

Alfred J. Poirier

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Education

D. Min, pastoral counseling, Westminster Theological Seminary, PA. 2004.

M.Div., Westminster Theological Seminary, CA 1984.
Awards: Arthur Wells award received with M.Div.

M.A.R., Westminster Theological Seminary, CA 1983.

B.A., in Religious Studies, California State University, Chico 1980.

Licensure and Ordination Papers

April 2002 – present: Ordained in PCA (Rocky Mountain Presbytery)
May 1985 – - 2002: Ordained and installed by OPC (Presbytery of the Northwest)
July 1982 – 1985 – Ordained Independent Bible Church, Del Mar Community Church, CA

Pastoral Ministry

1992—2018: Senior Pastor of Rocky Mountain Community Church, P.C.A., Billings, MT

1984—1992: Pastor of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, O.P.C., Eugene, OR

1983—1984: Interim Pastor of Del Mar Community Church, Encinitas, CA

1982—1983: Associate Pastor of Del Mar Community Church, Encinitas, CA

1980—1982: Youth Pastor of Del Mar Community Church, Encinitas, CA

Professional Experience

2026 – Present – Affiliate Professor of Pastoral Counseling, Westminster Theological Seminary

2025 – 2026 Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary

2021 – 2025 Professor of Pastoral Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary

- Held the John Boyer Chair of Evangelism & Culture Teaching, 2019-2022

2018-2021: Visiting Professor of Pastoral Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary

2003-2019: Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology, Westminster Seminary California

2000, 2002, 2006-2019: Adjunct Lecturer in Pastoral Theology, Westminster Seminary California.

1999-2020 Adjunct Faculty for Blackstone Fellowship, Alliance Defense Fund (Now Alliance Defending Freedom), Phoenix, AZ

Students: 1st year law school students from top-tiered law schools

Course: *Conflicting Worldviews*

Course: *Grappling with Gay Theology: What Would Jesus Say about Homosexuality?*

1999-2009 Adjunct Faculty for the National Litigation Academy, Alliance Defense Fund, Cancun, Mexico; Maui, Hawaii; Laguna Niguel, CA

Sermons on Ministry of Public Justice, Marriage, Same-sex attraction.

1994-2009 Adjunct Instructor and Certified Mediator, *Peacemaker Ministries*, Billings, MT

Courses: Peacemaker Seminar, Managing Conflict in Your Church, Divorce & Remarriage

Peacemaking

Since 1997, Poirier has served not only as one of Peacemaker Ministry's instructors and mediators, conducting seminars for a variety of evangelical

denominations and churches. He has taught biblical peacemaking in Europe, Asia as well as throughout the United States.

Service

2002 – 2019 – Present, Board of Advisors for Blackstone Fellowship

2002-2016 – Chairman of Credentials Committee for Rocky Mountain Presbytery of the P.C.A.

1985—2001, Chairman of Credentials Committee for Presbytery of the Northwest, O.P.C.

1993—2009, Chairman of Board, Peacemaker Ministries

Publications: Books

“Election and Good Works,” in *Chosen Not for Good in Me*, ed. David and Jonathan Gibson, (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, *Forthcoming*).

“Church Discipline: Interview with Alfred Poirier,” Peter A. Lillback, in *Unio Cum Christo*, vol. 9 no. 2 / Oct 2023:

“Gregory of Nazianzus and the Pastor as the Physician of Souls.” In *The Pastor and the Modern World: Reformed Ministry and Secular Culture*, by William Edgar, R. Kent Hughes, and Alfred Poirier, 97–120. Philadelphia: Westminster Media, 2022.

J. Gresham Machen, *Christianity & Liberalism: Legacy Edition* (Westminster Seminary Press, 2019). Contributor

The Peacemaking Pastor: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Church Conflicts, Baker Book House, 2006; *El pastor pacificado* (Zondervan, 2009); Korean translation, 2010; Portuguese editions – winning the 2012 Arete award in Christian publishing; *Chinese edition forthcoming*).

The Peacemaking Pastor: Study Guide, with Dave Edling PDF

Words that Cut: Learning to Take Criticism in Light of the Gospel. Billings, MT: Peacemaker Ministries, 2003. *Pichl'ave slova: Prijimanie kritikyz poh'l'adu evanjelia* (Slovak edition, 2007).

Publications: Articles

“O Pastor como Mediador,” in *Aconselhamento Cristao Transformador* (Londrina – PR, Brazil: Editora Descoberta, 2006).

“Taking up the Challenge.” *The Journal of Biblical Counseling*. 18, no. 1 (Fall 1999): 30-37.

“The Cross and Criticism,” *The Journal of Biblical Counseling*, 17, no. 3 (Spring, 1999): 16-20

“Revival in the Church.” *Equip Magazine*. 2, no. 6 November/December, 1996): 7-9

Personal Information

Birth Date: December 9, 1952

Married: to Trudy E. Poirier (Hudgins) on July 31, 1976

Rev. Dr. Alfred Poirier is Professor of Pastoral Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, PA teaching courses in preaching and in pastoral care and counseling. Prior to this most recent appointment, Dr. Poirier served as senior pastor of three churches spanning 38 years of ministry in San Diego, California; Eugene, Oregon; and for the past 26 years, at Rocky Mountain Community Church, PCA in Billings, Montana. During his pastorate, Dr. Poirier also served as Chairman of the Board of Peacemaker Ministries (1993-2009) instructing in and mediating conflicts for a variety of evangelical denominations and churches; he served on the Blackstone Legal Fellowship Advisory Board since its inception (1999)—teaching Christian Worldview and on the hermeneutics of biblical sexual ethics.