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Greetings! I am Barry Scott, married to Julie for almost 43 years. Our daughter Katie lives in New Jersey and is married to Brian. We have a 6 year old grandson who insists he will one day play for the Philadelphia Flyers, and he is the apple of our eyes!

I grew up mostly in Chicago, and lived most of my adult life there until moving to Marysville in 2006. I am well known here as a Chicago Cubs fan, but I also enjoy going to Reds games with friends. Before entering seminary I owned and operated a small trucking and logistics company outside O'Hare airport in Elk Grove Village for 19 years, with 17 trucks and 29 employees when I sold in 1994.

I was an active member of Living Lord Lutheran Church in Bartlett Illinois. Though I was a lifelong Lutheran, this was a time of deep and lasting growth in my faith life. Then, as now, everything in my life makes sense only because of God's love for me in Jesus Christ. So, whenever Pastor Ken Soderlund asked it seems I always said "yes". I served on the church council as Personnel and Administration rep for 2 years, President for 3 years and Evangelism Chair for one. I was a worship assistant, Confirmation teacher, 4th Grade Sunday School teacher, and Santa Claus at the Christmas pancake breakfast! In 1993 he urged me to consider seminary. I felt compelled to follow this calling and applied, took two preliminary classes, and was accepted. Selling the company in the summer of 1994 I went to LSTC in Chicago as a commuter student. All this with the endless love, support and encouragement of Julie.

I finished seminary 2 quarters early and received my first call as Associate Pastor at Hosanna! Lutheran in St. Charles IL in February 1998. I was ordained in April, and graduated from LSTC the following June. St. Charles was a booming area and the congregation grew in my eight years there from 350 members to 1500. I was responsible for establishing and growing areas of ministry, most pastoral care, and supervised the CE Director and the Preschool Director. We added a Youth Director and Caring Director to our staff as we grew. After 8 years I felt the Spirit calling me out into something new.

In January 2006 I received a call to Trinity Church and School in Marysville OH to serve as Senior Pastor. Trinity has the only SOS elementary school. In the 15 years I served at Trinity we grew the school enrollment 300%, increasing church support. We paid off \$2.5 million of debt in 10 years and burned the mortgage. We built up ministry adding staff for growth: an Associate Pastor, Family Minister, Youth Minister, Church and School Administrator, and Worship Director. We also were able to complete the purchase of property on the back half of the city block behind the facility building a paved parking lot, completing a plan begun in 1980. Last year I felt the Spirit calling me out yet again, and I retired from full time ministry May 1, 2021.

Continuing to grow, I completed the year long Healthy Congregation/Family Systems Theory program at Trinity Seminary, a 3 year Advanced Church Leadership Program at Asbury Seminary, and 2 years of study for Mission and Leadership at LSTC. It has been my honor to have sponsored 5 people for ordained ministry, one on internship now in Virginia. Serving: Six years on the SOS Compensation Guidelines Committee; member of the SOS Vision Formation Taskforce, serving as the implementation chair for a year after its adoption; 2 years on the SOS Pastoral Cabinet for the Thrive Campaign; current chair of the SOS Sexual Misconduct Policy formation committee; member of the SOS OTB (Out of The Box) group envisioning the use of technology to build up and/or establish new congregations.