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experience

Middle School Pastor | Christ Church, Plano, TX | 2011 - Present

I lead a missional community of disciples at a large Anglican church. I work along side staff, interns, and volunteers to facilitate the discipleship of 6th - 8th graders.

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT | Erik Willits Ministries Inc., Nashville, TN | 2007 - present

I led and organized the ministry in attaining 501 (C)3 status. I assembled the ministry board and advisory team. Currently I plan and run an annual meeting and cast vision for ministry-led initiatives. I also manage ministry budget, finances as well as raise support and work with donors.

Lead Speaker Guy | The Loop, Nashville, TN | 2009 - 2011

The Loop Nashville is a citywide non-denominational young adult gathering. As the primary speaker / pastor I communicate a relevant biblical message every week. I was also involved in planning and leadership for this ministry.

EVANGELIST / EVENT SPEAKER | 1999 - 2002 (part-time) 2002 - 2011 (full-time)

My primary role is to communicate the Gospel in relevant, life-changing ways, with an emphasis in college / young adult and student ministry events. As an independent minister, on top of speaking duties I also manage booking, administration and organize all other aspects of ministry.

Involvement & Initiatives

-- **iLiveLove | Creator / Facilitator** | An initiative that exists to tell stories, stir imagination, and enable action. This initiative aims to help young people get involved in creative social justice efforts locally and globally.

Website | www.ilivelove.com | 2010 - present.

-- **Revolutionary Thoughts** | Revolutionary Thoughts started as 60 second devotional thoughts on Nashville Christian radio. These radio spots would air 4 times a day | 2008 - 2010. Currently Revolutionary Thoughts are found on the web as weekly devotional thoughts for students | www.RevolutionaryThoughts.com

STUDENT MINISTRIES PASTOR | St. James UMC, Montgomery, AL | May 03 - Dec. 03

I facilitated a student ministry with two paid staff, as well as interns and volunteers. This was an interim position and on entering a ministry that had been without a student ministries pastor, I started with 10 - 15 students and ended with 50+ students who were involved and being disciplined through formative community environments. I served until a full-time student ministry pastor was hired.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER | College Church, Bourbonnais, IL | 2000 - 2001

My first year in the LTC program, I served as the senior high student ministry assistant, assisting with admin and small groups. My second year, I served on the Evangelism and New Service teams. My gifts of vision and administration were utilized in starting a new service focusing on evangelism and reaching young adults.

CAMPUS LIFE DIRECTOR - YFC | Create-Monee High School, Crete, IL | 2001 - 2002

In this staff position at Youth For Christ, I was involved in establishing a ministry in a new south suburban Chicago school with little previous groundwork. In this school of 2,000, I established a regular monthly meeting time and a leadership team for the ministry. I also forged community connections with public school administration, community church leaders and local business people.

CAMPUS MINISTRY | Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL | 1999 - 2001

I led and developed leaders to facilitate a weekly college campus worship experience. I played a key role in growing the ministry from an average of 50-75 college students per week to 200+ students per week.

affiliations

Luis Palau Association | 2008 - present

Member of the Next Generation Alliance
Featured Evangelist

Cross Style International Ministries | 2002 - 2006

Youth evangelist

education

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

B.S. in Religion & Christian Ministry, Minor in Communications | 2002

Master Degree in progress

20+ hours completed

references

Brad Goode | Director of evangelism and pastor to college & young adults

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