

**Jeffrey L. Sajdak**  
*Curriculum Vitae*

**EDUCATION**

- D.Min. in Spiritual Formation. Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN. Thesis project: *Group Spiritual Direction for Pastors in Sioux County, Iowa*. Graduated, 2005.
- Special Program for Ministerial Candidacy. Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI. 1991-1992.
- M.Div. with a concentration in Old Testament. Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN. Graduated *magna cum laude*, 1990.
- B.A. in Linguistics. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. Graduated *summa cum laude*, 1985.

**ORDAINED MINISTRY**

- Dean of Students, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, 2012-present.
- Pulpit Supply, various congregations in West Michigan, 2012-present.
- Pastor, First Christian Reformed Church, Pella, IA, 2004-2012.
- Pastor, Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, Orange City, IA, 1997-2004.
- Pastor, Fairway Christian Reformed Church, Jenison, MI, 1992-1997.

**RETREATS, WORKSHOPS, TRAINING EVENTS**

- Taught *Spiritual Formation for Mission*, Lay-level Course, Caledonia CRC, June 2021.
- Led *Spiritual Formation During Transitions: Insights from the Life of Peter: A Retreat for Resonate SSE Asia Missionaries*, Boracay, Philippines, February 2020
- Led small groups through three years of the VantagePoint<sup>3</sup> leadership program, 2005-2021.
- Co-led *Connected and Alone: Preparing Students for Life and Ministry in the Digital Age*, with Dr. Aaron Einfeld, a workshop at the Association of Theological Schools Student Personnel Administrators Network conference, March 13, 2019.
- Hosted *Conversation on Beyond Teamwork: Cultivating Spiritual Community Among Your Worship Leaders* with Ruth Haley Barton, Calvin Symposium on Worship, January 25-26, 2019.
- Co-led *Smartphone Retreat*, a weeklong retreat with exercises for discernment, wisdom, and practical use of a smartphone, Calvin Theological Seminary, March 5-11, 28, 2018.
- Led *Meditations on God's Presence*, Sessions at TEA (Theological Education in Africa) Conference in Jos, Nigeria, May 2017.
- Led *How Is It With Your Soul?* retreat for seminary students, March 2017.
- Taught *Student Conduct Codes: Writing and Revising Seminary Conduct Policies*, workshop at SPAN (Student Personnel Administrators Network) Conference, San Antonio, 2015.
- Taught *Soulcare for Pastors and Their Families*, – Workshop, Dordt College Day of Encouragement, Sioux Center, IA, February 2008, 2009, 2010.
- Taught *Individual and Group Discernment* workshop, Reformed Church in America, Classis of Central Iowa, February 2009. Christian Reformed Church in North America, Classis Pella, February 2008
- Led *Discernment in Solitude, Community, and Ministry: A Retreat for Central America Missionaries and Leaders*, La Ceiba, Honduras, April 2006. Led a retreat for Christian Reformed missionaries and leaders. Also taught a seminar on basic spiritual formation to pastors in Costa Rica (UNELA) and Nicaragua.

- Taught *Basic Spiritual Formation for Pastors*, UNELA – Universidad Evangélica de las Américas in San José, Costa Rica, April 2006.
- Led small group ministry training, Bagong Ilog Christian Fellowship, Pasig, Metro-Manila, Philippines, through the Baptist General Conference, June-August 1986.
- Participated in *Live With A Pastor* program, Manyoror Africa Inland Church, near Litein, Kenya, through Africa Inland Mission and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's Student Training In Missions, June-August 1983.

## TEACHING

- "Worship Planning," Masters-level Skills Course, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, co-taught, each semester, 2012-present.
- "Formation Group," Masters-level Mentoring for M.Div. Students as part of Vocational Formation Program, focus on spiritual formation and pastoral care, Calvin Theological Seminary, each semester, 2017-2021.
- "Formation Group," Masters-level Mentoring for Students, Calvin Theological Seminary, Spring 2017.
- "Pastoral Care as Dying and Rising with Christ" – Masters-level Course, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, co-taught, January Term, 2014.
- "Mentoring Group," Masters-level Mentoring for M.A. Students, co-led, Calvin Theological Seminary, Fall-Spring 2013-14.

