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Fact Sheet for Rev Dr. Beverly Dale

Ordained minister- Rev Dale was ordained as a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) tradition in 1985. She received her seminary education from Chicago Theological Seminary. This seminary is affiliated with the United Church of Christ and is a part of an ecumenical consortium where she did coursework at Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Catholic seminaries. She has served as a pastor of a church in Colfax, Illinois from 1983-1989. She currently makes frequent appearances at a wide variety of church in the Philadelphia area.

Playwright/Performer/Author- Rev Dale's original one woman show is called "An Irreverent Journey from Eggbeaters to Vibrators" and includes both memoir and fiction, as well as poetry and original music and has been performed at the Fringe festivals in Philadelphia and Wilmington DE, at a conference of theologians and seminary administrators in San Francisco while specific characters have been performed in churches and on campuses. Her publishing career has included poetry and essays in a variety of venues, *Journal of Women and Religion*, *Disciples World*, *The Other Side*, and *Just Women* and she has contributed to two edited books, one of sermons [Bread Afresh, Wine Anew, Sermons by Disciples Women](#) and the other of communion reflections [Table Talk: Resources for Communion](#). She has written curriculum for the Pennsylvania region of Christian Churches and contributed to newsletters of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

*Sex educator-*Rev Dale studied sexuality in a variety of courses while an undergraduate student at Illinois State University and in 2005 was trained by the Unitarian Universalist denomination to teach the sexuality curriculum to grades 7th-12th entitled *Our Whole Lives*. She has spoken to campus groups on the "hook up culture" and served on a variety of interfaith panels representing a faith position that embraces the importance for women to control of their own reproduction. Currently she uses her website to educate people about a sexually affirming faith perspective, to answer sexuality questions, and to provide resources to further individual study.

*Teacher and lecturer-*Rev Dale has taught numerous workshops and facilitated a wide variety of group discussions on the subject of sexuality and matters of faith. Some of these include: *Exploring the Sexual Jungle with Young Adults*, *Exploring God and Sexuality*, *Why is the Body of Christ Afraid of the Body?*, *Sex on Campus: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*, *Song of Songs: Sexuality and Sensuality*, *Moving Beyond Lust and Plumbing*, and *Preachers and Politicians in an Overcrowded Bedroom*. While serving on Penn's campus she was known as a dynamic speaker and presence at rallies on behalf of the sexual minority communities, women who are sexual assault survivors, and a variety of justice causes. Recently she spoke to graduate level students studying sexuality at Widener University of Body Justice and Faith based sexuality ministries.

*Spiritual Director-*Rev Dale has been a spiritual director for college students, male and female and has been trained to provide pastoral leadership as a volunteer chaplain at Planned Parenthood clinics. Besides the counseling training received while in seminary, she has taken one year of training in systems therapy at the Council for Relationships in Philadelphia.