



Rev. Michael Piazza

Executive Director of Church Multiplication

Biographical Sketch:

Rev. Michael Piazza currently serves as President of Hope for Peace & Justice and the Executive Director of Church Multiplication for the Center for Progressive Renewal. Rev. Piazza served as the senior pastor of the Cathedral of Hope during a time of unprecedented growth. When he arrived in Dallas in 1987, the church had 280 members and a budget of \$280,000. When he retired to become Dean of the Cathedral, the church's membership was more than 3,500, with a consolidated budget of more than \$3 million. This growth took place in a setting that was hostile to the church's constituency and during a time in which the church performed more than 1,500 funerals for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Rev. Piazza works as a consultant with the Congregational Vitality and Discipleship Team of the United Church of Christ. He is the chair of the Task Force for Church Multiplication and, during the past year, has been a keynote speaker for more than a dozen conferences and associations within the UCC and at the Ministerial Institute at Chicago Theological Seminary.