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WHO AM I?

With 60 years in western Pennsylvania, I count myself as a yinzer. Graduating from, and meeting my wife at, Grove City College; I am a Grover. Joining North Park Church 35 years ago and raising 2 children here, I am an old-timer. Serving on our Session for 25 years that helped plant 2 churches, I am an elder. Working on leadership boards for the regional and national church, I am part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Learning through The Church Network, I am a trained church administrator. Training and serving in Stephen Ministry for 4 years, I am a Stephen Leader. Following world football, or American soccer, for many years; I am a Pittsburgh Riverhounds fan.

More specifically, I am married to the beautiful Rachel, from Proverbs 31. My son Adam and his wonderful wife Abby reside in North Carolina with their superb son Owen. My daughter Sarah and her super son Maejor live in Pittsburgh.



WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

I am blessed to occupy the unique position of Director of Administration & Connection since 2016. With **CONNECTION**, my roles are lay minister and manager. *1 John 4:11* is my aim to **equip saints to love one another**. Stephen Ministry is an awesome way for trained Christian care-givers to walk alongside a brother or sister in Christ in a personal, pastoral role. I am also blessed to support the Diaconate teams in the many ministries to care for our church family. I am blessed with servant leaders with giftedness in the areas of mercy, hospitality, safety, and building & grounds. I am doubly blessed to work with operations staff who work in the background to support many ministries. I am grateful to oversee personnel like our office manager, media director, accountant, and maintenance staff.

With **ADMINISTRATION**, my roles are CFO and landlord. I am responsible for finance and facilities. Ephesians 4:12 provides my focus to **deploy saints for the work of ministry**. With finance, I support the superb stewardship of the church families with my 35-years of experience as a CPA. With facilities and more, The Church Network is assisting me with training in 14 domains of knowledge for church administration. Our 42,000 square-foot facility is nestled on a 12-acre campus which is next to the largest park in our county named North Park. This 3,000-acre park provides a plethora of recreational opportunities for our community and guests, as well as a home for wildlife including bald eagles.