



**The Center for
Messianic Learning**
Unapologetically Pro-Torah
Unashamedly Pro-Israel
Irrevocably Zionist

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"... out of Tziyon will go
forth Torah, the word of
ADONAI from
Yerushalayim."
(Isaiah 2:3)

Jew and Gentile (Synagogue and Church), one in Messiah. (Ephesians 2:14)
"For He is our peace, Who made both one, and broke down the middle wall of partition, ..."

If your life is not in jeopardy for what you believe, you're probably on the wrong side.



Dr. Rickard L. Sawyer

Ari ben-Levi • ארי בן-לוי

ThM, ThD, DMin, MA, MBA, CNHP

Curriculum Vitae

Personal

Born May 17, 1946, Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia

Born Again March 15, 1952, Parkersburg, West Virginia

Ordination

- *Licensed* March 24, 1988 — Christian Fellowship Church, Pleasant Hill, California
- *Ordained* October 5, 1991 — Camino Community Church, Camino, California
- *Credentialed* as Messianic Minister, June 2002 — Messianic Bureau International

Family

- Marital Status: Widowed
- Married August 24, 1967, to Barbara Gaye Hart, Lafayette, California
- Barbara was Born June 5, 1949, Oakland, California and Graduated to Glory December 13, 2008, Marietta, Ohio
- One son, Aaron Paul Sawyer, born January 15, 1973, Walnut Creek, California. Married (Terri Lynn Blank) with two children (Joshua Caleb and Elizabeth Ruth)

Interests

- Messianic Judaism Theology and Ministry
- Emergency Planning, Preparedness, and Response
- Natural Health and Healing
 - Naturopathic Practitioner
 - Certified Natural Health Professional
 - Proprietor of a Natural Health Ministry and herb shop 1991-2008
- Computers; particularly, computers in ministry and disaster response
- Amateur Radio (WV8DOC), Wood County (WV) Emergency Communications, ARES, RACES, Tyler County (WV) CERT and SAR
- Emergency Service Radio Monitoring

Education

Honors

- Graduated *summa cum laude*, valedictorian from Th.M., Th.D., and D.Min. programs
- Maintained a consistent 4.0+ grade point average in all upper division, graduate, and postgraduate studies
- Graduated with honors, third in the class, from A.A. program with a 3.96 earned GPA
- Declined nomination for inclusion in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, 1972, 1973
- Recruited to faculty of Spring Valley Bible College and Seminary while still a graduate theology student

Graduate and Postgraduate Work

- Trinity College of Natural Health, Warsaw, Indiana. *Doctor of Naturopathy* (N.D.) (completed all didactic curriculum, but terminated the program in 2008 without completing the practicum after wife's death)
- Golden State School of Theology, Oakland, California. *Doctor of Ministry* (D.Min.) with a specialty in Bible College Administration and Curriculum Development
- Spring Valley Bible College and Seminary, Alameda, California. *Doctor of Theology* (Th.D.) with a specialty in Cults and Comparative Religion
- Spring Valley Bible College and Seminary, Alameda, California. *Master of Theology* (Th.M.) with a specialty in Systematic Theology
- Bay Cities Bible Institute, Oakland, California. *Master of Arts* (M.A.) in Biblical Studies
- University of Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills, California. *Master of Business Administration* (M.B.A.) in Organizational Management with an emphasis in Church Administration

Undergraduate Work

- University of Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills, California. *Bachelor of Arts* (B.A.) in Business Administration
- Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, California. *Associate of Arts* (A.A.) in Administration of Justice-Peace Officer
- Berean School of the Bible, Springfield, Missouri (correspondence)
- Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, Tennessee (correspondence)
- College of Guam (now Guam University), Agaña (now Hagåtña), Guam
- West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Technical Schools

