

Biography of Rev. Philip J. Cameron

With ministry experiences on a college campus, urban and suburban churches, Phil came to Risen Savior Lutheran Church in 1989 with 50 “people to love” on an average Sunday. Over 20 years later, the church offers 3 services with 450 people in worship and church’s membership of 950. Once a “country church close to home” Phil helped transform the church with the growing community. Going through 3 building programs, adding staff and programs, and mentoring young men preparing to be pastors, Phil has “been there, done that.”

“I’ve transformed my role as pastor as the church transformed over the past two decades,” say Pastor Phil. As the church went from one season of life to the next, Phil fostered a respect for traditions as he inspired the courage to change. This empowered the members to share God’s love to life-long Christians as well as new believers. Phil’s real life experiences (including many mistakes) and his studies of church transitions gives him the compassion needed to understand the cost of transformation and higher levels of commitment.

Phil’s Bachelors of Science in Statistics from West Virginia University and management consultant experience brings academic and business insight to ministry problems and stresses. Interpreting the culture inside and outside the church enables Phil to equip Pastors and church leaders for necessary change. “A church is not a business, but it does use business elements. The numbers are important because they represent people – the people Jesus died to save.”

Using wit and wisdom, Phil enables church leaders to bring Christ’s love to everyone. He is dedicated to helping churches understand what needs to be done now, in their stage of life, and what can be done next to become what God intends for the church.

Phil is a lead consultant with Excel Ministries, a Christian capital campaign company committed to “taking the fear out of fund raising.” Four years with the Pastoral Leadership Institute broadened Phil’s insights into creating a healthy church.

Colorado’s active lifestyle is a perfect fit for Phil and his wife, Holly. Holly is a professional ski instructor, owns Pilates Central in Westminster, Colorado and is a mentor for the wives participating in the Pastoral Leadership Institute. Having raised two sons and a daughter, Phil and Holly are still enjoying the adventure of marriage they began in 1980. Phil enjoys all sports, especially, basketball, soccer, skiing, racquetball, tennis, and golf. Their home is in Thornton (Denver), Colorado.

“My motto for ministry is simple: If you’re not talking about Jesus, you’re off the subject.”

Pastor Cameron is the Senior Pastor at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Broomfield, CO
He has served his denomination, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in many roles:
Rocky Flats circuit planning committee; Tri-circuit planning comm.; Rocky Mountain District convention mileage comm.; Rocky Mountain District Board for Campus Ministry; Board of Directors Colorado Lutheran High School Association.; Lutheran Family Services Task Force;

Education:

Bachelors of Science – Statistics, West Virginia University, Morgantown W. Va.(1978);
Masters of Divinity, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO (1983);
Pastoral Leadership Institute 2001-2004;

Currently: Writing a book about stress in the church, financial management in the church and personal development of the Christian life.