



## Bio for Marvin Lee Anderson

Marvin Lee Anderson, Ph.D. is a theologian and international consultant on rural congregational ministry and spiritual renewal, with a particular passion for mentoring and equipping lay leadership in rural pastoral charges. Since 1989, Marvin has taught M. Div. courses on various aspects of rural ministry for more than a dozen theological colleges and seminaries in Canada and the U.S., including Emmanuel College and Knox College in the Toronto School of Theology, Queen's Theological College, and (CiRCLe M) in Saskatoon.

Marvin was formerly in charge of the Rural Ministries portfolio at our General Council Office in Toronto, when he was privileged to visit and conduct workshops for nearly half of the annual conferences across Canada. His online resource written then, *Alive and Kicking: Revitalizing Rural Ministries*, is free to download and print online at: <https://ruralchurchnetwork.files.wordpress.com/2010/07/alive-and-kicking1.pdf>

From 2002-2005, Marvin held the Endowed Chair of Town and Country Ministries at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, a United Methodist seminary. A retired colleague on Saint Paul's faculty and well-known United Methodist author and minister has said of *Alive and Kicking*: "It is one of the best things I have read on the rural church." Marvin's web site is: [www.ruraljustified.com](http://www.ruraljustified.com).

Marvin has also served eight rural United Church congregations outside the 'Big Smoke' (Toronto, where he lives with his family) as an interim and part-time lay minister. Knowing that the best cooking is found at small church potlucks, he has earned his nickname as 'Starvin' Marvin and is duty-bound to maintain his reputation.

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