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Curriculum Vitae

Birth details

04.05.1970 Tartu.

Studies

1977 – 1985 Tartu V Middle School.
1985 – 1988 Nõo Middle School
1988 – 1994 Institute of Theology of the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (EELC), matriculated on 04.04.1989
1997 – 1998 AFLC Theological Seminary Minneapolis, MN, M.Div.
2003 – 2005 Tallinn University, PhD
2007 – LCMS Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, as a postdoctoral Fulbright Scholar

Ordination

16.01.1991 Tallinn Episcopal Cathedral (Deputy Pastor), Pastor's ordination 02.12.1994

Clerical, academic and public service

1991 – 1997 EELC Vastseliina parish Pastor
1992 – 1993 Member of the EELC Church Council
1995 – 1996 Assistant Dean of EELC Võru deanery
1995 – 1997 Member of the EELC Church Council
1996 – 1997 Theological Consultant for the newspaper Eesti Kirik
1998 – 2010 Lecturer and Holder of the Chair of Practical Theology at the Institute of Theology of the EELC
1998 – 2012 Head of the Pastoral Seminar of the Institute of Theology of the EELC
1990 – 1995 Associate Professor of systematic theology at the Institute of Theology of the EELC
1999 – EELC Nõmme Rahu parish Pastor
2000 – 2010 Member of the board of the EELC Pastors Conference
2001 – 2012 Member of the EELC Church Council
2005 – 2012 Assessor of the EELC Consistory
2005 – 2012 Assistant Head of the EELC Church Council
2005 – 2012 Member of the Joint Committee of the Government of the Republic of Estonia and EELC
2006 – 2018 Member of the Teaching Committee of the EELC Episcopal Council
2006 – Member of the EELC Education Committee (chairman 2006-2012)
2006 – 2012 Member of the EELC Church Music Committee
2006 – 2019 Member of the administrative board of the Herbert Kuurme Memorial Foundation
2011 – 2012 Member of the Council of SA Tallinn Toomkool
2011 – 2012 Acting Rector of the Institute of Theology of the EELC

2012 – 2019	Rector of the Institute of Theology of the EELC
2012 – 2022	Member of the Council of SA EELC Tallinn Diaconia Hospital (Chairman since 2017)
2013 – 2019	Chairman of the Evald Saag Foundation of the Institute of Theology of the EELC
2014 – 2014	EELC Candidate for Archbishop
2015 –	Assesor of the EELC Consistory
2015 –	Member of the Church Council of the EELC
2015 –	Member of the Joint Commission of the Government of the Republic of Estonia and EELC
2015 – 2017	Chairman of the EELC Diaconate and Social Work Committee
2015 –	Member of the EELC Clerical Office Commission
2016 – 2018	Member of the temporary commission for the preparation of changes to the EELC statutes and church code
2018 – 2019	Member of the Council of the Sieghilde and Paul Gerhard von Horeschelmann Support Fund
2018 – 2021	Chairman of SA EELC Council for Diaconia and Social Work
2019 –	Chief Chaplain of Prisons, responsible Lutheran clergy
2019 – 2022	Chief Chaplain of the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia
2019 – 2021	Member of the Crisis Management Team of the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia
2022 –	Rector of the Institute of Theology of the EELC
2022 –	Chairman of the EELC Diaconate and Social Work Committee

Books

1998	"And we ask", author.
2005	"The Sermon as Argumentative Discourse: An Informal-Logical Aspect", author
2014	"EELC: insights and prospects", author
2016	"From Him, to Him and through Him", author
2017	"Our Pastors, Ove Sander", co-author
2019	"Everything is grace", author
2019	"Looking through the eyes of love", co-author and compiler
2020	"That we may have life", author

Honors

1998	EELC publishing award
1998	1st degree of the Order of Vastseliina Tuesday Club
2007	EELC Meritorious Officer III degree
2008	Health Maker of the year
2009	EELC clergyman of the year
2013	Tartu Academy of Theology Wheelcross II rank decoration
2014	Tallinn Order of Merit
2016	EELC Golden Cross
2016	Institute of Theology of the EELC Big Medal
2020	EELC Meritorious Officer II degree