

# REV. CHRISTOPHER M. GRIMES

## ***SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS***

- Strong leadership, management, and supervisory background
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Effective in problem-solving and implementing effective solutions

## ***EDUCATION***

**Masters of Divinity**, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL September 2010- May 2013

**Bachelor of Science, Communication and Theatre Arts**, Concentration in Communications, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI June 2007

**Major in English Education**, Adrian College, Adrian, MI, August 2000- April 2003

## ***Professional Experience:***

***St. Timothy United Methodist Church, Detroit, MI***

09/12 – 05/13

### **PASTOR**

Responsible for preaching a contextual message weekly.

Planning worship services throughout the liturgical year.

Serves as the worship leader during the worship services.

Teaching and coordinating bible studies.

Coordinate and conduct monthly meetings with laity.

Creating forums for think tanks on rethinking church.

Providing pastor care to the congregation and their families.

***Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL***

09/12 – 05/13

### **WORSHIP COORDINATOR (Wednesday Night Gospel Service)**

Planning weekly worship services.

Serves as the worship leader during the worship services.

Served as led vocalist in the G-ETS Gospel Choir.

Coordinate and conduct weekly meetings with volunteers of the worship service.

***Scott Memorial United Methodist Church, Detroit, MI***

05/12 – 09/12

### **STUDENT PASTOR (INTERN)**

Officiated several funerals with the senior pastor.

Planned several worship services.

Assisted Senior Pastor with visits to the sick and shut-in.

Served as a worship leader during the worship services.

Taught one of the sessions at Christian Charm School for the young ladies at the church.

Led a small group in Door to Door Evangelism.

***Ingleside-Whitfield United Methodist Church, Chicago, IL***

08/11 – 05/12

### **STUDENT PASTOR (INTERN)**

Coordinate and conduct weekly conference calls to teach bible studies to young adults.

Conducted bible study lessons to seniors.

Plan and coordinate events and meetings with young adults and volunteers to implement the vision and mission statement of the church.

Served as worship leader during the worship services.

Encouraged the congregation to be active participants in the worship experience.  
Use high-level communication, sound judgment, and problem-solving skills to satisfactorily resolve issues in the best interest of the church, during church council meetings.

**Scott Memorial United Methodist Church, Detroit, MI**

01/08 – 09/10

**YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Coordinate youth groups schedule for the year.  
Conduct daily conference calls to teach bible studies and host daily devotions.  
Plan and coordinate events and meetings for youth and volunteers to implement the vision and mission statement of the church.  
Use high-level communication, sound judgment, and problem-solving skills to satisfactorily resolve issues in the best interest of the church, youth group and volunteers.  
Attend monthly meetings to report to the administrative council on behalf of the youth ministry.

**Pre Paid Legal Service Inc., Detroit, MI**

12/04 – 12/08

**MANAGER**

Implemented training for new associates to develop company knowledge.  
Hosted bi-weekly meetings to discuss business attack plan.  
Conducted weekly conference calls to discuss growth for the quarter and goal setting for new associates.  
Use organizational communication skills to implement filing system to protect and store enrolling member's sensitive information.  
Attend quarterly leadership summits and international conventions.

**Detroit Police Department, Junior Police Cadet Program, Detroit, MI**

06/00 – 08/05

**SUPERVISOR**

Supervised inner city youth to ensure adherence to established regulations, orders, and procedures.  
Assisted with coordination of activities for over 200 cadets.  
Transmitted orders and instructions, as required.  
Prepared and submitted reports regularly to officers and councilors.

***SPECIAL TRAINING/UNDERGRADUATE COURSES***

Small Group Communication, Eastern Michigan University (2005)  
Non Verbal Communication, Eastern Michigan University (2005)  
Listening Behavior Communication, Eastern Michigan University (2006)  
Organizational Communications, Eastern Michigan University (2006)  
Voice and Articulation Communication, Eastern Michigan University (2006)  
Family Communication, Eastern Michigan University (2007)

***HONORS/AWARDS***

Detroit Annual Conference Guest Speaker at BMCR Luncheon Adrian, MI (2012)  
BMCR Annual Meeting Guest Speaker at Garrett Alumni Breakfast Las Vegas, NV (2012)  
Academic Achievement Eastern Michigan University, (2) Deans List, Ypsilanti, MI (2004, 2007)

***COMMUNITY SERVICE***

Volunteer, Cribs Feeding Homeless Youth and Young Adults, Chicago, IL (2012, 2013)  
Student Pastor, Ingleside-Whitfield United Methodist Church Thanksgiving Dinners, Chicago, IL (2011)  
Volunteer, Garrett Evangelical (CBE) Reading to Children, Pretoria, S. Africa, (2011)  
Volunteer, Scott Memorial United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School, Detroit, MI (2008-2010)  
Volunteer, Scott Memorial United Methodist Church N.O.A.H. Project, Detroit, MI (2008-2010)

Trustee, Scott Memorial United Methodist Church, Detroit, MI (2008-2013)  
Volunteer, Meals on Wheel, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI (2006)  
Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity First Baptist West Church, Charlotte, NC (2001)

### ***MEMBERSHIPS***

Male Co-Chair, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary Student Council, Evanston, IL 2012-2013)  
Member, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, Evanston, IL (2011-2012)  
Student Trustee, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary Student Council, Evanston, IL (2011-2012)  
Member, GEBS Garrett Evangelical Black Seminarians, Evanston, IL (2010-2012)  
Member at Large, Garrett Evangelical Black Seminarians, Evanston, IL (2011-2012)  
Member, Administrative Council, Scott Memorial United Methodist Church, Detroit, MI (2008-2010)  
Member, NAACP (2005-2007)