

Rev. Z. Trent Craven, Ph.D.

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Summary: Pastor and educator with experience leading church and educational ministries, focusing on the intricacies of discipleship, education, and revitalization for producing transformational results.

License and Ordination: Welcome Home Baptist Church, N. Wilkesboro, NC – January 21, 2021

Education

Carolina University, Winston-Salem, NC

Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership: Organizational Management (July 2023)

Dissertation: “Dyadic Leadership and Change Readiness in Private Pediatric Medical Practices”

Western Seminary Center for Leadership Development, Portland, OR

Certificate in Intercultural Ministry (October 2022)

Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

Graduate Certificate in School Leadership (January 2020)

Master of Education in Higher Education: Educational Leadership (October 2019)

Bachelor of Science in Pastoral Leadership (December 2018)

Wilkes Central High School, Wilkesboro, NC

High School Diploma (June 2016)

Foothills Christian College & Seminary, Wilkesboro, NC

Audit Student in Biblical and Theological Studies (January 2011-August 2013)

Ministry

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Millers Creek, NC

Full-Time Pastor / Discipleship Coordinator – April 2, 2023-Present

Full-Time Interim Pastor – May 15, 2022-March 11, 2023

Operation Transformation, Salisbury, NC

Technical Advisor – December 10, 2021-Present

Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, Wilkesboro, NC

Reception Coordinator/Virtual Church Office – June 15, 2021-December 31, 2021

Also conducted additional research in church growth for the Director of Missions

Welcome Home Baptist Church, N. Wilkesboro, NC

Senior Adult Ministry – September 1, 2019-August 31, 2021

Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA

Associate Pastor of VisionPoint Outreach – November 1, 2017-December 10, 2018

High School Ministry – January 15, 2017-December 10, 2018

Itinerant Preaching and Mission Work

Preaching and Pastoral Ministry – March 1, 2013-May 14, 2022

Teaching and Educational Administration

Millers Creek Christian School, Millers Creek, NC

High School Mathematics (Algebra/Geometry) Teacher – January 3, 2022-July 31, 2022

Brushy Mountain Bible Institute, Wilkesboro, NC

Interim Administrator – September 1, 2021-December 28, 2021

Registrar – June 15, 2021-May 31, 2022

Instructor of Business and Christian Education – March 10, 2020-May 31, 2022

Courses: Academic Writing, Discipleship and Christian Education, Organizational Management

Council of Private Colleges of America, Haines City, FL

Executive Board Member – September 10, 2021-Present

Guest Lecturer in Ministry and Leadership, Wilkesboro, NC

Consultant and Educator – January 1, 2020-Present

Educating church leaders in curriculum development and guest lecturing in leadership studies.

Wilkes County Schools, N. Wilkesboro, NC

Substitute Teacher (Mathematics) – June 1, 2019-August 1, 2021

Interim High School Mathematics (Math 2/Discrete Math) Teacher – March 5, 2019-May 31, 2019

Denominational Service

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Board of Directors – January 1, 2023-Present

Service on the Communications and Biblical Recorder Study Committees

Brushy Mountain Baptist Association

Church Health and Leadership Team – December 15, 2020-April 13, 2023

Manuscripts

Craven, Z. T. (2020). *Academic writing for ministry*. Brushy Mountain Bible Institute.

Craven, Z. T. (2021). *Christian education and discipleship strategies*. Brushy Mountain Bible Institute.

Craven, Z. T. (2021). *Organizational management: Lesson outlines and lectures*. Brushy Mountain Bible Institute.

Craven, Z. T., & Phillips, K. E. (2022). Managing change in the workplace: The importance of a collaborative effort. Manuscript to be submitted to *The Journal of Organizational Behavior*.

Craven, Z. T., & Wilbur, B. F. (2022). *Jesus as the light: A study guide*. Brushy Mountain Bible Institute.

Craven, Z. T. (2023). *Dyadic leadership and change readiness in private pediatric medical practices* (dissertation). Carolina University.

References

To be provided upon request.