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Prior to his arrival at SMU, he served as Canon Educator, Director of Programs in Spirituality and Religious Education, and Acting Program Area Manager at Washington National Cathedral. In this capacity Dr. Schmidt was responsible for the development of a program of religious education and spirituality that annually provided resources for broad-based audiences of over 5000 adults. He also designed and produced workshops and seminars for ecumenical and interfaith constituencies; hosted foreign dignitaries from the Middle East and the former Soviet Union on behalf of the Meridian Institute; and developed the programmatic work and daily operations of the Cathedral Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage. Before going to the Cathedral, Dr. Schmidt served as special assistant to the President and Provost of La Salle University in Philadelphia and as a Fellow of the American Council on Education. From 1994 to 1995, he resided in Jerusalem, where he was Dean of St. George's College and Residentiary Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr. He has also served in numerous parishes, including St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and All Saints Episcopal Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

His work in higher education includes service as associate professor of New Testament Studies at Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania; as lecturer in New Testament studies at Oxford University; and as tutor at Keble College, Oxford. He has been a guest lecturer at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC, at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland and the Southwestern Medical Center at the University of Texas, Dallas.

He is the author of numerous published articles and reviews, including forty-four entries in Doubleday's *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, as well as articles in *Feminist Theology*, *The Scottish Journal of Theology*, and *Plumblin*. He is author of *A Still Small Voice:: Women, Ordination and the Church* (Syracuse University Press, 1998), *The Changing Face of God* (Morehouse Publishing, 2000) and *When Suffering Persists* (Morehouse Publishing, 2001).

Dr. Schmidt holds a bachelor's degree from Asbury College, the Masters of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and the Doctor of

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