

James E. Lake

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CHURCH EXPERIENCE

Ordained Deacon, Florida Annual Conference, United Methodist Church June, 1983

Ordained Elder, Florida Annual Conference United Methodist Church June, 1986

Associate Pastor First United Methodist, Fort Myers Florida 1984-1987

Founding Pastor, Faith United Methodist Fort Myers, Florida 1987-1994

Faith UMC is in a growing part of SW Florida with a large number of retirees. Starting a new church offered an opportunity to engage in a wide range of ministry experiences and cast a vision that would offer new possibilities. In seven years of service the church grew to 400 members with 400 in worship attendance. Presently, the church has 650 members with average worship attendance of 750.

Senior Pastor, First United Methodist, Naples, Florida 1994-1998

This 100 year old church was in a process of discerning its ministry in downtown Naples. I greatly enjoyed working with the many gifted leaders and staff in a team ministry. The church was a long time presence in this community that committed to moving in new directions and claiming unique expressions of ministry.

Senior Pastor, Wesley United Methodist Church. Marco Island Florida 2002-2008

Wesley is blessed with many outstanding leaders. We developed a plan together and are just completing a \$3 million expansion of our facilities. The church has seen growth in membership and taken steps forward in its ministries and programs. The church has been able to employ new administrative systems and programs that have proven effective in stretching to new levels of growth. We are about to conclude a debt reduction campaign to eliminate mortgage.

Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Oviedo Florida 2008- Present

First United Methodist, Oviedo is a wonderful collection of folks. The church is 1,700 members and provides a wide ranging expression of excellent ministries to church families and community. We have recently moved into our new Sanctuary (2009) and are finding exciting expressions of worship and ministry in our new space.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph. D. Student A.B.D. United States History University of Miami, 1998- 2004

Master of Divinity, Emory University, 1981-1984

Bachelor of Arts, Humanities Major Florida Southern College 1978-1981

COURSES TAUGHT AS ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OR TEACHING ASSISTANT

Modern U. S. History Edison College, Fall 2001

Modern World History, writing intensive Edison College, Summer 2001

Early U. S. History Teaching Assistant University of Miami Fall 1999, Fall 2000

Modern Western Civilization Teaching Assistant University of Miami, Spring 2000 Modern U.

S. History Teaching Assistant University of Miami, Spring 2001, 2002
Colonial Latin American History, Florida Gulf Coast University, Spring 2003

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Dissertation Topic: The Calusa of Southwest Florida
Colonial United States and Latin America
Colonial Florida and Native Americans of Florida

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS PRESENTED

Book Review Hernando de Soto Expedition History, Historiography, and “Discovery” in the Southeast Gulf South Historical Review 15:2 (Spring 2000).

May 1999 “The Seminole Slave Factor in the First Seminole War”
Florida Historical Conference

October 1999 “Infertile Alliance: Calusa Cacique Carlos meets Pedro Menendez”
Gulf South Historical Conference

May 2000 “A Familiar Treasure: Jonathan Dickinson’s Journal”
Florida Anthropological Society

February 2002 “The Demise of the Calusa”
Allen Morris Conference Florida State University

AWARDS RECEIVED

Outstanding Teaching Assistant 2001
College of Arts and Sciences, University of Miami
Teaching Assistantship, University of Miami
Full academic scholarship and teaching stipend
Dean’s Scholar, Candler School of Theology, Emory University
Full academic scholarship
Omicron Delta Kappa, inducted 1980 Florida Southern College

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married 26 years to Gail Gustafson Lake.

David Lake, sports journalist, 25; Sarah Lake, Graduate Student UCF, 23
Milo, Siamese Cat, 6 years old; Buddy, Golden Retriever, 6 years old

Recreational interests: Jogging, Reading, Gardening