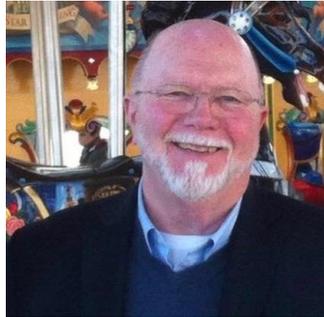


## Rev. Allen Fluent



Allen Fluent was born on April 1, 1940, in Chicago, Illinois. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Knox College, in Galesburg, Illinois, a Bachelor of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry, also from Eden, and a Master of Arts in Sociology from the University of Missouri, St Louis. He was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ, following his graduation from Eden in 1965, by the Chicago Metropolitan Association, at Christ Church, DesPlaines, Illinois. While in seminary, Allen served in the capacity of student pastor at High Ridge, Missouri, the Chamois-Ryors Charge, and, during the summer following graduation, Christ Church, Belleville. His first call as a pastor was Emmaus United Church of Christ in St Louis. In 1971, Allen, his wife Nora, and their daughters Elaine and JoAnn, moved to Berger, Missouri, where he served the St John's and Bethany congregations. In 1974 the family moved again to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was called as the pastor of Salem UCC in the inner city and also as associate pastor of Trinity UCC, a suburban congregation. When a pastoral change took place at Trinity Church, Allen Remained

at Salem, but also served for 8 years as the Associate Director of Memorial Community Center and for 2 years as pastor of Immanuel UCC in Cincinnati. In 1986, he became pastor of St John's UCC in Troy, Ohio. Then, in 1991, he was called to the pulpit of Mt Sinai Congregational Church on Long Island, New York. After 9 years in that position, Allen was called as Area Conference Minister for the Penn Central Conference, where he served until his official retirement in 2010.

Since "retiring," Allen became trained as an "intentional interim minister," and has served in numerous transitional capacities. In Missouri, he served Ebenezer "Stone Church" in Gerald, Zion Church in Florissant, and St Phillip's Church in St Louis. In 2014, he was called back into full-time ministry to be the Acting Conference Minister for the Missouri Mid South Conference for a little over two years. He then served for about a year as the interim pastor at St Peter's Church in Granite City, Illinois, before coming to Concordia Church as the interim. In 2018, family circumstances caused Allen and Nora to return to the City of Cincinnati, where they had lived for 12 years and their children had gone to high school and remained. They now live there and Allen continues to do interim work. He is presently the transitional pastor for St Paul United Church of Christ, in Colerain Township, Cincinnati. Meanwhile, their family has grown to seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren, most of whom live nearby.