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Employment Objective

As a minister of the Gospel with over 23 years' experience as a ministry team leader, conference speaker, business administrator, worship leader, and Christian education consultant, I am seeking to bring leadership and team coalescence to the local church ministry to increase its relevance and viability in the community.

Education

1977 - 1982 Columbus University, Columbus, GA - B. A., Journalism/English
1982 – 1985 The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY - M.Div./C.E.
Master of Divinity in Church Business Administration/Christian Education

Licensed (1985) and Ordained (1989)

Experience

2005-Present President/CEO, The Management Agency, Inc.

The Management Agency provides advice, guidance, counsel, and other services an artist may reasonably require to further his or her career as a musician, composer, actor, recording, and performing artist; we help develop new and different areas within which his or her artistic talents can be developed, and we work with other firms or persons who may be retained for the purpose of securing contacts, engagements or employment for our clients. Our consulting services are designed to help perspective management and artist development clients gain a better understanding of how to become successful in the music industry.

2002-2005 Manager, Paul Wilbur Ministries

Responsible for all aspects of artist management, including booking concerts, services, tours for Paul Wilbur, a recording artist with Integrity Music. Job responsibilities included office management, road management of the touring band and worship arts teams, website design and maintenance, travel coordination, tour set-up and management of groups to Latin America and Africa, promotions and marketing development, business management, and event planning. Workshop leader in classes on worship and administration at training events nationally and internationally. Responsible for the total planning and implementation of all aspects of international team outreaches, including the preliminary advance trip (press conferences, radio interviews, national television appearances, site inspections, sound & lighting contractual negotiations, etc.), the web application process, transportation and hotel logistics & contracting, on-site management and administration. Also trained office personnel in database management (FileMaker Pro), shipping/receiving, and program development, implementation and maintenance.

1996-2002 Administrator, Northrop Grumman Corporation (ministry sabbatical)

Provided administrative support for a team of corporate professionals, including chemists, medical personnel, biologists, and safety professionals as departmental administrator. Responsible for corporate website development, presentations, and reporting. Worked as member of the team responsible for obtaining ISO certification for site (first of its kind corporate-wide). Managed onsite medical clinics; planned and implemented health fairs; developed web-based training system; developed multiple database systems to conform to corporate and governmental reporting criteria.

1992-1996

Business Administrator / Minister of Music, Trinity Chapel Ministries

Managed the daily administrative functions of the ministry including the church, daycare, private school, radio station, bookstore, and community assistance facility. As Minister of Music, led worship for three weekly services, trained and coordinated a large worship team including vocalists, band and worship arts ministries. Staged (planned & directed) two major musical productions annually (Christmas & Easter), incorporating a 50-voice choir and 20-member pageantry arts team. Also hosted weekly radio show premiering new worship projects. Led short-term evangelistic teams abroad.

Training & Expertise

- All Microsoft Office applications (advance training certificates).
- Database setup and management of MS Access (Win) and FileMaker Pro 6 & 7 (Mac).
- Completely versatile in both PC (Win XP) and Macintosh Operating Systems (OS X).
- Over twelve years' experience in web design and maintenance.
- Extensive experience in the use of the Adobe Dreamweaver Suite web design applications.
- Highly proficient in Adobe InDesign, Acrobat and Photoshop applications.

Consulting Services

My Music Industry Management and Development Consultations address the following areas:

- Vision and Goal Setting
- Career Path vs. Ministry Calling
- Touring and Event Planning
- Partner Development Program
- Merchandising and Distribution
- Tour Contracts and Technical Riders
- CD Production from Inception through Post-Production
- Marketing and Promotions Development

Speaker Topics

I have over twenty years' experience in conducting training seminars, speaking in conferences and other public events on topics including the following:

- Group Conflict Management
- Team Concepts and Group Dynamics
- The Theological Basis for Worship In The Local Church
- World Awareness and How Music Touches the Nations
- The Calling of A Worship Leader
- What Is Worship?

- What Makes a Good Leader?
- What Makes a Good Follower?

International Outreach

I have led teams to, planned and conducted conferences in, and spoken at events in these nations:

- Jamaica
- The Bahamas
- Nigeria
- Ghana West Africa
- The United Kingdom
- Belize
- El Salvador
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Honduras
- Guatemala
- Costa Rica
- Canada
- Israel

References

Available Upon Request.