Biographical Information

DON AND MARYJANE WESTRA

Don and Maryjane Westra have been appointed by the Common Global Ministries Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ to serve with the Christian Commission for Development (CCD) and the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Honduras. Don is supported by One Great Hour of Sharing.



Don was born in LeMars, Iowa and grew up fixing tractors on his parents' farm.

EDUCATION:
Northwest Iowa Technical College, 1973, Mechanical Engineering Technology
McHenry County College, Milwaukee School of Engineering, 1977

EXPERIENCE:
1973-90 Coilcraft, Inc., Cary, Illinois, tooling engineer
1990-09 West Tool & Design, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, President/Owner
2009-13 United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe, Micro-Enterprise and Strategic Planning/Management Program, Mt. Selinda
2013-2015 Christian Commission for Development (CCD), Tegucigalpa, Honduras
2015-2017 Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras. Yoro, Yoro, Honduras



Maryjane was born in Madison, South Dakota and, as a preacher's kid, lived in many places, South Dakota, Connecticut, Minnesota and Illinois.

EDUCATION:
Northern Illinois University, 1976, Family Service
University at Illinois-Chicago, 1989, Master of Social Work
North Dakota State University, 2006, Certificate of Non-Profit Administration

EXPERIENCE:
1993-94 Lakeland Mental Health, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, case manager
1996-99 Village Family Service, Fargo, North Dakota, in-home therapy/adoption
2000-09 Permanent Family Resource Center, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, Executive Director
2009-13 United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe, Hospital Administrator which includes administration responsibilities at the Daisy Dube Children's Home, Mt. Selinda
2013-2015 Christian Commission for Development (CCD), Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
2015-2017 Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras, Yoro, Yoro, Honduras.

Don and Maryjane are members of Federated Church, United Church of Christ, Fergus Falls, Minnesota. They were married December 29, 1973. Maryjane has a sister disabled with autism, Martha Hartz, that they cared for along with their eight children; Evan, Jacob, Kristina, Glen, Mike, Luke, Mary and Vanessa. They have five grandchildren.

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