

The Center Team

David Johnson, pastor, author, and speaker, has served as the Senior Pastor/Teaching Pastor at Church of the Open Door since 1980. Dave's undergraduate work was done at Bethel University, followed by postgraduate work at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL. Dave has a deep commitment to Biblical integrity, and a passion for truth and grace. Though Dave and his wife Bonnie have lived in Minneapolis for 37 years, they both grew up in Chicago, and remain fully devoted followers of the Cubs and Bears. Dave and Bonnie have four grown children, seven grandchildren, and one very unruly dog!

Anne-Marie Finsaas is Pastor of Formational Life at Open Door. She earned her Doctorate of Ministry in Leadership and Spiritual Formation from George Fox University and has taught as an adjunct professor at Bethel Seminary (St. Paul, MN), Richmond Graduate University (Atlanta, GA), and several seminaries and non-formal educational settings around the world. Anne-Marie is married with three adult children. She and her husband love watching BBC murder mysteries, walking the lakes, and eating ethnic food.

Vicki Degner is a former Spiritual Development Pastor at Church of the Open Door, who now continues to serve as a lay pastor in the same community. She is a trained spiritual director and has been offering spiritual direction for almost 18 years. Vicki earned a Certificate in Spiritual Transformation from the Transforming Center in Wheaton, IL, has overseen spiritual direction ministries there for the last three years and now serves on their board. She has been married to Gerry for 43 years and has two adult children and two grandchildren, who are the light of her life. Her favorite past time is hiking on the north shore of Lake Superior in Minnesota.

Peggy Lang has attended Open Door since 1991. As lay Prayer Ministries Pastor, she has taught classes, led retreats, and trained people for prayer ministry at Open Door and other churches around the metro area. She earned a Certificate in Spiritual Transformation from Transforming Center in Wheaton, IL. Peggy is married with two adult children and five grandchildren. She loves gathering with her family and hiking and backpacking with her husband, preferably in the Rockies or southern Utah's desert canyons.

Doug Lang has been part of Open Door since 1991, serving on the prayer team, multiple committees, task forces, and teaching teams over the years. He earned a Certificate in Spiritual Transformation from Transforming Center in Wheaton, IL. He chaired the governing board as Open Door moved from Robbinsdale to Maple Grove and currently heads up the lead pastor search team. Doug was trained in physics and physiology and worked in the medical device industry as a scientist, instructor and R&D management. Doug is now retired and loves playing the cello and hiking and biking with his wife Peggy and family. Doug and Peggy have two married children and five grandchildren.

Dawn Wood is Adult Life Associate. She has been on staff for 18 years and is our details person. A lover of nature and animals, Dawn enjoys spending her spare time with her husband and grown children at the lake.