

Rev Erik J Buss

## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

Bryn Athyn College (AA) 1985

Williams College (BA) 1987

Bryn Athyn College Theological School (MDiv) 1990

### Pastoral assignments and responsibilities

1990-93 Assistant to the pastor, Glenview New Church, Visiting Pastor to Midwest, Central and West Districts

1993-2000 Pastor of Cascade New Church (Seattle), and Visiting Pastor to the Northwest District

1998-2000 In addition, Regional supervisor for Phoenix

2000-2010 Pastor of New Church Westville, Principal of Kainon School

2006-10 In addition, Regional Pastor for South Africa

2010-present Assistant Pastor, Bryn Athyn Church

2013-present In addition, Regional Pastor, first for Glenview, and then for Sarver and Boston

### Books & Pamphlets

Way of Wisdom (with Grant Schnarr). Swedenborg Foundation, 1999

Freely Give: Evangelization and the New Church. General Church, 2000

Love is not a Feeling. General Church, 2003

One Heart: Finding True Happiness in Marriage. General Church, 2006

Finding the Path: How to Read the Word for Direction and Support. General Church, 2010

### Papers to the clergy

“Towards a Philosophy of Preaching,” 1991

“The Cycle of Life: A Model for Viewing Gender-related Concerns,” 1995, NCL 442, 490, 535

“Dealing with Sin in the Church,” 1997

“Towards a New Church Epistemology: The Sources of Knowledge in the Church,” 2009

“Some Principles of Church Government,” 2010

### Sermons

“Little by little: Our slow spiritual growth,” NCL 2013, p. 25

“Love is Not a Feeling” NCL 1998, p. 3

Many can be viewed using the live streaming archive at [brynathynchurch.org](http://brynathynchurch.org). (Click “Watch Archived Services” on right side of screen.)

## Management activities

- Led development of the informal service in Glenview, which increased church attendance and engagement there.
- Led Cascade New Church from a small group with an average worship attendance in the teens to attendance of around 40.
- Led a strategic planning process and consequent building project in Westville that greatly increased the size of the campus and the enrollment at Kainon School. These improvements have led to increased engagement of local families in the church.
- Led the strategic planning process at Bryn Athyn Church and am in the process of reworking it to be more effective.
- Regular work with young adults (18-35 years) in Bryn Athyn, both encouraging engagement in the church and also advocating for them to create a space that feels welcoming to them. Momentum is swinging in the right direction. For instance, young adult attendance at the cathedral 11 am service has risen from being in single digits in 2010 to being in the mid 20s on a given Sunday, and sometimes a high as 40.

## General Church Committees & Councils

General Church Evangelization Committee 1992-2000, 2013-present

Bishop's Consistory, 2000-2004

Advisory Council, 2006-2010, 2013-present

Reconstituted Bishop's Consistory, 2010-2014

Council of Clergy Membership Committee, 2009-present

International Committee, 2010-2014

Non-voting clergy member, Academy Board, 2010-present

Reconstituted International Committee, 2017-present

## Personal

Married to Ann (Gladish) Buss for 29 years. Ann is an artist and she also runs the tutoring program at Bryn Athyn College.

### Children:

Jared 28	Married to Justine Brannon Buss, 2 children, assistant to the pastor in Toronto
Tania 27	Married to Micah Alden, 1 child, mama and artist
Rachel 25	Married to David Steen, therapist
Derek 23	Working a year before attending medical school next year
Shaun 21	Bryn Athyn College

Some of my hobbies include running, gardening, health, qigong, reading, writing, music, and travel.