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Introduction



During my time as pastor of various churches, I have found that people are basically the same everywhere you go. As a writer for the Mississippi United Methodist Advocate, I personally wanted to make a difference in the general church, the pulpit, the community and with my family.

In the general church I would like young clergy to see and understand that ministry lies beyond the pulpit. I have preached in forty-two countries and the gospel is the same everywhere.

In the pulpit, the spoken word is shared as God has communicated to me and I share it with others. Remembering that there is not a sermon that has been preached already, every now and then God has a special purpose for the spoken word.

The community who shares a story reaching back many centuries to a small middle eastern culture, and who believed that the living God of the story still reveals himself in love and judgment in the affairs of humans. In the community as a whole