

## Charles J. Alkula

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2019-present: Pastor, St. Paul's United Methodist Church – Boulder, Colorado  
2013-2019: Pastor, Stevensville United Methodist Church – Stevensville, Montana  
2010-2012: Interim Pastor, First United Methodist Church – McCamey, Texas  
2010-2012: Interim Pastor, First United Methodist Church – Iraan, Texas  
2007-2009: Pastor, First United Methodist Church – Sidney, Nebraska  
1999-2007: Chaplain, United States Navy  
1997-1999: Pastor, Osmond/Winside (Nebraska) United Methodist Parish  
1996-1997: Pastor, Osmond/Stark Valley (Nebraska) United Methodist Parish  
1992-1993: Student Pastor, Christ United Methodist Church – Landover Hills, Maryland  
1989-1992: Executive Correspondent, Chevy Chase Federal Savings Bank – Bethesda, Maryland  
1988-1989: Teacher, Silver Bluff High School – Aiken, South Carolina  
1986-1987: Teacher, Spartanburg High School – Spartanburg, South Carolina  
1985-1986: Teacher, Brookland Plantation Home for Boys – Orangeburg, South Carolina  
1982-1985: Officer, United States Army

### EDUCATION

2018	University of Montana, Missoula, Montana	Bach. of Fine Arts
2005	Drew University, Madison, New Jersey	Doctor of Ministry
1997	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC	Master of Divinity
1988	Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina	Master of Education
1982	Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas	Bach. of General Studies
1977-80	Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama	General courses

### Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

2012-2013	Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas	4 Units
1998	Avera/Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, South Dakota	1 Unit
1995-1996	Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington, DC	1 Unit

### Other Training

2023 Caring for Survivors of Domestic Violence (virtual), Association of Professional Chaplains, Hoffman Estates, Illinois  
Certificate in the Foundations of Hospice Chaplaincy (virtual), Spiritual Care Association, New York City, New York  
Wisdom Traditions in Storytelling and Sacred Narrative (virtual), Graduate Theological Union, Berkley, California  
Ecospirituality (virtual), Graduate Theological Union, Berkley, California  
Spiritual Care, Contemplative Practice, and Ritual (virtual), Graduate Theological Union, Berkley, California

- 2022 Certificate in Mental Health and Spirituality (virtual), Redlands University School of Continuing Education, Redlands, California  
Board Certification Preparation Course (virtual), Chaplain Distance Learning
- 2021-23 Certificate in the Art of Spiritual Direction (virtual), San Francisco Theological Seminary / Redlands University, Redlands, California
- 2020 Healing Through Art (virtual), Shiley Institute for Pastoral Care / California State University, San Marcos, California  
Essentials of Palliative Care Chaplaincy (virtual), Shiley Institute for Pastoral Care / California State University, San Marcos, California  
Maintaining Boundaries in a Digital Age (virtual), Lewis Center for Church Leadership, Washington, DC  
Understanding Clergy Sexual Ethics (virtual), Lewis Center for Church Leadership, Washington, DC
- 2019-21 Center for Pastoral Effectiveness II (Family systems theory), Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 2019 Safe Sanctuary/United Methodist Church (webinar), Safe Gatherings, Olathe, Kansas  
Implicit Bias: What we don't think we think (webinar), Convergence, Decatur, Georgia
- 2019 Interior Castle (webinar), Center for Action and Contemplation, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
A Multicultural, Multi-Religious View of Forgiveness (webinar), Association of Professional Chaplains, Hoffman Estates, Illinois  
Ambiguous Loss and its Impact on Spiritual Healing (webinar), Association of Professional Chaplains, Hoffman Estates, Illinois
- 2018 The Value of Existential Pain (webinar), Association of Professional Chaplains, Hoffman Estates, Illinois
- 2017-18 Center for Pastoral Effectiveness I (Family systems theory), Missoula, Montana
- 2013 Dignity Therapy and Opportunities in Palliative End-of-Life Care, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas  
Moral Injury and Chaplaincy, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas  
Outcome Oriented Chaplaincy, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas  
Shattered Assumptions: Toward an understanding of Trauma, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas  
Spirituality at Work: A Christian Perspective (webinar), Loyola Institute for Ministry, New Orleans, Louisiana  
The 'Intrusion of Grace' in the Stories of Flannery O'Connor (webinar), Loyola Institute for Ministry, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Improving Care for Veterans Facing Illness and Death, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas
- 2012 An intercultural approach to research and spiritual care of morally injured veterans, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas  
Best Practices in Organ/Tissue Donations, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas  
Beyond Kübler Ross: New Perspectives on Death, Dying, and Grief, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas

Ethics Symposium: Ethics at the end of life, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas

Ethically Managing the Challenging Vet, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas  
War and the Soul, Audie Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas

2010-12 Two-year Academy for Spiritual Formation #31, San Antonio, Texas

2009 Family Systems and Church Leadership, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina  
Conflict Transformation, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina  
The Sacraments, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina  
Congregational Mission Plan Training, Brainerd, Minnesota

2001 Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support, Naval Hospital - Camp Lejeune, North Carolina  
Spirituality & Healing (Harvard University Medical School), Boston, Massachusetts

