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Michael A Proud, Jr.

Ministry Objective:

To be used by the Lord to assist pastors and churches in coming to clarity, in purpose and function, for His glory

Personal:

DOB May 24, 1963
Married Sally E. Lock on June 11, 1980

Sally and I have four grown children. Andrea and Stephen both live near us in Orange County, California and are not yet married. Nicole and Kadie are both married and live just outside of Denver, Colorado. We also have two wonderful grandsons, Keilan and Kaiden, that we try to see as often as possible.

On August 14, 1983, I gave my life to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at Mountain View Southern Baptist Church in Lafayette, Colorado. This church played a significant role in my spiritual growth and development as a believer. It was in this church I publicly surrendered to ministry, was licensed to preach on April 12, 1987, and was ordained on April 9, 1990.

Education:

Bachelor of Arts 1991	Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, Colorado
Master of Divinity Summa Cum Laude 1994	Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri
Doctor of Ministry 2001	Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri

Academic Achievements:

1991	Outstanding Achievement Award for Excellence in Christian Leadership Colorado Christian University
1994	Who's Who Award among Students in American Universities and Colleges Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
1994	Baptist Bookstore/John Knox Press Preaching Award Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Ministry Experience:

1/88-7/91	Minister of Youth: Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, Lafayette, Colorado
10/91-10/94	Associate Pastor: Linden Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri
10/94-11/98	Senior Pastor: First Baptist Church, Cameron, Missouri
11/98-9/05	Senior Pastor: Trinity Baptist Church, Aurora, Colorado
9/05-8/2011	Senior Pastor: Arbor Christian Fellowship, Lake Forest, California
8/2011-Present	Director of Missions: Orange County Southern Baptist Association, Santa Ana, California

- Developed associational “Dream Statement” which provides clarity and focus to the ministry of the association for greater effectiveness
- Created revitalization strategy called Assess & Assist
- Created Church Planting Mission Councils for church planters (partnering 3 senior pastors together with each planter to walk in partnership together for up to three years)
- Created “Discipleship Pathway.” This discipleship strategy provides an intentional framework for contextualized discipleship in the local church
- Developed June as “Association Month.” We create 3–4-minute videos which highlight the work of our churches and the relevance of the association to be shown in worship services
- Created “Mission Festival” as another way to connect church members to associational ministry annually.
- Coordinated Annual Easter Sunrise Service at Knott’s Berry Farm
- Developed structure for Pastors’ Peer Groups
- Developed Mission strategy partnership with IMB
- Created Pastor Retreats three times a year at no cost to pastors

- Led the collaboration for two Missional Workshops with all ten of the Southern California associations
- Developed the strategy of “Third-Places” by creating a partnership with the YMCA of Orange County. This strategy enables churches to connect with lost people they may not otherwise meet
- Currently in the process of connecting churches to social media strategies for outreach and evangelism in a post-pandemic world

Denominational Experience:

1996-97	Director for Associational Restructuring, Heartland Baptist Association, Lawson, Missouri
1997-98	Vice-Moderator, Heartland Baptist Association, Lawson, Missouri
January 1998	Speaker, Missouri State Evangelism Conference, Branson, Missouri
1999-2003	Associational Director of Discipleship, Denver Association of Southern Baptist Churches, Denver, Colorado
2000-01	Executive Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Committee on Nominations, Nashville, Tennessee
2002-2005	Trustee, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri
2007-2009	Vice Moderator, Orange County Southern Baptist Association, Santa Ana, California
2009-2011	Moderator, Orange County Southern Baptist Association, Santa Ana, California
2011-Present	Field Mentor, Doctor of Ministry Department, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California
2012-2014	Vice President for the California Director of Missions Fellowship
2013-2016	Committee on Board Nominations, California Southern Baptist Convention, Fresno, California
2016-2018	President for the California Director of Missions Fellowship
2019-Present	Board of Directors, Baptist Foundation of California, Ontario, California

Community Volunteer Experience:

