

**Information regarding a possible contribution to  
Pastoral Readiness, Orientation and Preparation  
Oklahoma District Council of the Assemblies of God.  
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**My credentials:**

- Ordained Minister, Oklahoma District Council of the Assemblies of God
- Non-clinical member of the American Association of Christian Counselors
- Certified Instructor Prevention and Relationship Education Program and Christian Prevention and Relationship Education Program
- Certified Marriage and Family Educator, Oklahoma Marriage Initiative inclusive of Family Expectations, PREP Workshops, Marriage Initiative Workshops, Winning the Workplace Challenge, Within My Reach, On My Shoulders, A Lasting Promise (Christian Couples PREP)
- Facilitator and Trainer for Prepare-Enrich, a pre-marital and marital inventory based relationship evaluation and education program.
- Certified facilitator of the Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis, especially useful in evaluating relational interaction between couples, family members and invested groups.
- Certified Mediator for the Supreme Court of Oklahoma Early Settlement Mediation Program. Civil, Family and Divorce Mediation.

**Items to include in Pastoral Readiness, Orientation and Preparation:**

**Pastoral care:**

- How to properly respond to the death of a parishioner.
- Funeral planning and implementation, grief-care follow-up
- Conducting premarital counseling – qualifying couples for marriage
- Conducting wedding celebrations
- Hospital, convalescence calls
- Absentee follow-up and visitation guidelines
- New Believer follow-up and discipleship
- Conducting baptismal service celebrations
- Conducting baby, child dedications

## **Premarital Counseling Training**

- I have used the Prepare/Enrich premarital and marital inventories for over thirty years in my ministry.
- I am not only a facilitator but also a workshop instructor as well.
- <https://www.prepare-enrich.com>
- WHY PREPARE/ENRICH? It has become a global standard for relationship analysis and education. With a solid research foundation and wide applicability of the assessment, Prepare/Enrich has found its home in the offices of professionals and lay leaders. Prepare/Enrich adapts and reacts to the changing reality of relationships through continued research and development of assessment versions and resources. The reliability of the assessment and feedback guided by our Facilitators help couples strengthen and enrich their relationships.

## **Relationship Education and Enrichment**

- PREP - Prevention and Relationship Education Program,
- <https://prepinc.com/>
- Developed by Scott Stanley PhD and Howard Markman PhD at the University of Denver as a result of an over 40 year peer reviewed longitudinal study of what makes relationships work. Scott Stanley also developed a Christian Version of PREP with Scripture references for his Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church Denver. It is now commercially available for training and instruction.
- PREP develops resources for couples, educators, therapists, and programs to support healthy and happy marriage and family relationships.
- Workshops using the PREP curriculum have been held all over the State of Oklahoma in community based meetings incorporating a variety of formats.
- I had the privilege of conducting several of these as a part of the work of our District Churches.

## **Taylor- Johnson Temperament Analysis**

- The Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis is a widely used personality assessment for individual, pre-marital, marital and family

counseling. The T-JTA measures 18 dimensions of personality that are important in individual adjustment and interpersonal relationships. For over 50 years, the T-JTA has been used by hundreds of thousands of counseling professionals in a wide array of settings in the U.S. and around the world to help people understand themselves and others in their lives.

- This analytical tool is especially helpful in doing analysis of how the pieces and parts of a church staff fit together based on their temperament and approach to inter-relationships, problem solving and potential interaction with other team members both lay and professional.
- <https://tjta.com/>
- I am a certified facilitator and instructor.

## Pastoral Burnout Prevention

- Keeping proper **priorities**: 1. Relationship to God, 2. Relationship to Spouse and Children 3. Relationship to the Church and the Ministry
- Keeping proper **perspective**: Our relationship to God is NOT our ministry. Ministry is our vocation. God deserves our devotion. Our ministry must never become our god. That is idolatry of the first order.
- Keeping proper **people priorities**: In the home, marriage is the first order of business at all times. Without a solid, Christ centered partnership with our spouse we do not have ministry. Children come after the marriage and must be in that order of priority. They are invited guests but have no permanence. Only Dad and Mom are permanent residents of the home. We must lead our people by example in these matters.
- Keeping proper **personal precaution**: God is our devotion, ministry our vocation but we must also have an avocation to keep us healthy and balanced.