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A native of Southern California, Fred Anderson came to pastoral ministry as a second career. A graduate of the University of Redlands, Redlands, California (1963), he received a Bachelor's Degree in Voice and began a professional singing career in concert, opera, and musical comedy until it was interrupted by a tour in the United States Air Force. Commissioned to the rank of Captain, he served as a combat-crew instructor navigator with the Strategic Air Command. Following a tour in Southeast Asia, he returned to his singing career, but experienced a call to ministry and enrolled in Princeton Theological Seminary in 1970, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1973 and its Doctor of Ministry degree in 1981. Ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1973, Dr. Anderson has served parishes in Philadelphia, Northern New Jersey and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, prior to assuming his current responsibilities in March of 1992. Since 1991 he has served as a trustee for Princeton Theological Seminary. In 2003 he became a trustee of the Center for Theological Inquiry in Princeton, NJ, and since 2009, has served as Chair of that board. A noted pastor/scholar, his articles on theology, preaching, hymnody and worship have appeared in numerous theological journals. An author of hymn and metrical psalm texts, his work appears in several American, Canadian and even Asian hymnals. He has served on a number of community and human service organizations during his career. Currently he is a Trustee of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, a 50-year-old interfaith group of religious and business leaders dedicated to working for human rights, religious freedom and tolerance throughout the world. He has been a member of its diplomatic missions to Switzerland, Cuba, Yugoslavia, Romania, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Vienna, and China and was a member of its commission to the Second Peace and Tolerance Conference in Istanbul, in 2006. Fred has been married to Questa Lucile Donnelly since 1965. They have two daughters, Larra, Director of the Northern Film School in Leeds, England, and Rebecca, a fashion representative in New York City.

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