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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH****DR. DENNIS N. BAKER**  
**DIRECTOR OF PLACEMENT AND TRANSITIONS**

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Dennis Baker, an Oregon native, graduated from Biola University and took graduate degrees from Western Seminary (M.Div.), Denver Seminary (M.A.) and the Talbot School of Theology (D. Min). He also completed additional doctoral work at Bethel Theological Seminary.

Ordained in 1972, he recently celebrated his 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary with his wife, Lynette, who is a registered nurse. They have three adult children: Suzanne Baker, Rachelle (and son-in-law David) Trigueros, and Meredith (and son-in-law Tom) Wilson plus four wonderful grandchildren {Canela, Isabela, David Dennis and Charlie Fitz}.

Dennis served his first ten years of ministry as an Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Youth Ministry ministering in Oregon, Colorado and Massachusetts. The second decade of his ministry was as a Senior Pastor in Minnesota from 1977 to 1987.

From 1987-1993, he was the Regional Executive Director for a full service Association of Local Churches in Southern California.

He ministered as the National Director of CBAmerica, a national association of 1200 churches, from 1993-1997.

He serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Leadership Journal* and a number of other Ministry Boards. Dr. Baker, the author of a widely used and quoted Pastoral Search Manual, is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, Interim Ministry Network and The American Society for Church Growth. He was elected to *Outstanding Young Men in America* and has been listed in *Who's Who in Religion*.

Presently he is involved with pastoral placement, church transitions, ministry consulting and coaching for churches, Christian leaders and Christian organizations. Baker has worked with over 400 Senior Pastor Search Teams and has resourced hundreds of Associate Minister Searches. In 2001 he began serving on the EFCA West Team as Director of Placement and Transitions. He also consults various ministries and churches with The Goehner Group as Senior Consultant.

