



Interfaith Arkansas

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than different*



The Rev. Stephen J. Copley is a Church and Community Worker missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, serving as executive director of Interfaith Arkansas, based in Little Rock.

Church and Community Workers respond to God's call to ministry among the poor and disenfranchised in rural and urban areas throughout the United States. They work to change the social inequities of poverty, racial injustice, and domestic violence.

Interfaith Arkansas engages in two types of ministry: interfaith/ecumenical dialogue and community ministry around the issues of poverty, restorative justice, the environment, immigration, and health.

Born in Lawton, Oklahoma, Stephen attended the University of Central Arkansas and earned a B.A. degree in history. His theological study was completed at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. In addition, he earned a law degree at the Little Rock School of Law of the University of Arkansas.

His ecumenical and interfaith roots are deep. For five years Stephen was president of the Arkansas Interfaith Conference. He is chair of the Arkansas Annual Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, and was a United Methodist delegate to the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches for the years 2008–2011. He is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Leaders Network.

In addition, Stephen is extremely active in civic life in Little Rock and Arkansas, serving in multiple capacities with organizations devoted to such causes as hunger alleviation, human rights, economic security and a living wage, shelter for the homeless, and social justice. The Jaycees honored him with an Outstanding Young Arkansan award, one of several honors he has received for his social and humanitarian work.

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