

## JAMES A. MEEK

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### SUMMARY

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**Pastor and educator** with passion to help people come to know Christ better through the Bible

- Provides biblical, practical, and Christ-centered preaching and teaching
- Helps individuals address challenges in their faith and life and grow spiritually
- Plans, oversees, evaluates, and improves educational programs to achieve learning goals
- Trains and mentors teachers and small group leaders

**Administrator** who loves to help organizations work effectively to serve people better

- Provides leadership in identifying critical issues, setting goals, and developing strategic plans
- Works with others to oversee programs and operations, complete projects, and achieve goals
- Designs, diagnoses, and strengthens organizational systems and processes to improve performance

### EDUCATION AND ORDINATION

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**Ph.D.** Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri (New Testament), 2005

**Th.M.** Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (New Testament), 1981

**M.Div.** Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1976

**B.A.** Rice University, Houston, Texas (English), 1972

**Ordained** Teaching Elder, Presbyterian Church in America, 1981

### MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

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**Dean of the Seminary and Associate Professor of New Testament** (2012–2014)

*Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, South Carolina*

- Provided leadership for the seminary's academic programs, faculty, and strategic planning
- Managed administrative policies, procedures, and budget
- Provided leadership in assessing and improving learning and institutional effectiveness

**Occasional Ministry** (2006–present)

- Occasional preaching (sample audio files at [www.onegreatstory.com/sermons.html](http://www.onegreatstory.com/sermons.html))
- Occasional teaching in church educational program
- Occasional one-time and extended counseling of students, church members, and others
- Led small group and helped train group leaders for Big Woods Bible Church (2010–12)
- Volunteer leadership for New Life campus ministry, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania (2007–2010)

**Associate Dean for Academics and Dean of Academic Administration** (1990–2003)

*Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri*

- Provided leadership for academic programs serving 900 students, coordinated work of 50 full- and part-time faculty and staff, and managed \$2 million budget (three semesters as interim dean)
- Developed processes to assess student learning and institutional effectiveness
- Assisted president with strategic planning, publications, trustee development, and governance

**Assistant Professor of Bible** (1995–2003) and **Adjunct Professor** (1991–1994)

- Developed and taught courses in biblical studies, communication, and Greek to 5–75 adult students

**Church Planter and Pastor** (1981–1990)

*Covenant Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, Louisiana*

- Recruited core group and trained leaders
- Organized and led small group Bible studies for couples and men from church and community
- Preached, taught, planned/led worship, and provided pastoral care

### **Other Ministry Experience**

- Taught 10–100 students in large church’s adult Christian education classes (1996–2003)
- Actively participated in presbytery and general assembly (1981–present)
- Served as elder (three years) and clerk of session (one year), intern (two years), directed small groups (three years) and youth group (two years), taught adults and students, and preached (1973–1981)
- Led administrative committee as Stated Clerk of presbytery (1988–1990) in reducing quarterly meetings by two hours, cleaning up two-year backlog of minutes, and revising standing rules
- Taught and disciplined students as volunteer leader with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (1969–1977)

### **EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Assistant to the President for Planning and Assessment (2006–2011)**

*Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania*

- Drafted interim strategic plan and contributed to development of new five-year plan
- Oversaw institutional research and developed data resources to support planning and program review
- Advised programs and departments in developing means to assess and improve effectiveness
- Chaired planning and institutional improvement initiatives

#### **Independent Consultant (2003–2006)**

*Self-Employed, St. Louis, Missouri and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

- Assisted theological schools in identifying educational goals and assessing student learning

#### **Selected Professional Activities**

- Member of Evangelical Theological Society (since 1999), member of the Society of Biblical Literature (since 2000), and fellow of the Institute for Biblical Research (since 2008)
- Invited consultant to the Character and Assessment of Learning for Religious Vocation Project, Association of Theological Schools (2004–2006)
- Member of Church Leaders Group for Pulpit & Pew (research on pastoral leadership) (2000–04)
- Member of evaluation teams for Association of Theological Schools and other accrediting associations (periodically 1997–2010)

#### **Other Experience**

- As volunteer (three years), provided leadership and developed curriculum for two organizations supporting professionals in job transition
- As sole purchasing agent for small manufacturing company (three years), systematized purchasing and financial controls (\$1 million/year) and improved management of \$200,000 materials inventory
- As manager of seminary bookstore (two years), increased sales, service, and customer satisfaction by expanding and improving inventory through development of store’s first inventory control system

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

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*The Gentile Mission in Old Testament Citations in Acts: Text, Hermeneutic and Purpose.* Library of New Testament Studies, 385. New York: T&T Clark, 2009.

*Preparing for Licensure and Ordination Exams* (with Bryan Chapell). Atlanta: Christian Education and Publications (PCA), 1995, 2003.

Twelve small group discussion guides for ministry to unchurched men in *Men’s Life/Discover Life* series. Grand Rapids: Church Development Resources (Christian Reformed Church), 1988–1996.

*Daily Bible Reading Plan*, 1983–present (annual editions, [www.onegreatstory.com/reading.html](http://www.onegreatstory.com/reading.html)).

Weekly column in the Lafayette, Louisiana *Daily Advertiser*, 1984–1989.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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Complete CV with publications at [www.onegreatstory.com/jim.html](http://www.onegreatstory.com/jim.html)