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## experience

### **STUDENT MINISTER | Christ Church, Plano, TX | 2011 - Present**

I lead a community of young disciples at a large Anglican church in the North Dallas suburbs. I lead and work alongside staff of 4 as well as interns and volunteers to facilitate the discipleship of 6th - 8th grade students. I oversee the 6th grade confirmation year, weekly programming on Sundays and Wednesdays and coordinate multiple large-scale events throughout the year. In line with our family ministry model, I have the privilege to walk alongside the whole family as we help middle school students become life-long disciples of Jesus Christ.

### **FOUNDER & PRESIDENT | Erik Willits Ministries, Inc., McKinney, TX | 2003 - present**

I led and organized this non-profit ministry in attaining 501 (C)3 status in 2007. 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 the ministry budget and finances as well as raise support and work with donors.

### **LEAD SPEAKER / TEACHER | The Loop, Nashville, TN | 2009 - 2011**

The Loop Nashville is a citywide non-denominational college and young adult gathering. As the primary speaker / teaching pastor, I communicated a relevant biblical message every week and was also instrumental in planning and leadership.

### **EVENT SPEAKER | 1999 - 2002 (part-time), 2003 - 2011 (full-time)**

My primary role was communicating 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 managed booking and administration and organized all other aspects of ministry with the help of a part-time assistant.

### *Involvement & Initiatives*

- **iLiveLove | Creator / Facilitator** | An initiative that existed to tell stories, stir imagination and enable action. This initiative aimed to help young people get involved in creative social justice efforts locally and globally in the name of Christ. Website | [www.ilivelove.com](http://www.ilivelove.com) | 2010 - 2011
- **Revolutionary Thoughts** | Revolutionary Thoughts started as 60-second devotional thoughts on Nashville Christian radio. These radio spots aired four times a day from 2007 - 2010. Currently Revolutionary Thoughts are found on the web as devotional thoughts for students. | [www.RevolutionaryThoughts.com](http://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 where 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 administration and small groups. My second year, I served on the Evangelism and New Service teams. I used my gifts of vision and leadership 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 part-time staff position at Youth For Christ, I was involved in establishing a ministry in a new south suburban Chicago school with little previous groundwork.

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY | Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL | 1998 - 2002**

I led and developed leaders to facilitate a weekly college campus worship experience.

## affiliations

### **Luis Palau Association | 2008 - 2011**

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

20+ hours of coursework toward a Master of Arts in Religion

## references

### **Brad Goode | Associate Pastor**

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### **Todd Maberry | Associate Pastor**

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### **Jed Roseberry | Rector / Church Planter**

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## published works

**LENT | A Journey of Discovery by Addition, Subtraction and Introspection**  
2012, The Youth Cartel

**ADVENT | A Journey of Discovery through Waiting, Watching and Preparing for the Light**  
2013, The Youth Cartel

