

Rev. Gordon M. Rankin



“I love God, the church and the people of the church. All I do starts from there. I am very passionate about what I do and yet, at the same time, rather even keel. I seek to model the type of behavior that I believe Christ calls us to in the church. I am a strong communicator. I understand good communication, including preaching, as being built on relationship. I am invested in honestly listening to all voices. I am a strong administrator. My staff would tell you that I speak a lot of the need to minister both to people and to the system. I am as concerned with how we do what we do as I am with what we do. For me, good administration is what allows people to break free from institutional management and engage in hands on ministry. I am a storyteller. I see God in the world around me all the time. I love to share those stories in my preaching, at meetings, everywhere.”

Vocational History

Transitional Associate Conference Minister, Iowa, Nebraska, & South Dakota Conferences, 2018-Present

Conference Minister, South Dakota Conference, 2015-2017

Senior Pastor, Congregational Church of Naugatuck, Naugatuck, CT, 2000-2015

Associate Pastor, First Congregational Church, Madison, CT, 1991-2000

Formal Education

Andover Newton Theological School
Newton Centre, MA
Master of Divinity

Elon College (now Elon University), Elon, NC
Bachelor of Arts

Novato High School, Novato, CA
High School Diploma

Community and Wider Church Involvement

- South Dakota Faith in Public Life Board, 2017-present
- UCC Giving Task Force, 2015-2016
- Dow Rummel Village Board of Trustees, 2015-present
- UCC Conference Minister Search Innovations Team, 2014
- Chair, Connecticut Conference Minister Search Committee, 2011-2013
- Connecticut Conference Boundary Awareness Trainer – as needed since 1998
- Moderator, Naugatuck Valley Association, 2004-2005
- Silver Lake Conference Center Board of Directors 2000-2009, (chair of Director Search Committee, 2003 – chair of board 2006-2008)
- Connecticut Conference Board of Directors, 1998-2000, 2006-2008
- Moderator, Connecticut Conference, 1999 & 2000
- Dean at Silver Lake Conference Center for *Sacred Journey* (joint CT-Korean camp), New Horizons, and Silver Lake's Funniest Videos conferences, 1993-present

Family

Gordon is one half of a clergy couple, with his spouse Paige also being ordained in the UCC. They have one daughter who is in high school.