2014-2020	Chairman of the Christian Emphasis Committee (CARES) for the YMCA Association of Orange County, Tustin, California
May 2016	Awarded 2015 Chairman’s Distinguished Service Award as volunteer of the year, YMCA Association of Orange County, Tustin, California
2018-Present	Board of Directors for the YMCA Association of Orange County, Tustin, California
2019-2020	2 nd Vice Chair-Board of Directors, YMCA Association of Orange County, Tustin, California
2020-Present	Chairman-Board of Directors, YMCA Association of Orange County, Tustin, California

Philosophy of Ministry:

Clarity of Purpose: My heart and passion in ministry is to be used by the Lord as an agent to assist pastors and churches in coming to clarity, in purpose and function, for His glory. We developed an approach of clarity for our association and have modeled this for our pastors and church leaders. I believe clarity brings about great enthusiasm and effectiveness in ministry. I was able to employ these very same principles and approaches to help the YMCA of Orange County's Board of Directors find clarity in purpose and function in their role as a board. I believe this demonstrates the effectiveness of this approach in any setting.

Collaborative Team Building: During my 10 years with the Orange County Southern Baptist Association, I have had the opportunity to provide leadership and build teams among our partner churches and among the Directors of Missions in our state. I have had the privilege of leading people of diverse backgrounds to come together in a collaborative way to produce strategic pathways for ministry.

Relevance to the Local Church: In my ministry as a DOM, I have led our office to adopt a philosophy of relevance to the local church. We have never promoted the need for finances to our churches. We have operated from the conviction that our job is to be relevant to our congregations and we trust the Lord for the finances. We have discovered that pastors and church leaders will give to what is relevant to them, and this has proven itself to be true in the OCSBA. Between 2011 and 2020 the partnership contributions from our churches have increased by 51%. I am convinced this is the direct result of focusing on our task and trusting the Lord with the results. As an example, 2020 was the second highest year for partnership contributions from our churches in the past 12 years.

Relational Availability: I believe strongly that relational equity opens the door for trust and provides the platform needed to be invited to speak into the lives of pastors and church leaders. This provides a great opportunity to cast a powerful and compelling vision for Kingdom partnership. We have experienced this as churches have partnered in greater ways with our association over the past 10 years. As we like to say here, "We Really are Better Together!"

My Spiritual Gifts are in the areas of preaching/teaching, discernment, and administration. I am committed to strong expository preaching that submits to the complete authority and inerrancy of God's Holy Word. I am personally committed to prayer, soul winning and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. I am a strategic-collaborative leader who brings others into the engagement of process so they will take ownership of the outcomes. I am a hands-on leader who will strive to build relationships with the pastors and churches of the state convention just as I have done with those of our association. I will commit to building trust and support so churches of every size, language, and cultural background will feel they are valued and are a vital part of the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

Michael Proud, Jr. Biography

Michael Proud, Jr. grew up and lived in Lafayette Colorado since the age of 10. Born in Panorama City, CA. He moved to Colorado after his parents' divorce. Michael met and married Sally Lock on June 11, 1980. Sally is a Boulder native and the Proud's oldest two daughters where both born in Boulder Community Hospital. Even though they have lived away from Colorado for a number of years, they have both considered Colorado as home for them.

Michael and Sally both trusted Jesus as their Savior at Mountain View Southern Baptist Church in Lafayette. This is the same church where Michael surrendered to ministry, was licensed and ordained. Michael and Sally will always be grateful for the influence of this church and the support they had been given during their early years of ministry.

Michael has served as Director of Missions for the Orange County Southern Baptist Association since August 1, 2011. Prior to this he served Southern Baptist Churches in Missouri, Colorado, and California; 7 years as a staff member and 17 years as a senior pastor. Michael was Senior Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Aurora from 1998 to 2005. He also had the privilege to serve as the Director of Discipleship at the Mile High Baptist Association from 1999-2003. Immediately prior to becoming the Director of Missions, Michael served 2 years as Moderator for the OCSBA.

Michael received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Leadership from Colorado Christian University (1991); a Master of Divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1994); and a Doctor of Ministry degree also from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (2001). Michael and Sally have four grown children: three daughters (Andrea, Nicole, & Kadie), a son (Stephen) and two grandsons (Keilan & Kaiden). The Proud's are excited about the opportunity to serve Colorado Baptists once again and very much look forward to what the Lord will do as we seek Him together!