



COACHING BIOS

Joseph Bradley is a lay person serving in Camping and Retreat Ministries at the Center for Leadership Development and previously as the Youth Director at FUMC Arlington. Joseph brings a mindset of limitless possibilities to the coaching relationship. Joseph's vision for coaching is working together toward the challenge of expanding what is possible by tapping into one's own depth of knowledge and experience.

Kelly Carpenter is a lay person serving as the Associate Director of the Center for Leadership Development and previously at Lovers Lane UMC, Spring Valley UMC and the TCU Wesley Foundation. Kelly organizes the NTC Advanced Coaching Initiative and serves as an individual, group and team coach. Kelly's vision for coaching is to maximize a leader's potential primarily through deep listening and curiosity along with all the tools of co-active coaching for the transformation of lives.

Liz Diebold is a lay person who previously served as the Children's Ministry Director of Argyle UMC. Liz participated in the original A Time for Children cohort and has been coaching Children's Directors, Youth Directors and laity since 2017. Liz's vision for coaching is to encourage and empower leaders in exploring and expanding their gifts, talents, passions, knowledge, and opportunities into viable action plans to better serve God's Kingdom.

Rev. Matt Gaston is an Elder serving as the Lead Pastor of FUMC Plano and previously at University Park UMC and FUMC Denton. Matt believes his calling is to "equip the saints for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:12). Matt's vision for coaching is to come alongside people and help them navigate more clearly the next steps of their life's journey.

Rev. Jill Jackson-Sears is an Elder serving as the Senior Pastor of Lake Highlands UMC and previously at The Woods UMC. Jill serves as an individual and team coach and is in the process of being certified by the International Coaching Federation (ICF). Jill's coaching vision is to empower leaders and/or churches in their discernment of God's unique call on their ministry at this time and develop strategic plans that bring that call to fruition.

Rev. Andy Lewis is an Elder serving as the Assistant to the Bishop and Director of the Center for Missional Outreach and previously as lead pastor at FUMC Lewisville, Holy Covenant in Carrollton, and a church plant in McKinney and as youth minister at FUMC Richardson, Wesley UMC in Greenville, and White Rock UMC in Dallas. Andy enjoys investing in the leadership of clergy who are beginning their ministry or facing new challenges. Andy's vision for coaching is to establish a foundation of a trusting relationship and build upon it by asking good questions, setting clear goals, and providing support and accountability.

Rev. S. Dianna Masters is a retired Elder previously serving as Associate Director of the Center for Church Development where she gave leadership to strengthening the NTC Black Churches and Black pastors. She previously served as Pastor of Warren UMC in South Dallas and Associate Pastor of St. Luke "Community" UMC. S. Dianna brings her passion for clergy leadership to the coaching relationship. S. Dianna's vision for coaching is helping pastors think through what they want to accomplish

in their ministry while also establishing their core values that will guide their behavior in ministry. She enjoys helping pastor establish a vision for their life.

Rev. John McLarty is an Elder serving as the Senior Pastor of FUMC Wichita Falls and previously at Stonebridge UMC and founding pastor of Faith UMC – Corinth. John brings 27 years of professional ministry experience in the local church to the coaching relationship. John's vision for coaching is to help people identify and deploy their creativity and resources to face challenges with courage and confidence.

Rev. Stacey Piyakhun is an Elder serving as the Lead Pastor of Melissa UMC, a multisite of First UMC McKinney, and previously at Christ UMC and First UMC Frisco. Stacey brings experience in new church planting, multisite development, and balancing parenthood and pastoring to the coaching relationship. Stacey's vision for coaching is to help people discover God's abundance in the middle of their ministry setting.

Rev. Chris Schoolcraft is an Elder serving as the Senior Pastor of FUMC Lewisville and previously at Argyle UMC and Prosper UMC. Chris serves as an individual, group and team coach. He is also trained in appreciative inquiry, Enneagram and is in the process of being certified by the International Coaching Federation (ICF).

Rev. Dr. Abe Smith is an Elder serving as Associate Pastor of FUMC McKinney and previously at FUMC Allen and Christ UMC. Like a sports coach, Abe helps others identify their goals, create a plan for winning, and cheers them on to victory. Abe's coaching vision is to help people live intentionality, grow forward, and add value to the world. In addition to coaching with NTC, Abe along with his wife Amy, can be found at: <https://www.smithcoaching.com/>.

Rev. Dina Steiner is a Deacon serving as Director and Coach with Spirit at Work ATX in Austin and previously at Stonebridge UMC and Trietsch Memorial UMC. In addition to Dina's ministry experience, she also brings her experience in management, including an MBA in international business, to the coaching relationship. Dina's vision for coaching is to equip, empower and encourage others in their ministries, using insightful questions, accountability, and targeted feedback. In addition to coaching with NTC, you can find Dina at: <https://spiritatworkclergy.com/>.

Rev. Pam White is an Elder serving as the Senior Pastor of FUMC Rowlett. In this role she blends her past administrative experience from serving as a Senior Associate Pastor at St. Andrew UMC with the more personal, rural ministry experience from serving at Poetry UMC and Royse City UMC. In her coaching relationships, Pam applies her skills as a Licensed Professional Counselor to help facilitate personal growth and improve leadership skills. Pam's vision for coaching is to utilize deep listening and powerful questions to help leaders embrace the opportunity for learning and growth that is present in every experience.

Rev. Emma Williams is a Deacon serving in Faith Formation at the Center for Leadership Development and previously at Wesley Rankin Community Center. She enjoys coming alongside innovative leaders to discover where God is moving in their ministries. Emma's vision for coaching is to support, challenge and affirm people growing what it means to be in Christian community.