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Writer, Researcher, Musician, Christian

Objective

Dedicated, creative professional with well-developed writing and communication skills, desiring to aid pastors and ministers in their ongoing task of biblical research and sermon preparation. A writer and researcher at heart, with a particular interest in parsing scripture accurately and connecting the theological dots from Genesis to Revelation. Detailed and passionate about understanding scripture and proclaiming the Christian faith. Eager to support pastors and ministry teams with the same goals.

Summary

Writing and research experience:

- multiple research papers in the course of gaining two master's degrees, with stringent academic oversight; ongoing writing in the creation of many websites over many years, with current websites lindametz.com, thekittynation.com, lionandlambmemorials.com, all self-maintained and created
- a recent paper entitled "An Introduction to Old Testament Praise" (see writing sample)
- personal research in the areas of biblical study, biblical translations, praise and worship, spiritual warfare, the Psalms, health and wellness, alternative medicine, alternative diet, and fiction writing
- a fiction novel published 2024, 335 pages, available on Amazon by the title "Pierre and the Rise of the Kitty Nation"

Christian growth experience:

A Christian since 1974; multi-denominational church involvement, including: Lutheran, Congregational, Evangelical Presbyterian, Baptist, United Methodist, and non-denominational; served on the staff at two churches, spanning 10 years; M-Div focused in world missions earned in 1994; 5 cross-cultural mission trips: inner-city Detroit, Ghana W. Africa, Dominican Republic, Romania, Kazakhstan; cross-cultural internship in Ghana W. Africa; taught church courses on Psalms and Revelation

Music experience:

- Flute teacher for 40 years, 10 years at Elizabethtown College in PA and 40 years privately in music stores and home studio
- performed as a solo artist for 30 years; performed with a Celtic band for 10 years
- led music ministry in three churches, spanning 11 years; played keys and flute on five different church music teams
- created, performed, and produced two original CDs; written and recorded personal songs for numerous people

Work experience

2-4-2024 - to present	Music director & pianist <i>Whittier United Methodist Church, 150 Church St, Whittier, NC 28789</i> Weekly selection and leadership of hymns for worship service; coordinate piano accompaniment to support congregational singing and overall service flow
4-1-2014 - 12-20-2019	Sales Associate <i>Great Smoky Mountains Nat'l Park, Oconaluftee Visitor Center, Cherokee, NC</i> Achieved the highest volume of park membership sales at the Cherokee visitor center in 2018, demonstrating strong performance in visitor engagement and revenue generation
9-1-2000 - 12-31-2006	Music Director / Worship Leader <i>Fellowship of Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Cary, NC</i> Weekly selection and leadership of all praise and worship music for services; maintained an active library of song material; led weekly rehearsals of worship team

Skills

Writing / Research Skills

- adept with words, word meanings, delving subsurface to find deeper meanings of words, phrases, and events
- distilling thoughts and concepts into digestible chunks, expressing thoughts in a meaningful, inspiring way, seeking better ways of expression for greatest impact, and caring about the flow of words and thoughts with the goal of inspiring faith and wisdom
- focusing on the accuracy of word and thought
- research, inquiry, and investigation for personal and community growth
- communicating in understandable language, while not watering down the message
- writing concise paragraphs without unnecessary fluff while maintaining artistic flow
- stickler for details

Christian Growth Skills

- prayer; scripture meditation; cross-referencing verses; discerning truth, discerning lies and deception; engaging the Holy Spirit in daily life; sharing scriptural wisdom with others; a well-developed practice of kindness and compassion, tempered by biblical love and truth

Music Skills

- songwriting & arranging; performing; recording in GarageBand; ad-libbing; proficient on keys, silver flute, Native American flutes, ukulele, penny whistle; able to transcribe tunes, rhythms, and chords onto the printed page; leading a worship team; directing a choir

Education

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| 9-1-1989 - 5-30-1994 | Master of Divinity focused in World Missions
<i>Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA</i>
Graduated with a 4.0 GPA |
| 9-1-1974 - 5-30-1977 | Master of Flute Performance
<i>Kent State University, Kent OH</i>
Two solo recitals, solo performance with the KSU Sinfonia |
| 9-1-1970 - 5-30-1974 | Bachelor of Music Education
<i>East Carolina University, Greenville NC</i>
Winner Concerto Competition & solo performance with the ECU Symphony Orchestra |

Writing Sample

An Introduction to Praise in the Old Testament (<https://lindametz.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/An-Introduction-to-Praise-in-the-Old-Testament.pdf>)