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Joseph D. Small serves as Director of Theology Worship and Education Ministries, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In this capacity, he directs the work of the offices of Theology and Worship, Theological Education, Christian Formation, and Christian Education, as well as Congregational Ministries Publishing.

Dr. Small holds degrees from Brown University, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Louisville Theological Seminary. He has served on the staff of Pittsburgh Seminary, and as pastor of churches in Towson Maryland, Westerville Ohio, and Rochester New York.

Dr. Small is the author of *Conversations With the Confessions* (2005), *Preservation of the Truth* (2005), *Fire and Wind: The Holy Spirit in the Church Today* (2002), *Committed Conversation* (2000), and *God and Ourselves: A Brief Exercise in Reformed Theology* (1996), and has written numerous journal articles, study series, and theological papers. He is a core member of “Re-Forming Ministry,” co-chair of the international Reformed-Pentecostal Dialogue, member of the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches, and a frequent participant in international ecumenical consultations sponsored by the World Council of Churches, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and the Centre International Reformé.

Dr. Small is married to Valerie Small, a Presbyterian elder who serves as an Assistant Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. She manages the General Assembly nominations process. Joe and Valerie have traveled extensively, and both enjoy golf, music, and reading. They are the parents of four children – Kalen, Doug, Jennifer, and Carly.

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**WORK HISTORY**

<b>Director, Theology Worship and Education Ministries</b> General Assembly Council Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Louisville, Kentucky	2007-
<b>Associate Director for Theology and Worship</b> Congregational Ministries Division Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	2000-2006
<b>Coordinator for Theology and Worship</b> Congregational Ministries Division Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	1993-2006
<b>Associate Director</b> Theology and Worship Ministry Unit Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	1988-1993
<b>Pastor</b> Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church Rochester, New York	1983-1988
<b>Pastor</b> First United Presbyterian Church Westerville, Ohio	1975-1983
<b>Director of Church Studies</b>	1972-1975
<b>Dean of Students</b>	1970-1972
<b>Director of Admissions</b> Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	1968-1970
<b>Associate Pastor</b> Towson Presbyterian Church Towson, Maryland	1966-1968

**EDUCATION**

<b>Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.):</b> Theology Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary	1981
<b>Master of Theology (Th.M.):</b> New Testament Princeton Theological Seminary	1971
<b>Master of Divinity (M.Div.)</b> Pittsburgh Theological Seminary	1966
<b>Bachelor of Arts (A.B.):</b> Political Science Brown University	1963

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*Conversations with the Confessions: Dialogue in the Reformed Tradition*  
Louisville: Geneva Press, 2005

*Preservation of the Truth*  
Louisville: Witherspoon Press, 2005

*Fire and Wind: The Holy Spirit in the Church Today*  
Louisville: Geneva Press, 2002

*God and Ourselves: A Brief Exercise in Reformed Theology*  
Louisville: Presbyterian Publishing, 1996.

### **Monographs**

*A Church of the Word and Sacrament*  
Theology and Worship Occasional Paper No. 16, 2003

*Who's In? Who's Out? Pharisees, Presbyterians, and the Discernment of Faithfulness*  
Price H. Gwynn Church Leadership Series, Geneva Press, 2001

*Committed Conversation*  
Theology and Worship Church Issues Series No. 2, 1999

*The Great Ends of the Church*  
CPPA, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1997  
[revised edition, Witherspoon Press, 2003]

*Essential Things: A Study of The COCU Consensus and Churches in Covenant Communion*  
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1996

*Is Christ Divided? Theological Pluralism in the Presbyterian Community of Faith*  
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1988  
(Spanish and Korean translations)

*The Interpretation of the Church: Ecclesiology and Hermeneutics*  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1981

*Principalities and Powers in the Pauline Epistles*  
Princeton Theological Seminary, 1971

### **Essays**

“Confessing the Faith in the Reformed Tradition”  
*Ancient Faiths and American-Born Churches*, Riggs, Campbell & Stafford, eds.  
New York: Paulist Press, 2005

“Presbyterian Churches”  
*Encyclopedia of Christianity*, John Bowden, ed.  
Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005

“A Company of Pastors”  
*Calvin and the Company of Pastors*, David Foxgrover, ed.  
Grand Rapids: Calvin Studies Society, 2004

“A Church of the Word and Sacrament”  
*Christian Worship in Reformed Churches Past and Present*, Lukas Vischer, ed.  
Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2003

“North American Culture and the Gospel: Between Accommodation and Identity”  
*One Gospel – Many Cultures*, Mercy Amba Oduyoye & Hendrik M Vroom, eds.

Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2003

## Articles

“Praying for the Unity of the Church”  
*Ecumenical Trends*, 37.6: June, 2008

“Polity and the English Language”  
*The Presbyterian Outlook*, 190.18: May 26, 2008

“Scripture in the Reformed Tradition”  
*Call to Worship*, 41.4, 2008

“Calvin’s Jubilee”  
*The Presbyterian Outlook*, 190.10: March 24, 2008

“What in the Church is the Reformed Tradition?”  
*Ideas!* vol 6, issue 3; Spring/Summer 2007

“Changing Times”  
*HungryHearts*, XV.3: Fall, 2006

“Curly, Scissors, and Harry”  
*The Presbyterian Outlook*, 188.27: August 14/21, 2006

“Ordination Tryals”  
*The Presbyterian Outlook*; 188.24: July 10, 2006

“The Last Monk of Durau”  
*HungryHearts*, XV.1: Spring, 2006

“Theology’s Passive Voice”  
*Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, 22.8: October, 2005

