

ZACH OASTER

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SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Contemporary/emergence worship and band leader
- Social media, audio, video, and worship consultant
- Training on multiple musical instruments (primarily guitar)
- Audio engineering, production, and mastering
- Video production, computer based editing, graphic design, and special effects
- Extensive background in live sound setups for music, performance, and presentation
- On-air voice talent in multiple formats
- Excellent working technical knowledge of audio/video equipment
- Proficient technical knowledge of computers (PC and Mac)
- Completed "The Essentials Course - online studies in Worship Theology, History and Values" - Fall 2009
- Certified lay speaker in the United Methodist Church - Spring 2010

EXPERIENCE

Georgetown United Methodist Church - Jenison, MI **8/2008 - 10/2010**

- Director of contemporary music and worship design
- Planned and implemented a weekly contemporary rock worship experience, and coordinated more than 20 volunteers.
- Produced weekly graphical, video, liturgical, and supplemental content to enhance worship.
- Discipleship and leadership of contemporary band and singers, worship design team, and logistics team.
- Ongoing coordination with staff and parishioners of this missional 500 member church community.
- Completely redesigned website and social media involvement in late 2009. This resulted in a regular increase in online participation and weekly visitors to the church from our target audience of 18-35 year olds.

Philpott Memorial Church - Hamilton, Ontario **11/2006 - 7/2008**

- Volunteer band leader of high-quality contemporary rock worship experience, including three months as interim worship director.
- Conducted weekly practices and Sunday morning worship with multiple rotating bands, 20+ volunteers.

First United Methodist Church – Battle Creek, MI

7/2000 – 9/2006

- Contemporary worship service band leader and member/organizer of the worship planning team.
- Conducted weekly band practices with a team of 10+ volunteers.
- Director of Media Services in charge of producing weekly audio, graphical, and video content for both Traditional and Contemporary worship services.
- Team leader and trainer for an active volunteer media team of 6+ persons.
- Ongoing coordination with staff and parishioners of this 300 member downtown landmark church.
- Maintained a large installation of audio/video equipment and made all decisions regarding the budget for media, art, contemporary worship, and internet/web.
- Co-led conference, in conjunction with Midnight Oil Productions, to teach churches how to effectively implement media and technology in worship.

Michigan Area School for Pastoral Ministry – Lansing, MI

8/2004 – present

- Provided all sound, video, and media support for annual four-day teaching seminar for all Michigan area UMC pastors.
- Led music portion of worship services three of those years ('07, '08, '09).

Clear Channel Radio Broadcasting – Battle Creek, MI

8/1999 – 8/2006

- On-Air personality with four different stations: AM930 WBCK (News/Talk); 95.3FM WBXX (Adult Contemporary); AM1400 WRCC (Oldies); 104.9FM WWKN (Classic Rock)
- Commercial voicing and production.
- Transmitter record keeping and daily technical maintenance.

EDUCATION

Kellogg Community College - Battle Creek, Michigan

1998 - 2001

Associates Degree of Applied Science in TV/Radio Broadcasting

- Television and radio operations and programming
- On-air and print journalism
- Advertising and marketing
- Team leadership

Associates Degree of Applied Science in Video Production

- Video acquisition, editing, and special effects
- Graphic arts and design
- Writing, directing, producing, and overseeing production projects
- Management of talent and technical teams

REFERENCES

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