

Derek W Taylor

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I am a highly motivated, organized, strategy-driven minister with a visionary side. I have experience developing new and existing programs that meet pre-defined goals on time and within budget. I drive participation, measurable impact and sustainability in programs and initiatives I lead. I love to teach and am passionate about leadership development.

EXPERIENCE

Point Loma Nazarene University | Research Coordinator, Liaison to Youth Ministry 2015-Present

- Coordinator for research interests of the Center for Pastoral Leadership
- Coordinator for youth pastor leadership development in the Center for Pastoral Leadership
- Youth Ministry Trainer for the Southwest Nazarene Youth International Field (Facilitating Youth Pastor/Student Development Opportunities over 12 Districts, each with 40+ churches)

University of San Diego | Adjunct Faculty, Dialogue Facilitator 2015-2016

- Instructor for LEAD 150, "Emerging Leaders"
- Instructor for LEAD 160, "Personal Leadership and Self-Inquiry"
- Dialogue Facilitator for Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) Conference

El Cajon Church of the Nazarene | Associate Pastor, Executive Pastor July 2008 – Present

- Serve as the elected District Nazarene Youth International President (2012 – 2016): Represent the youth ministries from 40+ churches to regional and global denominational leadership. Assist in running camps, seminars and events.
- Launched and directed El Cajon Nazarene's Upward program (2011 – 2012), a low-cost children's basketball league. Student participation doubled from 50 to over 100 in second year, trained and managed 30+ volunteers, and attained community sponsorships.
- Served as the elected District Sunday School and Discipleship Chair (2009 – 2011): Planned and managed Fresh Start, a training event for over 400 pastors and lay-leaders, re-birthing the previously declining event into a relevant tool with increased participation while reigning in finances and working within budget.
- Led the church through 7-month interim period, facilitating the smooth transition between senior leadership. Maintained stability, momentum and day-to-day logistics.
- Initiated and oversaw community partnerships with National University Academy, Re Spectrum (Autism support group), San Diego Food Bank and American Red Cross.

Point Loma Nazarene University | Board of Trustees Member 2011 – 2014

- Served on External Affairs Committee: Participated in governance-level policy recommendations to the board regarding strategies on fundraising. Provided accountability to strategies concerning admissions, alumni relations, marketing, public affairs and revenue development.
- Served on the Student Development Committee: Participated in co-curricular student programming advising, holding it accountable to both the university mission and student needs.
- Assisted with the revision and updating of new bylaws, articles of incorporation and board policy manual.

Point Loma Nazarene University | Church Relations Intern, Consultant 2002 – 2004, 2010, 2014

- Managed on-campus housing program to provide free-of-charge summer vacation housing to Nazarene pastors as a way to strengthen and affirm the relationship between PLNU and the Church of the Nazarene.
- Managed PALCON (Pastor and Leadership Conference): Assisted in the coordination of classes, transportation and housing for over 500 pastors and ministry leaders. Coordinated again in 2010 and 2014.

Freeman Presbyterian Church | Interim Pastor 2006 – 2008

- Led the church through a 2-year interim period: Maintained congregational enthusiasm and morale, as well as provided counseling, weekly sermons, hospital and home visitation, and community events participation.
- Led church through church health survey process, identifying strengths, weaknesses and perceptions.

Nazarene Theological Seminary | Assistant to the Registrar 2006 – 2008

- Aided in the successful transition between Registrars. Maintained normalcy and timely completion of tasks.

- Assisted in the upgrade of campus data management software to CAMS (Comprehensive Academic Management System), involving the transfer of historical and current student data.

Asurion | Customer Service Representative, Acting Team Coach (Asst. Supervisor) 2004 – 2006

- Promoted after 6 months from Customer Service Representative to Acting Team Coach (Asst. Supervisor).
- Successfully trained, coached and mentored a team of 12, including former peers, to meet and exceed individual and team performance metrics.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Leadership Studies | University of San Diego 2014 – Present

- San Diego, CA | Currently Enrolled, Anticipated Completion Date: May 2018
- Pursuing a focus in Nonprofit and Philanthropic Leadership, with special attention to Organizational Consulting

Master of Divinity | Nazarene Theological Seminary 2004 – 2008

- Kansas City, MO | Graduated 2008, Cum Laude
- Elected by student body to receive the Barnabas Award for Servant Leadership (2007).
- Volunteer for Kansas City Urban Youth Center, an after-school program for inner-city students (2007).

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Theology | Point Loma Nazarene University 2000 – 2004

- San Diego, CA | Graduated 2004
- Campus life activities: Founder and leader of Great Commission Student Ministry (2003), Covenant Group Leader (2001), Residents' Assistant (2002 – 2004), Rugby Club (2001, 2003), Concert Band (2000 – 2002) and Jazz Band (2001).
- Volunteer Activities: Youth group at El Cajon Nazarene (2003), Cambodian youth group at Mid City Nazarene (2001).
- Awarded Servant Leadership Award (2003 – 2004).
- Awarded Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges (2003 – 2004).

ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND INVOLVEMENTS

- Red Cross Volunteer: Disaster Services (2013 – 2016).
- Regional Representative/Member on the Nazarene Theological Seminary Alumni Board (2013 – Present).
- Ordained Minister in the Church of the Nazarene (2011 – Present).
- Chicago Marathon Finisher (2010).

SKILLS

- Experienced with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Entourage, CAMS (Comprehensive Academic Management system), iContact (email marketing tool), Quickbooks, various website content management systems, social media, and Mac and PC platforms.
- Limited experience: Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, and Illustrator; website development and maintenance.
- Signature Strengths: Discipline, Command, Analytical, Intellection and Deliberative.