

ED McDOWELL has been the executive director of Warm Beach Christian Camps and Conference Center, Stanwood, Wash., since 1995. Warm Beach serves more than 90,000 guests per year. Previous to 1995, Ed served five years as dean of student development at Central College in McPherson, Kan., and three years as senior pastor of First Free Methodist Church in Denver, Colo.

He is an experienced consultant and board member, having served on a wide variety of boards ranging from higher education, K-12 education, a crisis help line ministry, national associations, local churches, an adoption foundation, and currently serves as the board chair for Christian Camp and Conference Association (CCCA).

These roles have given him extensive experience in overseeing and directing ministry organizations, including fundraising, personnel management, organizational management, facilities management, marketing, and other disciplines.

Ed notes, "I have come to view boardsmanship as a primary sacred trust meant to be the conduit of the Kingdom of God increasing on earth as it already is in heaven."

Since 2006, Ed has been a senior consultant with The Goehner Group, which consults with faith-based organizations to help them raise financial resources, develop long range plans, build stronger boards, and develop strategic plans based on a strong vision, mission and core values. Visit their website at <http://www.goehnergroupp.com>.

Ed is a sought-after speaker, teacher, and consultant at churches, retreats and professional conventions, both locally and nationwide. Also known as a skilled mediator, Ed endeavors to see all sides of every situation, while applying God's unconditional love and firm standards to stand in the gap until mutually peaceful and productive solutions are identified and put into effect.

Ed and his wife, Bev, have nine children, the five youngest being adopted. They also have 14 grandchildren, including six adopted. Needless to say, family time ranks high on Ed's list of personal interests, along with music, reading, golf, fishing, hunting, biking and horses.

Ed's personal mission statement defines God's call on his life:

"To give my life away for the cause of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible."

For more information on Warm Beach Camps, visit <http://www.warmbeach.com>

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