Research Interests:

- Faith-based organizations
- Social entrepreneurship

Research Methodologies:

- Historical survey
- Case studies

Tentative Dissertation Title: Funding Faith-Based Philanthropic Mission Through Marketplace Positioning from the Middle Ages to the Twenty-First Century

Primary Advisor: Dr. Gregory Witkowski

Research Statement:

This project will include the investigation of primary and secondary sources establishing the funding practices of faith-based organizations in Europe and the United States. Additionally, the research will incorporate a number of contemporary case studies. The historical and contemporary samples will be contrasted and compared. The study will conclude with a summary of best practices. I am new to the PhD program this year and am looking forward to developing this project over the next several years.

Personal Info:

I have been an ordained minister for almost thirty-five years, twenty-six of them at one church on the north side of Indianapolis. Outside the local church, I have been involved on several philanthropic boards and initiatives domestically and internationally. My wife (Joanne) and I are originally from southeast Virginia and eastern North Carolina. We have two children, a son-in-law and three grandchildren.