



**REV. MARY A. KELLY**

CENTRAL PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14225

Rev. Mary A. Kelly

Ordained Elder, united methodist church, 2009

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

Facilitator, Imagine No Racism Initiative, Upper New York Conference — June 2018

Chautauqua Clergy Leadership Program, Department of Religious Studies,  
Chautauqua Institute; Chautauqua, NY — 2015-2017

Instructor, UM Course of Study, Bible 101 — Winter 2016

Instructor, UM Course of Study, Worship & Sacraments — Spring 2018

Trained Mentor, “Mentoring for Effectiveness” Program, Upper NY Annual Conference — 2014

Trained Mentor, Provisional Elder status, Upper NY Conference

Order of the Flame, World Methodist Evangelism

Instructor, Certified Lay Minister Training, Niagara Frontier District — 2013, 2015

Church of the Resurrection Leadership Workshops; Kansas City, KS — Sep 2013

Congregational Based CPE (3 credits)

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## **EXPERIENCE**

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### ***Pastor, Central Park United Methodist Church; Buffalo, NY — Jul 2009–Present***

Preaching, teaching, and shepherding in a dynamic and multi-cultural urban congregation. Pastoral emphasis on restorative justice ministries and missional work, including partnership with Journey's End Refugee Services and VOICE Buffalo. Founding contributor of Clara's Closet Refugee Services, Inc.

### ***Pastor, University and Cleveland Hill United Methodist Church; Buffalo, NY — Jul 2003–Jun 2009***

Sole pastor of two yoked inner-city congregations in Buffalo NY.

### ***Administrative Assistant, United Theological Seminary at Buffalo; West Seneca, NY — Sep 2001–Jun 2005***

Managed satellite office for UTS/Buffalo campus. Oversaw day-to-day administrative operations of MDiv programming. Interfaced with students and faculty, purchased books for library, maintained student records, organized retreats, managed accounts payable and receivable, and worked closely with the Academic Dean as well as United staff in Dayton Ohio to ensure an excellent educational experience for our students.

### ***Interim Local Coordinator, United Methodist Course of Study; West Seneca, NY — Jul 2004–Apr 2005***

Assisted Director in launching new UM Course of Study programming in Buffalo/Niagara region. Hired professors, oversaw operations, and managed student accounts for the program.

### ***Sales and Service Representative, KeyBank N.A.; Williamsville, NY — Aug 1999–Aug 2001***

Provided excellent customer service in a retail banking center.

### ***Manager, Borders Books and Music; Cheektowaga, NY — Jun 1995–Oct 1999***

Oversaw operations for book sales, managed staff, serviced customers, and hired and scheduled all personnel.

### ***Manager/Associate Manager Retail Sales,***

### ***The Metropolitan Museum of Art; New York, NY — Sep 1987–Mar 1996***

Various managerial positions throughout the Met's many retail stores, including the Children's and Print & Poster Shop, the Main Book Store, and the Shop at Rockefeller Center.

## **EDUCATION**

United Theological Seminary, Dayton OH — Master of Divinity, 2005

University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY — Bachelor of Arts: Theatre, 1985 (Magna Cum Laude)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

President, Clara's Closet Refugee Services; Buffalo, NY — Present

President, Board of Directors, Beechwood Homes; Getzville, NY — Present

Board of Directors, Beechwood Homes; Getzville, NY — 2015–2017

Chair, District Committee on Ordained Ministry (Niagara Frontier District); Buffalo, NY — 2012–June 2017

Vice-President, Niagara Frontier City Ministries; Buffalo, NY — 2005–2011

United Methodist Course of Study Advisory Board; Buffalo, NY — 2004–2017

## **AWARDS**

Georgia Harkness Scholarship Award Recipient

Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel Award Recipient