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Executive Director/Gift Planning Director

Everything I do in this work is based on building and sustaining relationships, and growing joyful givers. A life-long United Methodist, I am committed to assisting congregations do their best work and flourish. I have 24 years of experience with churches and not-for-profit organizations, primarily working in the areas of capital campaigns, endowments and planned giving. I have worked with the California-Nevada United Methodist Foundation since 2001, and have been privileged to assist a number of congregations in our conference. What a blessing it is for me to share the fellowship of the people I have served through the local churches!

I received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California at Davis. My professional education includes graduation from the National Planned Giving Institute at the College of William and Mary, as well as completion of numerous seminars and classes offered by The Fund Raising Institute, Association of Fundraising Professionals and Association of Healthcare Philanthropy.

I received the CFRE designation in 2003, and go through a recertification process every three years. As stewards of the public trust, Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) International certifies fundraising professionals who demonstrate the knowledge, skills and commitment to the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in serving the philanthropic sector. CFRE International fulfills this mission by establishing and administering a voluntary certification process based on current and valid standards that measure competency in the practice of philanthropic fundraising.

Home is the Sierra foothill community of Camino, which I share with my husband, Tom, three cats and one dog. We especially enjoy spending time with our two grandchildren.