

## Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer

### Nominee for General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer (John) goes where he feels a sense of call. This has sometimes taken him down paths he didn't choose. Rev. Dorhauer says he believes that the sacred moves among us and when his openness to her is genuine, he feels God's pleasure. By the urging of the sacred and a nudge from friends, Rev. Dorhauer has surrendered to the call to serve the church in this way and at this time in his ministry.

Rev. Dorhauer feels that the best days of the United Church of Christ are ahead of us. That being said, Rev. Dorhauer also feels that the United Church of Christ's "future mission must remain consistent with our historic commitments to maintain the unity of the body in the spirit of peace and our current call to offer God's extravagant love to all." As a result of his passion for the vitality of our shared mission, and his conviction that adaptive abilities are essential to our ongoing health, John's new book *Beyond Resistance: The Institutional Church Meets the Postmodern World*, addresses what we can be doing to prepare well for a time a great change. It is due out in print early in June.

Rev. Dorhauer is passionate about justice. Two statements that shape his theology are: God is love. God is just. His passion for love and justice drives him. His entire ministry has been a response to the call to help recreate the church in the image of a God who shows no partiality.

On the day that Arizona became a marriage equality state, Rev. Dorhauer was positioned on the steps of the county court house with a sign, "We stand ready to marry you," and therefore Rev. Dorhauer became the first person to perform a legal same sex wedding in the state of Arizona when he joined David Laurence and Kevin Patterson in holy matrimony.

Rev. Dorhauer focused his doctoral studies on White Privilege. He intends to lead the church's Sacred Conversations on Race by calling the Church into a similar broad and ongoing conversation on the role and impact of White Privilege on our denomination. Rev. Dorhauer invites the United Church of Christ into a deep, nuanced, and honest examination of and meaningful dialogue about what George Lipsitz calls 'our possessive investment in whiteness.'

Along with his passion for justice, Rev. Dorhauer has a passion for and love of baseball, specifically the St. Louis Cardinals. He can quote to you some unbelievable stats, not just about the Cards, but other teams, as well, and yet the person he most wants to meet from history: Jackie Robinson – not at all a St. Louis Cardinal. When Rev. Dorhauer is not extolling the goodness of the Cards, his recreation time includes a love of golf and long bike rides.

Rev. Dorhauer married the first woman he ever kissed and has been in love with her ever since, a span of time soon to hit 31 years of marriage. They have three children: a composer, an artist, and a poet.

Rev. Dorhauer's favorite hymn is "Be Thou My Vision." He loves music of all kinds; his favorite artists are Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Nancy Griffith, and Mozart. He almost always has music playing around him. Along with that love of music is also an appreciation of good literature and poetry. Fyodor Dostoevsky is his favorite author and Emily Dickenson is his favorite poet.

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