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My life's calling has been to "equip the saints for the work of ministry," (Eph 4:11-12). This has been translated into many contexts, but my passion and life experience now converge around my focus on leadership development - and in sustainability and wellbeing in leadership.

I have been in ministry for at least 40 years . . . and still counting. I am a Presbyterian minister (PCANZ) after having served in a variety of churches covering a variety of ministries, including church planting in Japan and working with OMF in NZ. I now choose to spend the majority of my time as a coach, coach trainer and Mentor coach; and as a Professional Supervisor, journeying with people.

The call to follow Jesus as a young person was coupled with a desire to participate with God in His mission of redemption and restoration. John 20:21: "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you," continues to inspire and provoke me personally, but also underpins my posture and ministry with others. I love to work with the body of Christ - to see people empowered and to be intentional participants in God's mission. I believe that one of the most powerful ways of doing this is through coaching.

Personal Context:

I grew up crossing cultures living for several years in Rarotonga . . . and also, as an adult, had 10 years' experience in cross-cultural church planting in Japan. I am married to Andy – have 3 wonderful adult daughters and 7 delightful grandchildren.

Professional and Ministry Experience

With a nursing background, a lifetime of ministry experience, and senior leadership experience both in local church contexts and at a national level of a Not-for-profit organisation for 9 years, I am not surprised by much! I have also taught at a tertiary level and have a Masters in Theology so I know what it is to study and juggle work and 'life.' As a minister I have considerable, and varied, pastoral care experience — I am no stranger to crisis situations.

I also bring expertise in the intercultural space. One of the areas where there is growing acknowledgment that our workforce, churches and community need support, is in 'intercultural competency.' New Zealand is increasingly becoming more diverse, and intercultural competencies and basic awareness of worldview drivers greatly enhance ministry effectiveness and also interpersonal wellbeing. I bring both experience and expertise in this area.

As an experienced PCC (Professional Certified Coach) with the ICF (International Coach Federation); coach trainer and Mentor coach, I seek to continue to grow and develop my coaching skills and to gaining a higher credential.