

ALAN CHORUN

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EXPERIENCE:

Young Vision Africa, Somerset, NJ / Sierra Leone, Africa (September 2010-Present)

President: Responsible for creating an organization that executes rural development initiatives in Sierra Leone, including the establishment of a PreK- 5th school with an activity-oriented ESL language approach, establishment of a drama/music program in another K-6 school, high school sponsorship, construction of a medical facility serving 5,000, a clean water sources for a village of 500, new housing for 18 families, microloans for community farms etc.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Morristown, NJ (May 2012 – May 2014)

Pastor: Responsible for bringing 28 newcomers into membership in the past 11 months, through one on one meetings and two ten-session New Member Dinner-Discussion classes I structured and led. Responsible for supervision of two seminarians leading the youth group and its various activities. Responsible for organizing, leading and providing music for a Saturday Contemporary Service, the Men's Retreat and the Men's Bible Study and preaching about once a week. All of these activities were widely validated by the congregation.

Trinity UMC, Highland Park, NJ (June 2010 – September 2012)

Student Pastor, Music Director: Responsible for expansion of leadership with Pastor, direction of Sunday School and music, preaching once/month, instrumental accompaniment, finance chair, etc. Past service included serving on every major committee, organized and directed annual weekend retreats, Worship Leader and Adult Choir Director, organizer of hospice lay visitation, Sunday school teacher, VBS etc.

CRC Orphanage of Sierra Leone, Africa (September 2009 – September 2011)

Life Skills Committee Chair Responsible for family planning/sex education curriculum for orphans dealing with traumatic stress syndrome and other effects of war.

Main Street School, Orange, NJ (September 2007-June 2009)

Math Coach/Staff Developer: Responsible for creating and leading workshops modeling the Understanding By Design pedagogical and planning method in conjunction with District admin., training and administering Learnia online benchmark and cumulative standardized testing and observing and improving Math education in in the classrooms for a staff of 75 in a K-8 school of 500 children.

Washington Academy Public School, East Orange, NJ (September 2004-June 2007)

4th Grade Math Teacher: Model Classroom for NJ ASK test prep using a variety of differentiated and activity-oriented approaches including compacting, centers and leveled group instruction.

Spirit Builders of St. Mark's, Long Valley (September 2002 – September 2006)

Creator and Director: A youth service organization focusing on week-long project trips to Appalachia to do home repair and outreach to the needy. Responsible for all aspects of trips from fundraising and groundwork preparation, chaperone training etc.

ElizabethPort Catholic School, Elizabeth, NJ (January 2003-June 2004)

SPICE National Award Winner for Technology in Education '02 and '03

Middle School Language Arts, Social Studies Science and Music

St. Mary's School, Hackettstown, NJ

(September 2001-June 2002)

Director of Development: Responsible for student discipline. Designed and initiated an Anti-Bullying Program. Started an alumni association. Organized and directed a five-day mission trip to Appalachia for over thirty eighth graders and their parents.

Youth Music Director/Teacher: Responsible for direction of all children's liturgical services, the school drama program, the school choir, graduations etc. Also responsible for the teaching of K-8 classes that ranged from performance preparation to music appreciation and the analysis of contemporary music culture.

Sacred Heart CC, Cheyenne Reservation, South Dakota

(June 1997 – June 2001)

VBS Coordinator: Leading Vacation Bible Schools, volunteering for youth center, senior center.

CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS:

Standard Elementary Education Certificate

New Jersey Principal/Supervisor Certificate of Eligibility

Main Street School Teacher of the Year 2008

Washington Academy Teacher of the Month 2006, 2007

EDUCATION:

Hofstra University

Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts

Seton Hall University

2004 Master of Arts, Educational Administration

Drew University

2013 Masters of Divinity

SKILLS:

- * *Wrangler – Breaking and Training Horses*
- * *Zumba Instructor*
- * *Rudimentary Spanish*