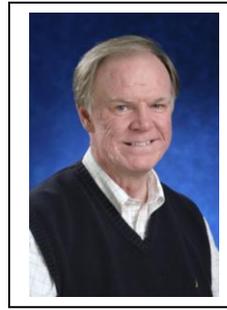


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Eddie has served on church staff and in denominational leadership for over 25 years. A prolific author, certified Professional Credentialed Coach (PCC) with the International Coaching Federation and popular speaker, retreat and seminar leader across the country and among over 10 denominations and judicatories. Eddie is a founding coach of Valwood Christian Leadership Coaching (www.valwoodcoaching.com) and a founding partner of The Columbia Partnership (www.thecolumbiapartnership.org) and an affiliate with Coach Approach Ministries (www.ca-ministries.com). He currently serves in a partnership with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina www.cbfn.org as their Church and Clergy Coach. His coaching experiences are deep and wide touching churches of various denominations, church planters and lay and clergy leaders across the country.

Eddie is the author of five books dealing with preparing the church for a more effective ministry in the 21st century. He has also authored over 310 published articles and has recently completed a book with Leonard Sweet entitled *The Gospel According to Starbucks*, 2007. His most recent best-selling book is *Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60*, Chalice press, 2007. The companion piece to the Reaching/Keeping book is *Making Shifts Without Making Waves: A Coach Approach to Soulful-leadership* released October, 2009. Eddie has also served as a lead coach the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence project funded by the Lilly Foundation to develop coaching strategies for pastors and congregations across the Southeast United States and across denominational lines. On his personal websites (www.transformingsolutions.org and www.soulful-leadership.com) you will find free leadership newsletters to assist in the coach approach to church, non-profit organizational development, programming and local church and denominational ministries.

Persons like Bill Easum, Tom Bandy, and Leonard Sweet invite Eddie to lead online and face-to-face national seminars on themes related to his published writings. His seminars, coaching and leadership cross denominational lines as he has worked with American Baptists, Wesleyans, Presbyterians, United Methodists, Free Will Baptists, Lutherans, Disciples of Christ, Christian Church, Southern Baptists and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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