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Jonathan Barton-- was trained in psychology at Kean College in Union, NJ ('74), received a Master of Divinity degree from Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, NJ ('78), and completed his Doctor of Ministry at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA ('14). He was ordained by the Elizabeth Presbytery, of the Presbyterian Church USA in 1981.



In 1979, Reverend Barton was part of an Education/Mission tour, with CWS, to Central America. He visited several rural and urban areas in Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Honduras (an account of this experience was published in an article "Revelations to a Hunger Action Enabler"). In 1981, he traveled to Puerto Rico as part of an Education/Mission team from Drew Theological Seminary. Jon traveled to Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Jamaica early in 1986. In November of 1991, Mr. Barton traveled to Thailand, Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan. In October of 1996 traveled to Armenia and Bosnia.

Mr. Barton began work with Church World Service in 1983 as Associate Regional Director. Rev. Barton served as the CWS Regional Director for Virginia from 1985 to 2000. On June 1, 2000, he became the General Minister for the Virginia Council of Churches. Jonathan is the sixth person to serve in this position during the Council 70 year history. The Virginia Council of Churches represents 18 different Christian Communion within the Commonwealth of Virginia. In March of 2005 Rev Barton was part of the U.S. delegation to the 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where he also traveled to areas devastated by the 2004 tsunami.

Before joining the Council staff, he served as the Hunger Action Enabler for the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Elizabeth, Newark, and Newton Presbyteries. Rev. Barton served in Washington, DC as the Assistant Coordinator for the National Committee for World Food Day, a United Nations program begun October 16, 1981. He has also served as a consultant to World Hunger Education Service. He has represented the New Jersey Council of Churches, testifying before a Senate Subcommittee in support of the U.S. National Academy of Peace as well as providing testimony regarding the use of solitary confinement. He has provided both oral and written testimony before both houses of Congress on behalf of Federal Recognition for the six Virginia Native American Tribes. Rev. Barton has served on the Board of VA VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, Emmanuel Christian Institute, and the VA Department of Social Service Faith Based and Community Initiatives Advisory Board. He currently serves on the corporate board for LifeNet Health, Inc.

Jonathan is married to Elizabeth Wood Stark, he has one daughter, Katie (October 1, 1985 – June 20, 2003), and two step daughters Liza and Archer Stark. Rev Barton is listed in the 13<sup>th</sup> Edition of "Who's Who in the World" (1996) and the 24<sup>th</sup> Edition of "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" (1995/96). Strathmore's Who's Who (2003)