

## **Kenneth C. Horne, Jr.**

Co-founder / Director Emeritus

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### Personal Data

Born April 26, 1946, Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Married Jean Kelley of Virginia Beach, Virginia in 1968. Their three children are Jonathon, Sean, and Jennifer. Served two years in the United States Army including one year in Vietnam.



### Education

Graduated from the University of Virginia with a B.A. in Geology in 1968.

Graduated from the College of William and Mary with an M.B.A. in 1971.

Attended Duke Divinity School and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Graduated from Southeastern with a Master of Divinity Degree in 1976.

### Experience

- An ordained United Methodist minister and member in full connection with the Virginia Annual Conference. Eight years as a pastor of churches in several areas of Virginia.
- Co-founder of the Society of St. Andrew (1979), a nationwide Christian ecumenical nonprofit organization, which saves fresh produce that will go to waste and distributes it free to feed hungry Americans. Retired and named Director Emeritus in April 2008.
- Visiting Professor, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., fall semester, 2003; taught a course in *Leadership for Missions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*.

### Activities

- 2002 - Ken conceived and initiated a National Hunger Summit held in Washington, D.C. in May 2002. The summit, sponsored by the Society of St. Andrew, the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, and the Wesley Theological Seminary, brought together those who work on feeding the hungry and those who work to change the institutions and policies that perpetuate hunger to develop and launch a strategy within the United Methodist Church to end hunger.
- Summer 2001 - Ken testified before a U. S. House of Representatives Subcommittee as to the effectiveness of gleaning as a source of food for the poor. Due largely to that testimony and the Society of St. Andrew's successful track-record of feeding the hungry with gleaned produce, the Farm Bill passed by Congress in May 2002 included Section #4204 allowing Temporary Emergency Family Assistance Plan (TEFAP) funds to be used for products obtained from gleaning.
- Member U. S. Dept. of Agriculture / U. S. Dept. of Transportation consortium on transportation for donated food to charity. On-going dialogue with USDA and Secretary Dan Glickman on food reclamation projects.
- Ken participated with the USDA in sponsoring a Hunger Summit in October 1999, which brought together leaders in hunger work from the government, charity, business and the church to explore ways of working together more effectively on behalf of the poor.

- Due to his vast experience in the field, Ken has been appointed by the United Methodist Church as a national Itinerate Speaker on hunger, poverty and hunger relief.
- Appointed by the United Methodist Church as special Consultant to the Bishop's Initiative on Children and Poverty for rural and agricultural issues.
- Member Board of Directors: Foodchain, 1994-98, serving on the Finance Committee and as Foodchain Treasurer for two years; Lynchburg (VA) Peace Education Center, 1986-87; Bedford Christian Ministries Association, 1985-92; Bedford Area YMCA, 1990-91; other food recovery and hunger-relief organizations.
- Congressional District Coordinator (Virginia-6<sup>th</sup> District) Bread for the World, 1979-80, spearheading advocacy for the poor in the U. S. and overseas.
- Member, Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference Board of Global Ministries, 1976-80, serving on the Hunger Committee.
- Member, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia Hunger Committee, 1987-89, focusing on agriculture issues.
- Member, Virginia Conference United Methodist Volunteer in Missions Steering Committee, 1989-present, serving as coordinator for Agricultural Missions in which capacity inaugurated gleaning as wide-spread mission opportunity for young people.
- Member, National Advisory Board, Breedlove Dehydrated Food, Inc., 1994-96. Served on steering committee which founded and developed this endeavor for produce salvage and transportation.

#### Awards

- Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree, Shenandoah College and Conservatory, 1990.
- 1998 National Caring Award recipient for his long-standing commitment to ending hunger and his extraordinary compassion for humanity and service to society.
- 1998 Humanitarian Award from The National Conference for Community and Justice (formerly The National Conference of Christians and Jews), Lynchburg, VA Chapter, honored for his many years of humanitarian work feeding the hungry.
- 1997 Hero of Food Recovery & Gleaning Award presented by the United States Department of Agriculture at the First National Summit on Food Recovery and Gleaning for his work in establishing gleaning as a strong, viable means of feeding the hungry.
- 1992 Real American Hero Award presented by the Maxwell House Coffee company in their "Search for 100 Real Heroes," for his extraordinary accomplishments in founding the Society of St. Andrew as a grass-roots, nonprofit, hunger-relief organization