

## **Rev. Robert F. Hicks**

Born and raised in Highland, California, Bob graduated from Pacific High School in San Bernardino, CA, in 1965 and attended San Bernardino Valley College, receiving an A.A. degree in 1967. In the Fall of 1967, he attended California State College at San Bernardino as a History Major, transferring his Major to Philosophy the last quarter of his Junior Year. In his Senior Year, he studied Philosophy and graduated in 1969 with a B.A. in Philosophy. In the Fall of 1969,

Bob attended the University of California, Riverside, graduating with a M.A. in Philosophy in 1972. In the Fall of 1972, Bob began his theological studies at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, graduating in 1975.

Bob met his wife, Ann, at a seminary picnic...Ann was the daughter of Lillian Willmann, who was faculty secretary at Eden at that time. They were married the summer before Bob's Senior Year and, upon graduation, Bob was ordained at his home church, Highland Congregational Church, U.C.C., in Highland, CA and he and Ann moved to Belmond, IA where he served as Pastor for 5-1/2 years. During his ministerial career, Bob served as Pastor of First Congregational U.C.C. in Ogallala, NE, Zion U.C.C. in Troy, MO, and completed his ministerial career as Pastor of St. Luke's U.C.C. in Imperial, MO, serving that congregation for twenty-two years.

Retiring in 2013, Bob and Ann moved to Yucaipa, CA to be near extended family. Coming full-circle, they are now active members of Bob's home church, Highland Congregational Church, U.C.C. They continue to be active in the life of their congregation. Ann is currently working part-time as the Church Secretary and Bob leads a Bible Study group and serves on several Church Boards.