

Jack McKinney, M.Div., Ph.D.

Education

Pastoral Counselor 2013
[Licensed by the North Carolina Board for Fee-Based Practicing Pastoral Counselors](#)

Doctor of Philosophy/ Ethics, Theology, and Church-State Studies 1995
Baylor University, Waco, TX
Dissertation: *When Is a Conscience a Conscience: A Baptist View of Conscientious Objection*

Master of Divinity/Christian Ethics, Theology, and Church History 1990
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX (4.0)

Bachelor of Arts/ Theology and Philosophy 1987
Howard Payne University, Brownwood, TX (3.95 GPA)

Counseling Experience

Owner, McKinney Counseling & Consulting 2010 to present

Pastoral Counselor, Triangle Pastoral Counseling 2013 to present

Ministerial Experience

Pastor, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC 2000 - 2009
800-member congregation affiliated with the American Baptist Churches-USA and Alliance of Baptists

Senior Minister, Bethesda First Baptist Church, Bethesda, MD 1997 - 2000
250-member congregation affiliated with the ABC-USA and Alliance of Baptists

Interim Pastor, St. Paul's United Church of Christ (Gerald, TX) and First United Church of Christ (West, TX) 1994 - 1997
Two-yoked UCC congregations with a combined membership of 125

Pastor, Plainview Baptist Church, Krum, TX 1989 - 1991
70-member congregation affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention

Pastor, Naruna Baptist Church, Lampasas, TX 1986 - 1987

Minister of Youth, Westwood Baptist Church, Nashville, TN Summer 1985

Academic Experience

Adjunct Professor 2013 to present
Meredith College

Lecturer, Religion 1996
Baylor University

Substitute Lecturer 1992 - 1994
Baylor University

Facilitator, Seminarians Interacting Program 1991
National Conference of Christians and Jews

Honors

The Independent	June 14, 2006
“Best Sermon to Hear on Sunday Morning”	
“The pulpit at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh has featured some progressive greats over the years (W.W. Finlator, Mahan Siler), and Jack McKinney is in that tradition. He’s preached well the gospel of social justice—and not just in the church, but on the street and in the halls of the legislature, as well—and he’s helped lead the fight against capital punishment in North Carolina. And with co-pastor Nancy Petty, McKinney and many of the Pullen congregants are in the forefront of the movement for equal rights for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender folk...”	
Human Rights Campaign of the Carolinas Equality Award	2005
Triangle Business and Professional Guild Straight Ally of the Year	2003
Baylor University University Scholar	1991-1994
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Robert A. Baker Award for the Outstanding Student in Church History	1990
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Albert Venting Memorial Award for Excellence in Theological Studies	1990
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President’s Scholar,	1987-1988
Howard Payne University Summa Cum Laude Graduate	1987
Howard Payne University Outstanding Theology Student in the School of Religion	1987

Organizations

Co-founder, North Carolina Religious Coalition for Marriage Equality

An interfaith coalition of more than 200 religious leaders organized to support marriage equality for same-sex couples in North Carolina; to date North Carolina is the only southern state not to pass a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

Co-facilitator, Congregations for Social Justice

An interfaith and interracial coalition of 25 congregations in Raleigh organized to advocate for social justice issues such as affordable housing and opportunities for those released from prison

Co-facilitator, United Church of Christ-Alliance of Baptists Clergy Dialogue Group

A group of progressive clergy from around North Carolina who meet three times a year to discuss common issues and challenges; I facilitate the group with Rev. Stephen Camp, Conference Minister for the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ

Member, Institutional Review Board, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD

1998-2000

The review board approved all protocols for animal testing for cancer and AIDS research

Published Sermons

“Natural Theology,” *The Ecozoic Reader*, Vol. 4, No. 4, 2007

“The Christian Case for Gay Marriage,” *Same-Sex Marriage: The Moral and Legal Debate*, Editors Robert M. Baird and Stuart E. Rosenbaum, Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2004

“The Continual Call for Peace,” *The Church Council Bulletin of the North Carolina Council of Churches*, July, 2004

“In Need of Blessings,” *Raleigh News & Observer*, November 17, 2002

“The Lonely City,” *On the Sabbath After: Messages of Hope Delivered on the Sabbath after September 11, 2001*, Bertie Jeffress Powell, editor, Richmond, VA: Brandylane Publishers, 2002

Published Articles and Op-Eds

[CNN political anchor invites Dr. McKinney to participate in a community forum at Lenoir-Rhyne University](#) - *Charlotte Observer*

["Whose Religious Views Should the State Choose?"](#) *Raleigh News & Observer*, March 11, 2012
This piece opposes the constitutional amendment that defined marriage as only between a man and a woman.

