

REV. WALTER SNOWA

I am an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ since 1966. I served three congregations - one each in North Carolina (1966), Virginia (1980-1987) and Louisville, Kentucky (2003-2009) I also served as the Association Minister for 60 congregations in the Missouri Southeast Conference (Eastern Missouri Association) (1987-1993), and later for 61 congregations in the Southern Conference (Eastern Virginia Association) (1994-2003) My primary responsibility as pastor to the churches was to provide direction to the pastors under my care in the Association. The churches in Virginia were racially balanced. 31 congregations were mainly African-American and 30 were mainly Caucasian. In addition to my usual duties, my wife Rev. Diane Snowa and I were responsible for bringing together 61 churches which had been divided by decades of racial tensions.

In 1969 I was called by Dewan Gereja di Indonesia and the United Church Board for World Ministries (now Global Ministries) to serve as a pastor assigned to Gereja Mashhi Injili di Timor (GMIT). During the next ten years, my primary responsibilities were two-fold:

- a. Develop training programs and resources for the Protestant churches on the islands of Nusa Tenggara Timor, Indonesia. We conducted workshops throughout the islands. Each workshop was designed in cooperation with local church leaders. Our programs were aimed to support pastors, lay ministers, farmers, women's groups, teachers, youth leaders, elders and general members of the local churches.
- b. Teach at the Theological School and the University of Timor. My duties at the Seminary included: Old Testament theology, church history and Christian education. My primary concern was to prepare clergy for ministry in rural areas where resources would depend on how they developed their own imaginations.

Lecturer/ Director of Veritas Courses at Bellarmine University: I have taught two courses on Indonesia for Veritas at Bellarmine University in 2014 and 2017. In recent years, I have organized three courses at Veritas for *The Salaam Network*:

- a. Islam: One Branch of the Abrahamic Faith Traditions (2017)
- b. The Abrahamic Faith Traditions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam (2018)
- c. Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Confrontations with Modernity (2020)