“A Thought Experiment” (With Charles A. Wiley)  
*The Presbyterian Outlook*; 187.35: October 24, 2005

“What is Communion and When is it Full?”  
*Ecclesiology*, 2.1: 2005 (reprinted in *Reformed World*, Volume 56(2), June 2006)

“In Spirit and in Truth: Worship and Experience in the Reformed Tradition”  
*Call to Worship*, 37.1, 2003

“Form and Freedom in Common Prayer”  
*HungryHearts*, XII.2: Summer, 2003

“Undivided Plural Ministry: Ordered Ministries and Episcopé in the Presbyterian Tradition”  
*Ecumenical Trends*, 32.1: January, 2003

“Who’s In, Who’s Out”  
*Theology Today*, 58.1: April, 2001

“Ecclesial Identity and Ecumenical Decisions in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)”  
*Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, 37.1: Winter, 2000

“Talking and Voting”  
*The Presbyterian Outlook*, 181.25: July 19-26, 1999

“Ordained to What?”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, 33.2: 1999

“Signs of the Postdenominational Future”  
*The Christian Century*, 116.14: May 5, 1999

“A Company of Pastors”  
*Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, 14.4: April, 1999

- “Schism and Sacrament”  
*Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, 13.4: April, 1998
- “Seedbeds or Wastelands? Seminaries and the Teaching of Worship”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, XXXII.1: 1998
- “A Search for Theological Vocabulary” (with John P. Burgess)  
*The Presbyterian Outlook*, 180.2: January 19, 1998
- “Confessions and Tenets”  
*The Presbyterian Outlook*, 179.2: January 20, 1997
- “Ecumenism and the Reformed Tradition”  
*Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, 11.8: October, 1996
- “Evaluating ‘Re-Imagining’” (with John P. Burgess)  
*The Christian Century*, 111.11: April 6, 1994
- “Re-Imagining: A Theological Appraisal” (with John P. Burgess)  
*The Presbyterian Outlook*, 176.9: March 7, 1994
- “Praying and Believing: Theology and the *Book of Common Worship*”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, XXVI.1: Winter, 1992
- “Ordinary Time”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, XXV.1: Winter, 1991
- “Three Good Things to Learn”  
*Presbyterian Survey*, October, 1991
- “Practical Aids to Lectionary Use: Notes on the Scripture Readings”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, XXIII.1: Winter, 1989
- “Practical Aids to Lectionary Use: Notes on the Scripture Readings”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, XXII.2: Spring, 1988
- “Practical Aids to Lectionary Use: Notes on the Scripture Readings”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, XXII.1: Winter, 1988
- “Practical Aids to Lectionary Use: Notes on the Scripture Readings”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, XXI.2: Spring, 1987
- “The Service for the Lord’s Day”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, XVIII.4: Fall, 1984
- “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, XVI.3: Summer, 1982
- “Salt and Light”  
*Reformed Liturgy & Music*, XV.4: Fall, 1981

### **Study Series**

- “Incarnation: Alive to God in Jesus Christ” *The Foundational Curriculum*  
Presbyterian and Reformed Educational Ministries, 1995-96
- “Is Christ Divided?” *The Foundational Curriculum*  
Presbyterian and Reformed Educational Ministries, 1992-93
- “Believing Is Seeing” *Celebrate -The Adult Journey*  
PREM, Advent to Easter, 1991-92
- “Come Holy Spirit...Renew the Whole Creation”  
Bible Studies for the 202nd General Assembly, 1990
- “Discerning the Spirit in Church Order” *Celebrate -The Adult Journey*

PREM, Pentecost to Advent, 1989

“Walking in the Spirit” *Celebrate -The Adult Journey*

PREM, Pentecost to Advent, 1989

“The Teachings of Jesus in Luke” *Celebrate -The Adult Journey*

PREM, Pentecost to Advent, 1989

“The Righteousness of God” *Adult Bible Studies*

PREM, XII.4, June-August, 1987

### **Video Resources**

“One Lord, One Faith, Many Churches”

*Celebrate: The Adult Journey*, 1996 [Executive Producer]

“Faith Seeking Understanding”

*Celebrate: The Adult Journey*, 1995 [Executive Producer]

“Following Christ Today: Reformed Spirituality”

*Celebrate: The Adult Journey*, 1994 [Executive Producer]

“Yesterday, Today, and Forever: The Significance of Jesus Christ”

*Celebrate: The Adult Journey*, 1993 [Executive Producer]

“Through Jesus Christ: Worship and Faith”

*Celebrate: The Adult Journey*, 1992 [Executive Producer]

“Confessing Christ Today: The Significance of Jesus Christ in a Religiously Plural World”

*Celebrate: The Adult Journey*, 1991 [Executive Producer]

“Through These Doors”

*Journey Into Faith*, 1987 [Teacher/leader]

### **Column and Reviews**

Quarterly column, *Ideas!*, 2007-

Monthly column, *Presbyterian Survey*, 1989-1994

Book Reviews: *Horizons in Biblical Theology*, *The Christian Century*, *Presbyterian Outlook*, *Reformed Liturgy & Music*, *Presbyterian Survey*, *HungryHearts*, *Bulletin of the Institute of Reformed Theology*

### ***ECUMENICAL ENGAGEMENTS***

Faith and Order Commission, National Council of Churches

Faith and Order Commission, World Council of Churches

Department of Theology, World Alliance of Reformed Churches

Reformed-Pentecostal International Dialogue (co-chair)

North American Academy of Ecumenists