

# **Jeff Preston Iorg**

## Resume and Biographical Summary

### **Personal Mission Statement**

God has called me to be a visionary leader who shapes others through modeling, speaking, and writing.

### **Ministry Assignments**

#### **President - Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, 2004-Present**

Position summary: Led Golden Gate Seminary to relocate its primary campus to Southern California, build a new regional campus in the Bay Area, and change its name to Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention; operated the seminary without debt during entire tenure, increased endowment from \$16 million to \$60 million, and successfully managed the \$150 million relocation project; started new programs like the Online Campus, Korean, Chinese, counseling, and women's ministry programs; supervised 140 employees, a \$12 million annual budget, and annual enrollment of 2,000 students; enhanced Gateway's global impact through formal partnerships with seminaries in Mexico, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Nigeria, and Ivory Coast; continued Golden Gate/Gateway's legacy as a multi-cultural institution (+60% of students are non-Anglo); current enrollment of 1000 students in 15 languages through the Advance Program.

#### **Executive Director - Northwest Baptist Convention, Vancouver, WA, 1995-2004**

Position summary: Coordinated work of 425 churches worshipping in 19 languages; supervised staff of 40 and \$5 million annual budget; completed construction of Northwest Baptist Center and staff relocation; formulated and implemented new strategic ministry processes; maintained regional focus and unity amid national denominational reorganization; set income records every year from 1996-2004 and increased annual Cooperative Program income from \$2 to \$3 million.

#### **Founding Pastor - Pathway Church, Gresham, OR, 1989-1995**

Position summary: Started the church as Greater Gresham Baptist Church with four families; created a new paradigm for "culture current" Baptist churches in the Northwest; remained a member through 2004 and chaired the task force that built their current campus.

#### **Pastor - Green Valley Baptist Church, St. Joseph, MO, 1982-1989**

Position summary: Attendance grew from 125 to 325; retired past indebtedness and purchased 10 acres of property; saved almost \$200,000 toward for facilities at the new location; added two full-time staff pastors.

#### **Minister to Children - Elmcrest Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, 1979-1981**

## **Educational Accomplishments**

- Doctor of Ministry** Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1990  
Project: “Developing Effective Listening Skills for Personal Evangelism”
- Master of Divinity** Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1984  
Cum Laude Graduate
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (38 hours in 1982)
- Bachelor of Arts** Hardin Simmons University, 1980  
Major: Bible Minor: Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude Graduate  
Wiggins Medal – Outstanding Summer Graduate

## **Published Materials**

Published more than 50 articles in various magazines and journals. Published multiple lessons, training materials, and curricula. Author of seven books: *Is God Calling Me?*, *The Character of Leadership*, *The Painful Side of Leadership*, *The Case for Antioch*, *Unscripted*, *Seasons of a Leader’s Life*, *Leading Major Change in Your Ministry*, *Shadow Christians*. General editor for the book *Ministry in the New Marriage Culture*.

## **Other Ministry Responsibilities**

Host a weekly radio show on KKLA and podcast entitled *Lead On!*  
Teach multiple courses in leadership and preaching at masters and doctoral level  
Extensive national speaking ministry at leadership, evangelism, and mission conferences  
Board member, International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities, 2015-Present  
Board member, Association of Theological Schools, 2014-Present  
Baseball Chapel Leader, San Francisco Giants, 2005-2015  
Secretary/Treasurer of the Association of State Executive Directors, 2000-2003  
President’s Leadership Advisory Council, Golden Gate Seminary, 1998-2000

## **Hobbies and Interests**

Traveling, reading fiction, following Oregon Ducks sports teams, searching for the world’s best barbeque restaurant, and any activity when our family gets together.

## **Personal Information**

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Born October 9, 1958; converted in 1972; called to ministry in 1976; licensed for ministry in 1977; ordained on December 30, 1981.

Married the former Ann Jeanenne Cope on July 26, 1980. Father of three adult children – (Casey Iorg, Melody Taylor, Caleb Iorg) and five grandchildren.