

40 Year Service Award Winners Biography – Dieter Magnus

After graduating from CTS in 1983, I served as Lead Pastor in Warburg, Hannah, Penticton, Invermere, and Richmond. I am fortunate to be married to Deborah who used her gifts in a wide variety of church activities often focusing on women's ministry. She also used her gift of hospitality to make our home a welcoming place including having a yearly come and go Christmas open house for the whole church where everyone came but didn't go. We are the proud parents of 3 children and Grandma and Grandpa to 8 grandchildren. God is good.



It hasn't always been easy to find an affordable place to live so we often had to rent for a short time before being able to move into our permanent home.

During our almost 48 years of marriage, we have lived in 17 different homes. Fortunately, Deborah was not only a partner in ministry but is incredibly creative and made every house a home. We have been in our present home in Leduc for 7 1/2 years and even though we have no plans to move, for some reason it feels like it must be time to move again.

In 2009, God took us out of fulltime Pastoral Ministry on a renewal journey for 4 years which included working as a security guard during the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, selling appliances at Future Shop and working for Power To Change. I also served in 2 short interim ministries in Elkford and Kitimat in BC during this time.

I stepped back into fulltime ministry in 2013 by doing a 3-month organizational ministry in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia after which I began to do Transitional Ministry. I served as the Transitional Pastor in Leduc, Peace River, Southgate in Edmonton, Muir Lake, Slave Lake, Rockyview in Calgary, Lloydminster, Penticton and currently in Provost.

I believe that the Church is commissioned to be the main organizational vehicle that God uses for the evangelism and discipleship of people for His Kingdom. It has been my privilege to serve as God has led and look forward to what God has for Deborah and I in the years ahead.