

JOSEPH S. GIRDLER, DMin

NETWORK PASTOR / DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT / (2004 – PRESENT)

KENTUCKY MINISTRY NETWORK, ASSEMBLIES OF GOD - USA

“Pastor Joe” studied jazz (instrumental/trumpet/flugelhorn) and graduated from the University of Kentucky with two undergraduate degrees (Psychology and Communications). Following God’s call, he pursued ministry rather than a career in music. Upon his college graduation he entered Asbury Theological Seminary graduating with his Masters in Missions and Evangelism. While serving as Superintendent of the Kentucky Assemblies of God he completed a M.Div. Equiv. and graduated from Assemblies of God Theological Seminary with his Doctorate of Ministry.

Supt. Girdler served as the Kentucky District Missions Secretary for 7 years, and on staff and then pastored King’s Way Assembly in the Lexington, KY area for a total of 16 years prior to his election as District Superintendent in 2004. A revitalization project, the King’s Way congregation overcame paramount obstacles when he received the pastorate. Further, the church was mobile, holding services in a local Middle School for Sundays only, then underwent three building programs and grew to a regular weekly attendance between 400-500 people, with annual Missions Giving of over \$430,000.00 the last full year of his pastorate (’03). The church was honored, of over 12,000 Assemblies of God congregations (at the time), to achieve Top 100 status in the Assemblies of God World Missions Giving. Their ministry site, which grew to almost 40 acres and assets into the millions of dollars at the time of his transition, had become one of the strongest Assemblies of God congregations in the Kentucky Network baptizing new converts during nearly every Sunday morning service.

Radically born again while in college, Pastor Joe received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit shortly thereafter. He has an extensive background in music and in personal evangelism, and has a heart for student and campus ministries (beginning his ministry as an Associate at Morehead State University Chi Alpha). Pastor Joe and Renee have both served on numerous Boards throughout the Assemblies of God. Of many global travels, missions ministries have included: Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, Mexico, El Salvador, Brazil, Italy, Germany, Austria, Spain, France, Holland, Belgium, England, Turkey, Bulgaria, and more.

Joe’s wife, Dr. Renee V. Girdler is board certified in Family Medicine with personalized specialties in diabetes and women’s health care. Renee was recently awarded the prestigious “Louisville Top Doc” award for Family Medicine and was also the first female in the history of the Assemblies of God to be a member of the Assemblies of God World Missions Board. In 2011 she was awarded the distinguished Superintendent’s Medal of Honor, the Fellowship’s highest honor for lay individuals in the Assemblies of God.

Joe and Renee have two children. Son, Steven and his wife, Julia, are both physicians in NYC. Daughter, Rachel is an MSW and serving as a Missionary Associate in South America/ Ecuador. Joe and Renee live in a suburb of Louisville, Kentucky. You can contact Supt. Girdler via: (O) 502-241-7111 / (E) jgirdler@kyag.org / (W) www.joegirdler.com