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An Outreach of United Ministries

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Beth Lindsay Templeton has for twenty-five years worked at United Ministries, a non-profit in Greenville, South Carolina. She has worked closely with people who are poor and marginalized, as well as with groups and individuals who want to help people with minimal resources. Beth and the United Ministries organization have made mistakes which led to the lessons she shares through seminars, workshops, speeches, writing, and consulting. As an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church USA, she brings both theological understanding and broad experience to her commitment to helping others.

She is a graduate of Presbyterian College and Erskine Theological Seminary. She and her husband have three married sons and two grandchildren.

Education:

Presbyterian College, Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, *summa cum laude*
Erskine Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity, *with honors*

Community Activist:

Director of Our Eyes Were Opened (2007-Present)
Executive Director of United Ministries (1983-2007)
Council Member for Strengthening Families and Neighborhoods: United Way's
Community Impact Agenda Partnership
Vision 2025 for Greenville, SC and Greenville Forward: Families and Social Services
Committee Member
Facilitator of the Housing Task Force that Educates Stakeholders about Housing Issues
Riley Institute Diversity Leadership Academy Inaugural Class
Liberal Arts Leadership at Furman University Inaugural Class

Innovator:

On the Development Team or Charter Member of:

Brockwood Housing, a Project which Built 68 Units of Housing for Senior Citizens/
People with Disabilities.
Greenville Free Medical Clinic.
Greenville Homeless Coalition.
Greenville's Child, an Agency Focused on Child Care Issues, which later became United
Way's Success by Six.
Come to the Table, a Consultation Ministry of Foothills Presbytery for Helping
Congregations Deal Constructively with Conflict.

Along with United Ministries Staff Developed:

The Magdalene Project: A Program for Women who had Drug Addictions and/or were Prostitutes

The Adult Education GED Program: A School for Adults who have at least an 8th Grade Reading Level

Employment Readiness: A Program to Help Adults Get and Keep Permanent Jobs

The Place of Hope: A Day Shelter for People who are Homeless

Minister and Presbytery Leader:

Ordination: Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (1982)

Preacher and Administrator for Various Congregations in Need: From 3 Months for Pastor(s) on Sabbatical up to 3 Years for a Church in Conflict. (1998-Present)

Temporary Pulpit Supply for Congregations of Different Denominations (1980-Present)

Committee on Ministry: (Foothills Presbytery, 1999-2006, Chair in 2005-2006)

Committee on Preparation for the Ministry: (Foothills Presbytery, 1991-1997)

Moderator of Foothills Presbytery (1999)

Initiated Procedures and Policies for Dealing with Clergy Sexual Misconduct in Foothills Presbytery (Chaired the Task Force) (2000)

Furman University Volunteer Chaplain for Presbyterian Students (1982-1996)

Consultant and Teacher:

Bible Study Leader for Circle #4 at Fourth Presbyterian Church (2000-Present)

National, Regional, Local Workshop and Retreat Leader

Consultant/Coach to Boards and Executive Directors of other Non-Profit Organizations

Keynote Speaker: United Way, Association of Fundraisers, Michelin North America Diversity Conference, Hunger Summit

Teacher and Presenter in Congregations, Classrooms, and the Community

Consultant to Congregations Dealing with Conflict

Writer:

Loving Our Neighbor: A Thoughtful Approach to Helping People in Poverty (Release in Summer 2008)

Curriculum for Teens to Learn more about Poverty (Release in 2008)

Editor and Contributor, *In Our Own Words*, a Compilation of Newsletter Articles and a History of United Ministries

Various Articles in Religious Magazines and the Newspaper

Conversations on the Porch, Ancient Voices – Contemporary Visions (Unpublished)

Awards:

Distinguished Service Award (Greenville Lions, Greenville Jaycees)

R. Cooper White Humanitarian Award (Greenville County Human Relations Commission)

Vocational Service Award (North Greenville Rotary Club)

American Association of University Women Honoree

Service Award for Professional Excellence (Rotary Centennial)

League of Women Voters Honoree

Commander's Appreciation Award (Post 3 Goodfellows Club)

Dream Achiever- YWCA