- National Association of Certified Natural Health Professionals, Winona Lake, Indiana
- DeVry Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois
- Contra Costa County Reserve Peace Officer Academy, Martinez, California
- Electronics Training Lab, Emeryville, California
- St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Center, Parkersburg, West Virginia. Surgical Technician School
- Hewlett-Packard/Sanborn Service School. Advanced EKG Technician School
- United States Navy Service Schools
 - Hospital Corpsman
 - Neuropsychiatric Technician
 - Electroencephalograph Technician
 - Electrocardiograph Technician

Ministry Career

Over 50 years ministry experience as a bi-vocational pastor and Torah teacher

Family Bible Church (1997-2001)

Congregation B'Nei HaMelech (2001-2009)

The Center for Messianic Learning (2009-present)

Parkersburg, West Virginia (1997 - 2022)

Murphytown, West Virginia (2022 – present)

- Founding Elder, Pastor/Teacher
- Messianic Theologian/Torah Teacher

Paraclete Ministries

San Francisco, Sacramento, Knoxville, Parkersburg, WV (1983–1997)

- Church Ministry, Administration, and Christian Education Consultant

First Christian Fellowship

Parkersburg, West Virginia (1996 and 1997)

- Associate Pastor/Teacher

Ridgeview Baptist Church

Knoxville, Tennessee (11/92–04/95)

- Adult Bible Teacher
- Administrative Consultant

Camino Community Church

Camino, California (01/91 to 09/92)

- Pastoral Assistant (Ordained October 5, 1991)
- Church Chairman/Administrator
- Christian Education Board Member
- Adult Sunday School Teacher

Christian Fellowship Church

Pleasant Hill, California (01/87 to 01/90)

- Licensed Minister
- Liaison to Grace School of Theology and Ministry
- Chairman, Adult Sunday School Department
- Consultant to the Christian Education Department
- Computer Systems Administrator

Grace School of Theology and Ministry

Pleasant Hill, California (07/87 to 06/89)

- School Administrator
- Cataloging Librarian

Foothills Community Church

Moraga, California (09/83 to 03/86)

- Teaching Elder / Associate Pastor

Golden State School of Theology

Oakland, California (03/83 to 06/85)

- Vice President for Academic Affairs (06/84 to 06/85)
- Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (04/84 to 06/84)
- Professor of Theology and Comparative Religion (06/83 to 06/85)
- Instructor of English Grammar and Composition (06/83 to 06/85)
- Assistant Dean of Directed Individualized Studies (06/83 to 04/84)

Martinez Christian Fellowship

Martinez, California (03/83 to 09/83)

- Associate Pastor

Bethel Temple

Walnut Creek, California (06/78–03/83)

- Board Member (Combined Responsibilities of Deacon and Elder) (11/78–02/83)
- Youth Minister (1980–1981)
- Junior High Minister (05/79–12/80)
- Sunday School Teacher (03/79–03/83)
Adults (09/81–03/83), Various (10/80–09/81), High School (03/79–10/80)
- Assistant Director, Adult Choir (09/78–02/82)

U.S. Naval Hospital Chapel

Agaña, Guam (04/65 to 05/67)

- Youth Pastor

First Christian Church

Parkersburg, West Virginia (1947–1968)

- Assisted in the Cradle Roll department at age 10
- Taught in the Primary Department at age 12
- Taught in the Junior High department and assisted the Junior High Ministries Coordinator at age 14
- From age 15 to 17 served as a Junior Deacon
- Taught children and youth Sunday School classes in numerous churches throughout the Ohio Valley where my father pastored

Secular Career

Over 45 years of career experience in management and administration in a wide diversity of business environments. Successfully managed departments of more than 75 subordinates with annual budgets in excess of \$6 million.

Parkersburg Police Department

Parkersburg WV (2018 - present)

- Volunteer, South Parkersburg Substation
Provide citizen relations and take non-critical incident reports.

