

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

George Karl

Married to Laura for 41 years. Four children including Kathleen who is married to Derek Irvine, Associate Pastor of the Vernon Advent Christian Church and Daniel Karl, Associate Pastor of the Garner Advent Christian Church and four grandchildren.

Bachelor of Science Degree, Berkshire Christian College and Master of Divinity, Columbia International University. Pastored churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Melrose, Massachusetts (1981-1996). Served as interim pastor for Seabrook Advent Christian Church, Charlton Advent Christian Church, Faith Community Church (Windsor, CT), Sheffield Chapel, Torrington Advent Christian Church, and Community Church of Westfield. Member and elder at Hope Church, Lenox, MA.

President, New Life Conference, 2004-2011 and 2013-present. Eastern Region Association of Advent Christian Churches board member, 2004-present. Chairman of Community Church of Westfield Oversight Committee, 2012-present. Member of Faith Community Church Oversight Committee, 2011-present. Member Berkshire Institute for Christian Studies board, 2012-present. Pastor, Wyben Union Church (interdenominational), Westfield, MA, 2015-present.

John Tate

Ordained by the Georgia Conference in 1999, John Tate has served the Lord in Advent Christian churches in New England, the Deep South, and the Desert Southwest.

Growing up in the Advent Christian family, John discerned a call into full-time pastoral ministry in high school and soon began working toward becoming equipped for and affirmed in that calling. After graduating from the Berkshire Institute for Christian Studies in 1994 and then Toccoa Falls College in 1997, John began his vocational ministry in Augusta, Georgia. The Lord has led Pastor Tate to accept opportunities for service in the local church as a pastor and a youth pastor; in our camp meetings as a counselor, teacher, and evening speaker; and in our denomination as a conference president and youth ministries director. John is married to Lisa and they have two little girls, Bryn and Ingrid. The family is expecting a little boy in December! Pastor Tate currently serves as the senior pastor of the Emmanuel Advent Christian Church in Rochester, New Hampshire.