[On a Mission for Equality](#), - *Midtown Raleigh News*, November 6, 2010

["Adding Tolerance to the Law"](#), *News & Observer*, April 8, 2009
Support for an anti-bullying bill in the General Assembly

“Building Up Affordable Housing,” *News & Observer*, September 26, 2008
Taking issue with the Wake County Commissioners’ denial of an affordable housing project; a week after this piece was published the commissioners reversed their vote.

“Prayers for Peace, Hope for Support,” *News & Observer*, August 12, 2008
Highlighting the crisis in the Republic of Georgia, and the role of the Baptist bishop in that country, following the Russian invasion

“A Place for Justice – and Unity,” *News & Observer*, December 25, 2007
Co-written with Dumas A. Harshaw, Jr.; a piece highlighting the work of Congregations for Social Justice

“Truths that Power Bigotry,” *News & Observer*, November 25, 2006
Demonstrating the historic similarities between racial bigotry and bigotry against gay and lesbian individuals

"Hope on the Horizon," *Independent Weekly*, June 21, 2006
Why same-sex marriages should become the law of the land

“N.C. Falls Far Behind in AIDS Treatment,” *News & Observer*, December 22, 2005
Focusing on North Carolina’s abysmal record of providing assistance to those with HIV/AIDS

“The Bible and the Moratorium,” *People of Faith Against the Death Penalty Newsletter*, May 17, 2005; a piece arguing that the Bible provides ample support for a death penalty moratorium

“Rights Take a Beating in Two Senate Bill 8s,” *News & Observer*, March 28, 2005
Arguing against a constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage

“Lives without Meaning,” *News & Observer*, December 13, 2004
A focus on the shallowness of American culture

- “Who Should Lead Us?” *North Carolina Christian Advocate*, November 9, 2004
Describing the qualities citizens should look for in candidates before making their vote
- “The Healing Virtues of Virtues,” *News & Observer*, August 12, 2004
Extolling the need for more humility, truth, and beauty in our world
- “Christmas’ Message, Brighter Than Lights,” *News & Observer*, December 16, 2003
A call for the church to oppose capital punishment and support gay rights
- “A Brush with Bigotry,” *News & Observer*, February 22, 2003
A statement about anti-Semitism in the church
- “Minister Makes the Case for Comprehensive Sexuality Education,” *The Newsletter of the Planned Parenthood Association of America*, September, 2002
- “Neglecting Wake’s Children,” *News & Observer*, May 10, 2002
Support for comprehensive sexuality education in Wake County schools
- “King’s Liberties,” *News & Observer*, January 12, 2002
Comparing the government’s violations of MLK’s rights with the potential violations of rights in the post-9/11 world
- “Progress with Cuba, Embargoed,” *News & Observer*, December 26, 2001
Commentary on the senseless U.S. embargo against Cuba
- “Bringing Out the Best in Religion,” *News & Observer*, September 28, 2001
Advocating for greater interfaith cooperation after 9/11
- “Diminishing the Commandments,” *News & Observer*, June 17, 2001
Opposition to a bill that would require the Ten Commandments to be posted in all North Carolina schools

Papers Presented

When Is a Conscience a Conscience?: Roger Williams and Selective Conscientious Objection,
Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, American Academy of Religion, 1996

Why Baptists Make Good Pacifists, Annual Baylor University-Southwestern Baptist Theological
Seminary Ethics Colloquium, 1994

References

"Because our church is an opinionated and lively group (as are most churches), we knew we could benefit from some guidance in the “how-tos” of running healthy church meetings.

When the church leadership gathered, Dr. McKinney rooted our discussion in scripture which immediately reminded us that our meetings are still part of ministry and that our church’s story is part of a much larger picture. This gave us a theological understanding of the business-end of the church which was then followed by practical tips that we are ready to put to good use in our next board meeting.

It was just what we needed! Thank you."

-- Reverend Lea Slaton, *Wilson's Mills Christian Church*