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Group Spiritual Direction for Pastors*, self-published with CRCNA Faith Formation Ministries, 2018.  
[https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/group\\_spiritual\\_direction\\_for\\_pastors\\_-\\_sajdak.pdf](https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/group_spiritual_direction_for_pastors_-_sajdak.pdf)

## ARTICLES

- "Review of Barnes, M. Craig. *Diary of a Pastor's Soul: The Holy Moments in a Life of Ministry*," *Calvin Theological Journal*, 56 (2), November 2021, 435-437.
- "Review of Stabile, Suzanne, and Ian Morgan Cron. *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery*, and Stabile, Suzanne. *The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships*, and Stabile, Suzanne. *The Path Between Us: Study Guide*," *Calvin Theological Journal*, 54 (2), November 2019, 511-513.
- "Review of Bennett, Kyle David. *Practices of Love: Spiritual Disciplines for the Life of the World*," *Calvin Theological Journal*, 54 (1), April 2019, 231-233.
- "Review of Wheeler, Sondra. *The Minister as Moral Theologian: Ethical Dimensions of Pastoral Leadership*," *Calvin Theological Journal*, 53 (2), November 2018, 520-22.
- "Review of Hansen, Richard P. *Paradox Lost: Rediscovering the Mystery of God*," *Calvin Theological Journal*, 53 (1), April 2018, 197-199.
- "Review of Jamieson, Philip D. *The Face of Forgiveness: A Pastoral Theology of Shame and Redemption*," *Calvin Theological Journal*, 52 (2), November 2017, 409-411.
- "Review of Mellott, David M. *Finding Your Way in Seminary: What to Expect, How to Thrive*," *Christian Higher Education*, 16 (5), September 22, 2017, 352-354.
- "Lanterne Rouge," *The Twelve Blog*, August 18, 2015,  
<https://blog.perspectivesjournal.org/2015/08/18/lanterne-rouge/>
- "Academics and Spiritual Formation," *Stromata: The Graduate Journal of Calvin Theological Seminary*, 58 (1), Fall-Winter 2016, 8-11.

- “Review of Shaw, Luci. Adventure of ascent: field notes from a lifelong journey,” *Calvin Theological Journal*, 50 (1), April 2015, 156-157.
- “On being the church in the world,” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, 23 (9) 2008, 8.
- “Response,” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, 23 (6), 2008, 15.
- “Rain and Drought,” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, 26 (8), October 2011, 16-17. Essay on Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 10.
- “Studying the Belhar in Iowa,” *The Banner*, 145 (3), March 1, 2010, 8.
- “The Fourth Act,” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, 23 (6), June/July 2008, 14-15.
- “Staying in Earshot,” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, 19 (5), May 2004, 21-23. Review of Levinson, Tom. *All That’s Holy*.
- “We’re Only the Gardeners,” *The Banner*, 129 (36), October 24, 1994, 12-13.

## THEOLOGICAL REVIEWS

- *Discover Galatians*, Discover Your Bible Series, Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2022
- *Discover Revelation*, Discover Your Bible Series, Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2021
- *Discover Mark (Part 1 and Part 2)*, Discover Your Bible Series, Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2018
- *Discover 1 & 2 Thessalonians*, Discover Your Bible Series, Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2017
- *Discover Psalms 4-5: Morning and Evening*, Discover Your Bible Series, Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2017
- *Discover Psalm 23*, Discover Your Bible Series, Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2017
- *Discover Colossians*, Discover Your Bible Series, Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2016
- *Discover Nehemiah*, Discover Your Bible Series, Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2015
- *Discover Angels*, Discover Your Bible Series, Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2014

## TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, MEMBERSHIP

- Chair, Student Personnel Administrators Network (SPAN), Association of Theological Schools, 2019-present.
- “Foundations for Professional Practice,” Donald D. Gehring Academy for Student Conduct Administration, University of Louisville, July 2013.
- Member, Association for Student Conduct Administration, 2013-present.
- Alternate Responsible Officer and Designated School Official, Department of Homeland Security, Student and Exchange Visitor Program, 2012-present.
- Member, NAFSA Association of International Educators, 2012-2015.