Renewed, 2006

The Lilly Endowment, Inc. to found the Institute for Reformed Theology at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, 1999

The Missionary Emergency Fund to support cross-cultural partnerships in Africa, 1994-

The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation for funds for library construction, 1996

The Teagle Foundation for a grant to implement federation, 1996

Arthur Vining Davis Foundation Grant for building William Smith Morton Library, 1996

The Kresge Foundation for a challenge grant in support of fund-raising for library construction project at Union Theological Seminary, 1996

The Lilly Endowment, Inc. for a grant to study institutional partnerships between Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, 1995

The Lilly Endowment, Inc. for a grant to underwrite "The Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture," 1991-1995

The Pew Charitable Trust for a grant to support research and writing on "The Evangelical Heritage of the Presbyterian Church," 1991-1994

The Lilly Endowment, Inc. for a grant for "The Presbyterian Church (USA): A Case Study in Mainline American Protestantism," 1986

The Lilly Endowment, Inc. in 1985 for a grant received for "Faculty Development at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary," 1985-1991

The Presbyterian Church (USA) for a grant on "Health, Healing, and Wellness," 1986

The Kentucky Humanities Council for the Presbyterian Bicentennial Project, 1984

The Kentucky Humanities Council for Women and Work Project, 1975

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation Grant for TEAM-A Coordinator and Faculty Instruction, 1974

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund Grant to the Association of Theological Schools for the Case-Study Institute, supplement, 1974

Moses D. Hoge Fellowship for Graduate Study, Union Theological Seminary, 1967

Awards:

Doctorat honoris causa, Institute Protestant de Theologie, Faculte de Montpellier, 1996

Makemie Prize, Presbyterian Historical Society, 1981

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