

# Curriculum Vitae for Derrick Lumsden

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## Personal Profile

Leadership oriented pastor with a systems approach to thinking about church and a love for the Lord and His Kingdom and for applying the Lord's teachings to heal and help people.

## Family

Married to Eden King Lumsden in 2006.

Father of 5 boys, ages 10, 7, 5, 3, and 1.

We are enjoying providing home school education for them.

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## Ordination

First Degree, May 2008; Second Degree, May 2010

## Education

Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (Dmin) Expected completion 2022

Academy of the New Church Theological School (MDiv) 2008

Thesis on Freedom, Compulsion, and the Priesthood

Bryn Athyn College of the New Church (BA in History and Education) 2005

Georgia Institute of Technology (Studied Mechanical Engineering but transferred before completion)

Academy of the New Church Secondary Schools (Comprehensive Diploma) 2001

## Pastoral Work Experience

**The Sower's Chapel** Sarver, PA, USA

Pastor (July 2014-Present)

Developing leadership skills in a small congregation context and honing pastoral counseling skills.

**New Church Westville** Westville, South Africa

Pastor (July 2010- June 2014)

Oversaw completion of R18Million remodel project on campus.

Developed lay leadership for small group studies and the future of the church.

Refocused church growth from the responsibility of the school to the church.

Religion Teacher at Kainon School (July 2008- June 2014)

Developed spiraling curriculum for overview of the Bible in collaboration with Malcolm Smith.

Chaplain to Kainon School (July 2010-December 2012)

Transitioned the religious leadership from the role of Principal to Chaplain.

Developed headmistress to hand more leadership to the headmistress.

Developed leadership of the church and school to handle faculty and school expansion.

Assistant to the Pastor at Westville New Church (July 2008- June 2010)

Responsible for pastoral care for teens and young adults.

**New Church of Boulder Valley** Boulder, CO, USA

Candidate for the Priesthood (September 2007-November 2007)

Worked with David Roth and Anna Woofendon on The Journey campaign.

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## Other Work Experience Inkosi

**Properties Ltd** Sarver, PA Managing

Partner (October 17- Present)

Created family real estate investment business with my wife.

Manage books and properties. Respond to tenant concerns. Maintain properties.

**Furniture Lady** Bryn Athyn, PA

Driver and Furniture Mover (March 2006- May 2008)

Work on a team to move furniture to and from residential homes.

**Henderson Custom Painting** Bryn Athyn, PA

Painter, Site Manager, Supply Manager (June 2005- August 2007)

Independent work to provide high end painting to residential homes.

Responsible for all equipment and supplying site managers as well as job site management.

**Glencairn Museum** Bryn Athyn, PA

Intern and Docent (September 2004- May 2005)

Provide entertaining tours to adults and children explaining art history and New Church culture.

**Stuart Hall** Bryn Athyn PA

Resident Assistant (September 2003- May 2005)

Responsible for nurture, guidance, and discipline of High School boys living in the dormitory.

**Office of Education** Bryn Athyn PA

Database Editor and Unit Box Assistant (February 2003- May 2005)

Edited religion curriculum documents and assisted in managing a library database for Unit Boxes.

**Michelin Tire Company Research and Development** Greenville SC

Mechanical Engineering Co-op (May 2002- August 2002)

Managed nine engineering projects in association with diverse colleagues.

**Durango Steak House** Atlanta, GA

Server (April 2002 - September 2002)

Collaborated with wait staff to ensure a pleasant experience for guests.

**Steak and Ale** Atlanta, GA

Host (June 2001- August 2001)

Management and seating of guests to solve simple problems and ensure pleasant guest experience.

**Bean Hall Cafeteria** Bryn Athyn PA

Dining Hall Cleaning Staff (August 1999 - May 2001, December 2002 - May 2005)

Work on a team to efficiently and cheerfully provide clean eating environment.

**Media Play** Smyrna, GA

Sales Associate and Cashier (June 2000 - August 2000)

Assumed responsibility for the maintenance and customer care in the book department.