Wood County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Parkersburg WV (2010 - 2014)

- Deputy Director, Communications Officer (COML), Administrative Officer
The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic

disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Abundant Life Herb Shop

Parkersburg WV (1994 - 2008)

- Certified Natural Health Professional, Herb Specialist, Iridologist, Naturopathic Doctor candidate. Provides natural health information and consultation in the following modalities: Western and Chinese herbology, nutrition, iridology, body work and relaxation techniques, applied kinesiology, electromagnetic therapy, Biblical and pastoral counseling.

Independent Consultant

San Francisco, Sacramento, Knoxville, and Parkersburg WV (1980 - 2008)

Provided consultation/contract services in the following disciplines:

- Church Administration and Christian Education
- Desk-top computer system (hardware and software) selection, installation, operation, and maintenance
- End-user documentation, training, and support
- Policies, standards, and procedures development and administration (including forms design); Systems analysis, development, and documentation
- Systems and/or information security (physical and/or logical)
- Physical security, contingency planning, and/or disaster recovery
- Project planning and management

TRX, Tata Business Support Services

Parkersburg WV and Reno OH (June 2004 - June 2008)

- Quality Control Specialist
- Quality Coach
- Customer Service Representative

Kinko's Copy Center

Knoxville, Tennessee (06/93 to 06/94)

- Desk-Top Publishing Specialist

First Nationwide Bank

Daly City and Folsom, California (10/88 to 06/91)

- Senior Information Systems Security Consultant / Data Center Security Manager (01/90 to 06/91)
- Director of Data Security (10/88 to 01/90)

The Hibernia Bank

San Francisco, California (01/86 to 09/88)

- Director of Corporate Information Security

Central Bank

Concord and Oakland, California (03/82 to 01/86)

- Data Center Security Manager (12/83 to 01/86)
- Operations Projects Manager / Assistant Operations Manager (03/82 to 12/83)

Fairchild GPLSI Division

San Jose, California (04/79 to 03/82)

- Senior Methods and Procedures Analyst / Senior Business and Systems Analyst (05/80 to 03/82)

- Methods and Procedures Administrator (04/79 to 05/80)

MBAssociates

San Ramon, California (04/74 to 04/79)

- Manager, Configuration Management and Technical Data Group (10/77 to 04/79)
- Manager, Technical Publications Department (01/76 to 10/77)
- Lead Technical Writer/Editor (04/75 to 01/76)
- Supervisor, Electronics Prototype Laboratory (10/74 to 04/75)
- Electronics Technician, Electronics Prototype Laboratory (04/74 to 10/74)

Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department

Martinez, California (1972 to 1978)

- Reserve Patrol Sergeant [Full Time] (1975 to 1978)
- Reserve Deputy Sheriff/Coroner [Full Time] (1972 to 1975)

Pomeroy Ambulance Company

Walnut Creek, CA (04/74 to 08/74)

- Dispatcher
- Ambulance Driver/Attendant

Motion Picture Projectionist's Union, AFL/CIO

Oakland, CA (11/73 to 08/74)

- Motion Picture Operator

The Coalyard Restaurant

San Francisco, CA (06/73 to 07/74)

- Manager

Bonanza Patrol Division, Summit Investigations

Walnut Creek, California (1972 to 1974)

- Patrol Division Captain and General Manager
- Investigator / Security Consultant

Lynn's Rheem Drive-In

Rheem Valley, CA (11/70 to 09/72)

- Manager

Sno-White Restaurant

Walnut Creek, CA (09/69 to 11/70)

- Manager

Mt. Diablo Patrol and Detective Service

Lafayette, California (03/69 to 09/69)

- Lieutenant (Assistant Manager)
- Sergeant (Field/Patrol Supervisor)

The Prudential Insurance Company

Concord, CA (10/68 to 03/69)

- District Agent

Naval Reserve Surface Division 12-16

Naval Weapons Station, Concord, CA (05/68 to 05/69)

- Hospital Corpsman First Class (E6)

John Muir Memorial Hospital

Walnut Creek, CA (04/68 to 10/68)

- Orderly II

Jack B. Drori, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Walnut Creek, CA (04/68 to 10/68)

- Electroencephalograph Technician, A.S.E.T.

