

## **Mike Murray**

### Biographical Information for Church Organizations

Since 1973, Mike Murray has conducted numerous workshops, seminars, and retreats for churches and church organizations all over the United States. Topics covered have included: Conflict Management, Strategic Planning, The Management of Change, Community Building, and Spiritual Growth.

As a member of Mission Presbytery, Mike is frequently called upon to facilitate meetings of Presbytery committees to help them address issues productively and creatively.

In addition to working with numerous local churches of several different denominations, Mike has led events for Presbyteries, the Synod of the Sun, The UPUSA General Assembly, Faith At Work, The American Bible Society, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Contact Teleministries U.S.A., the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, hospitals, volunteer organizations, and foundations. More than half of his time is spent working with corporations in the United States and Europe.

Mike is Parish Associate of First Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas, and has recently rotated off the Boards of Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville, Texas and the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. He is also on the Board of The EQ-HR Center which runs programs for ministers equipping them with the skills of Emotional Intelligence and Human Relations

Prior to entering into the training and consulting business, he served as pastor of Presbyterian churches in Kingsville and Mercedes, Texas, and as Associate Pastor of Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since establishing his own company in 1973, Mike has served as Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Texas for eighteen years, and in his current Parish Associate position in Austin since 1994.

Mike graduated from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, in 1958 with a BA in English and from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas in 1961 with a Masters in Divinity. In January of 2001, Mike was recognized by the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Alumni Association for his outstanding service to the church.