

# MYLINDA S. BAITTS

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## QUALIFICATION SUMMARY

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- **Creative and Experiential Expressive Arts Educator with a sensitivity towards trauma informed and healing centered growth.**
- **Fluent in Spanish Language with 20+ years of International Living and working in Central and South America, Europe and Asia**
- **Enjoys Leading and Managing Diverse Teams, People Oriented, Strong Interpersonal Skills with a Willingness to Learn from Others, Known for Creating a Positive and Brave Learning Environment.**
- **Develops Accessible Extension and Online Programs to Provide Education and Training to Peacebuilders, Climate Activists, Expressive Artists and Community leaders in the Americas and the Caribbean .**
- **Capacity builder in use of the expressive arts for the psychosocial support and healing of trauma related to violence and displacement, racialization, and human trafficking**
- **Inspirational and Motivational Speaking in Spanish and English to groups of all sizes.**
- **Builds collaborative partnerships with colleagues, national church leadership and social change organizations for training and trauma care for survivors and conflict transformation**

## EXPERIENCE

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### International Ministries

2012-present

#### Global Consultant for Training in the Restorative Arts

- Advocates for marginalized populations that include survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking, domestic violence, poverty, and displacement
- Activism through Capacity and Skill Building workshops incorporating trauma-informed psychosocial experiential education and arts-based methodologies
- Engages and encourages Community Resiliency through designing and facilitating communal art-making for participatory restorative memorialization
- Designs and Faciliatates International Conflict Transformation trainings
- Mentors younger colleagues and international leaders and facilitators

**International Ministries  
Seminary Professor and Missionary**

**San Jose, Costa Rica**

**2000-2012**

- Vocational Program management; co-created a “Call Retreat” empowering participants to discover their skills and abilities leading to new career goals and how they can pursue their life-calling.
- Promoted cross-cultural relations while living and traveling in Latin America (Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico).
- Designed, promoted and facilitated collaborative art-making in several community events and gatherings.
- Facilitated and taught liturgy and the arts and pastoral counseling courses to native Spanish speakers.
- Managed complex logistics for visiting work teams promoting positive experiences and reducing cultural barriers.
- Provided translation services for academic settings, visiting work teams and general activities
- Created curriculum for and trained various groups in cultural awareness and team building skills.
- Designed, created and installed 2 6’X7’ large stained glass window installations in a local church

**Calvary Baptist Church  
Associate Pastor**

**Salem,OR**

**1988-1994**

- Provided executive leadership, recruited, managed and coordinated volunteers.
- Provided pastoral duties including preaching, encouraging and educating the congregation and community members.
- Developed the educational program for weekly study for groups of all ages.
- Facilitated ecumenical and interfaith dialog and community service for the congregation and community members.

**EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

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**Expressive Arts in Transition, Valletta, Malta**

Certificate Expressive Arts in Transition (EXIT) and Community Ritual: Moving Toward Belonging After Trauma and Displacement (2019)

**European Graduate School, Saas Fee, Switzerland**

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Expressive Arts Therapy and Social Change (2019)

**European Graduate School, Saas Fee, Switzerland**

Introductory Course in Expressive Arts, Certificate (2017)

**STAR Basics Online Course with Carolyn Yoder, PhD**

Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR), Certificate (2017)

**Training of Conflict Transformation Trainers, Kiev, Ukraine**

10 Day Intensive Training with Dr. Dan Buttry, Certificate (2016)

**First Aid Arts, Seattle, WA**

Level I & II Training of Trainers, Certificate (2015)

**Build A Bridge International, Philadelphia, PA**

Restorative Arts Institute, Certificate (2015)

**Training for Change, Philadelphia, PA**

Advanced Training of Social Action Trainers Certificate, (2015)

**University of California, Berkeley, CA**

The Science of Happiness, Online Course Certificate (2014)

**Instituto de Lengua Española (Spanish Language Institute), San Jose, Costa Rica**

Spanish Language Proficiency Certificate, (2000)

**American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley CA**

Master of Divinity in Theology (1988)

**California Baptist University, Riverside, CA**

Bachelor of Arts in Behavioral Sciences (1985)

ADDITIONAL

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- Publishes a monthly blog/update at [internationalministries.org](http://internationalministries.org)
- Career Counseling with an emphasis on professional development, skills analysis, interest inventories and personality profiling
- Engaged in Cultural Reentry Training Programs with emphasis in cultural shifts, technology trends and communication skills
- Collaborative mosaic making installations include: Commemorative 200th Anniversary for the Foreign Mission Society of the American Baptist Churches, Upcycled Door Table(2014)
- International Christian Alliance on Prostitution Annual Conference (2017) Stained Glass mosaic tryptic
- Memorial Mosaic with family survivors of 2018 plane crash victims in Holguin, Cuba