Flinn Studio

Parkersburg, WV (09/67 to 04/68)

- Photographer / Dark Room Technician

Selby General Hospital

Marietta, OH (01/68 to 04/68)

- Orderly

St. Joseph's Hospital

Parkersburg, WV (09/67 to 01/68)

- Surgical Technician Trainee

Naval Reserve Surface Division 5-16S

Parkersburg, WV (10/67 to 05/68)

- Hospital Corpsman First Class (E6)

Naval Reserve Surface Division 12-16

Concord, CA (5/67 to 10/67)

- Hospital Corpsman First Class (E6)

Jack B. Drori, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Walnut Creek, CA (05/67 to 09/67)

- Certified Electroencephalograph Technician, A.S.E.T.

John Muir Memorial Hospital

Walnut Creek, CA (05/67 to 09/67)

- Orderly

U.S. Naval Hospital

Agaña, Guam (04/65 to 05/67)

- Hospital Corpsman Second Class (E5)
Performed the following simultaneous responsibilities at the only neuropsychiatric facility in the entire Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, a geographical area nearly the size of the Continental United States
- Senior Hospital Corpsman, Neuropsychiatric Service
- Staff Assistant to the Clinical Psychologist
- Senior Technician, Electroencephalographic Laboratory
- Senior Technician, Psychiatric Clinic
- Performed additional duties as Emergency Room Supervisor, Out-patient Department Supervisor, Electrocardiograph Technician, Surgical Technician, X-ray Technician, Ambulance Driver and/or Attendant, and Base Security Petty Officer
- Taught classes in Neuropsychiatric Nursing, Emergency Medicine, Medical Records, Hospital Administration, Electrocardiography, Electroencephalography, and Military Requirements

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disease and Blindness Research Center

Agaña, Guam (04/65 to 05/67)

- Technical Consultant in Electroencephalography.
Participated in some of the government's earliest research into Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and related neuromuscular disorders.

Guam Memorial Hospital, Government of Guam

Agaña, Guam (04/65 to 05/67)

- Neuropsychiatric Consultant
- Electroencephalograph Consultant
- Consulted to the Government of Guam for the design, construction, and startup of the first civilian neuropsychiatric facility and electroencephalographic laboratory in the Trust Territories of the Mariana Islands.

Department of Social Services, Government of Guam

Agaña, Guam (04/65 to 05/67)

- Technical Consultant in Psychology
Participated in the development of the first psychological testing materials specific to the ethnic requirements of the Pacific Islands.

St. Joseph's Hospital

Parkersburg, WV (12/64 to 04/65)

- Physical Therapy Orderly

Naval Reserve Surface Division 5-16S

Parkersburg, WV (12/64 to 04/65)

- Hospital Corpsman Third Class (E4)

U. S. Naval Hospital Corps "A" School

Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL (08/64 to 12/64)

- Hospitalman (E3)

St. Joseph's Hospital

Parkersburg, WV (12/63 to 05/64)

- Orderly

Naval Reserve Surface Division 5-16S

Parkersburg, WV (05/64 to 07/64)

- Hospitalman (E3)

Jimbo's Drive In

Parkersburg, WV (09/63 to 12/63)

- Fry Cook

Naval Reserve Electronics Division 5-7

Parkersburg, WV (08/63 to 05/64)

- Seaman Apprentice (E2)

COMFIVE Afloat/Ashore E1/E2 School

Naval Receiving Station, Norfolk, VA (Aug. 1963)

- Seaman Recruit (E1)

Curriculum Vitae

Naval Recruit Training Command

Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL (July 1963)

- Seaman Recruit (E1)

Naval Reserve Electronics Division 5-7

Parkersburg, WV (05/63 to 07/63)

- Seaman Recruit (E1)