**Sears Outlet** Smyrna, GA

Sales Associate and Cashier (June 1999 - August 1999, December 1999)

Matched customers with an appliance that fit their needs.

**Singleton Builders** Smyrna GA

Apprentice Carpenter (June 1998 - August 1998)

Assisted with projects as the carpenter directed.

**Smyrna South West Soccer Association** Smyrna, GA

Soccer Referee (February 1995 - December 2002)

Managed the flow of a soccer game by enforcing rules and encouraging players.

Responding to irate players, coaches, and parents in a measured manner.

Referee Coordinator (September 1997- June 1999)

Scheduling referees to ensure all games had appropriate level of referee experience and personnel.

## Recent Volunteer Experience

Cubmaster (2016-2018) and Treasurer (2014-2016) for Boy Scouts of America, Pack 51

Treasurer of Freeport Council of Churches (2018)

Manager of the Podcast for Spirit and Life Bible Study (2013-Present)

Technical support for [gcclergywives.org](http://gcclergywives.org), [newchristianwoman.com](http://newchristianwoman.com), [sowerschapel.org](http://sowerschapel.org),  
[newchurchperspective.com](http://newchurchperspective.com) (2010-Present)

One of the managing editors of New Church Perspective (2010-2015)

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## Hobbies and Interest

Leadership, Computers and technology, Business, Farming (raising pigs and growing herbs and vegetables), Fitness (weight lifting, kettle-bells, calisthenics), Reading, Guitar

## Relevant Skills

**Foreign Language** French: reading and conversation capable; Spanish: basic; Zulu: basic

**Sacred Languages** Swedenborg's Latin: competent; Hebrew: intermediate; Greek: introductory

**Computer and Technology:** Competent at Windows, Mac, and Linux operating systems; Proficient at word processing spreadsheets, and presentation programs; basics of BASH scripting, HTML, CSS; basic Linux server administration; Proficient at Wordpress; general social media proficiency; Basic graphic design and layout

**Counseling:** Prepare/Enrich Marriage Counseling Certificate; Course work in Biblical Counseling

## Career Interests

Leadership and systematic thinking about organizations.

Evangelization and supporting the world wide New Church movement.

Pastoral counseling and discipleship.

Doctrinal study (especially in the Literal Sense and about the Lord).

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## Professional Associations

Freeport Council of Churches (Freeport, PA); Christian Leadership Network (Saxonburg, PA)

## Committee Work

Membership Committee (2012-Present)

Consistory (2015-Present)

Pastoral Selection Committee for Morning Star Chapel, Atlanta GA USA (2001)

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## Papers Presented to the Council of the Clergy

The Grammar of the Divine Human: Coupled Adjectives in Sewedenborg's Latin (2017) [[Link](#)]

What's the use? (2012) [[Link](#)]

## New Church Life Articles

Why I Call Myself A Swedenborgian (January/February 2017)

Response to Spiritual Sustainability (June/July 2012)

Priorities in Parenting (March/April 2015)

What is Leadership From a New Church Perspective? (March/April 2016)

Pastor Profile and Sermon (September/October 2011)

Declaration of Faith and Purpose (2008)

## Jacob's Creek Plenary

What's New about the New Church? (2017) [[Link to audio](#)]

## Sermons on New Church Audio

Almost every sermon I have preached is available in audio format at [newchurchaudio.org](http://newchurchaudio.org). [[Link](#)]

## New Church Perspective

What Are the Priorities in Parenting? (2015) [[Link](#)]

Spiritual Sustainability, a response (2012) [[Link](#)]

Why I Believe in Organized Religion (2011) [[Link](#)]

4 Reasons Most New Year's Resolutions and Other Habit Changes Fail and What You Can Do to Succeed (2010) [[Link](#)]

## **Blog on Family Ministry at New Church Westville**

A blog to teach and encourage the members of New Church Westville to understand Marriage and Family Ministry. This was the early part of vision casting for developing this ministry in that church community. [[Link](#)]