1999 Naval Chaplains Basic Course, Newport, Rhode Island  
Suicide Prevention/Awareness, Iwakuni, Japan

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Elder in Full Connection

Mountain Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Duncan Prize for Creative Use of Technology in an Academic Project, awarded by The Theological School of Drew University, May 2005

## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

2023: Local Pastor Licensing School evaluator, (UMC - Mountain Sky Conference)  
Colorado Front Range District Committee on Church Building & Location (UMC - Mountain Sky Conference)  
Colorado Front Range District Committee on Ordained Ministry (UMC - Mountain Sky Conference)

2020-2023: Peaks/Pikes Peak District Committee on Ordained Ministry (UMC - Mountain Sky Conference)  
Peaks/Pikes Peak District New Ministries Council (UMC - Mountain Sky Conference)  
Peaks/Pikes Peak District Leadership Roundtable (UMC - Mountain Sky Conference)  
Peaks/Pikes Peak District Committee on Church Building & Location (UMC - Mountain Sky Conference)

2016-present: Board of Ordained Ministry (UMC - Mountain Sky Conference)  
(Conference Relations Committee / Extension Ministries Coordinator)

2016-2018: Board of Stewards (UMC - Mountain Sky Conference)

2016: 2016 United Methodist General Conference volunteer, Portland, Oregon

2014-2015: Mission u presenter: "Is it well with your soul?" (UMC - Yellowstone Conference)

2013-2016: Guiding Values Team (UMC - Yellowstone Conference)

2013-2016: Board of Trustees (UMC - Yellowstone Conference)

2013-2016: Board of Higher Education & Ministry (UMC - Yellowstone Conference)  
2012-2013: Supply preacher, San Antonio District (UMC - Southwest Texas Conference)  
2011-2012: San Angelo District Council on Ministry (UMC - Southwest Texas Conference)  
2011-2012: San Angelo District Evangelism Coordinator (UMC - Southwest Texas Conference)  
2011-2012: McCamey (Texas) Ministerial Alliance  
2010: Basic Lay Speaking Course teacher - United Methodist History & Doctrine (UMC - Southwest Texas Conference)  
2010-2012: Iraan (Texas) Ministerial Alliance  
2007-2009: Great West District Committee on Ordained Ministry (UMC - Nebraska Conference)  
2007-2009: Great West District Council on Ministry (UMC - Nebraska Conference)  
2007-2009: Sidney (Nebraska) Clergy Network  
2004-2007: Circuit preaching plans, Cornwall District, Methodist Church (United Kingdom)  
2001-2004: Supply preacher, New Bern District (UMC - North Carolina Conference)  
1997-1999: Conference Board of Church & Society (UMC - Nebraska Conference)  
1997-1999: Conference Council on Youth Ministry (UMC - Nebraska Conference)  
1996-1999: Northeast District Council on Youth Ministry (UMC - Nebraska Conference)

## RESEARCH AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

2019-present St. Paul's United Methodist Church (Boulder, Colorado) website:  
[www.stpaulsboulder.com](http://www.stpaulsboulder.com)

2019-present Bolder St. Paul's (St. Paul's United Methodist Church (Boulder, Colorado) blog:  
[www.bolderstpauls.blogspot.com](http://www.bolderstpauls.blogspot.com)

2018-present RevArtColorado (art portfolio) website: [www.revertcolorado.com](http://www.revertcolorado.com)

2013-2019 View from the Valley (Stevensville (Montana) United Methodist Church) blog:  
[www.steviumc.blogspot.com](http://www.steviumc.blogspot.com)  
Stevensville (Montana) United Methodist Church website: [www.steviumc.org](http://www.steviumc.org)

2010-2013 First United Methodist Church (McCamey, Texas) website:  
[www.firstumcmccamey.weebly.com](http://www.firstumcmccamey.weebly.com)  
First United Methodist Church (McCamey, Texas) blog:  
[www.fumc-mccamey.blogspot.com](http://www.fumc-mccamey.blogspot.com)  
First United Methodist Church (Iraan, Texas) website:  
[www.firstumciraan.weebly.com](http://www.firstumciraan.weebly.com)  
First United Methodist Church (Iraan, Texas) blog:  
[www.fumc-iraan.blogspot.com](http://www.fumc-iraan.blogspot.com)

2007-2009 First United Methodist Church (Sidney, Nebraska) website:  
[www.sidneyfirstumc.org](http://www.sidneyfirstumc.org)  
First United Methodist Church (Sidney, Nebraska) blog:  
[www.sidneyfirstumc.blogspot.com](http://www.sidneyfirstumc.blogspot.com)

2005-2017 [The Wired Word](#), editorial board (An online adult Sunday school curriculum)

2005-present Doctor of Ministry dissertation: [www.revdralkula.weebly.com](http://www.revdralkula.weebly.com)

2002-2003 *Aha!* editorial board (a preaching resource magazine, no longer in publication)

1999-2007 Contributor, The Mystery Worshipper (project of [ShipofFools.com](http://ShipofFools.com))

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Professional Chaplains, Spiritual Care Association, Spiritual Directors International