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Beginning with her roots in a strong, committed Christian family in Scotland, daughter of a bi-vocational Pastor, and continuing to where she currently lives and serves in Topeka, Kansas, Sandra's journey is marked with an enthusiasm for discovery and personal and spiritual growth. This journey included Bible College in Glasgow, Scotland; ministry in Germany; seminary studies in Zurich, Switzerland; and further ministry opportunities in Washington, DC; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Topeka, Kansas.

Sandra has recently completed nine years of ministry with the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region – ABCUSA (243 churches in Kansas, Oklahoma and Kansas) serving for almost three years as the internal executive coach for the Region and Leadership Coach to 90 churches in her particular areas of Northeast Kansas and the greater Kansas City, Kansas area. She is the founder of “Standing in the GAP” Transition Coaching; serves on the coaching staff and is a mentor coach for *The Coaching Center* at Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, Wisconsin. She is the Lead Coach to a team of Peer Coaches working with the “Center for Excellence in Congregational Leadership (CECL) (Green Lake, Wisconsin); Mentor Coach to a CECL Peer Team; Mentor Coach for Hollifield Leadership Center (Conover, North Carolina) in their “Sustaining Pastoral Excellence” program (both Lilly Foundation-funded projects); Mentor Coach for the “Lead Like Jesus” movement and Ministry Partner with The Columbia Partnership.

Sandra is a Certified Congregational Leadership Coach and is focusing now on completing requirements to achieve credentialing through the International Coach Federation (ICF).

Sandra's vision for ministry is to coach pastors and churches, individuals and organizations through all kinds of transition opportunities; partnering with them as they seek to ‘Gain Access to their Potential’ and discover God's ‘Good , Acceptable and Perfect’ will for their lives. Now in her 29th year in ministry, her passion is to see individuals and communities transformed to fulfill God's purpose. Other opportunities which bring her great delight include leading worship, serving as keynote speaker and Bible study leader at various retreats and conferences, and singing with her Barbershop Quartet. Her life is blessed with an awesome husband, Don, two great adult-age children and five wonderful grandchildren.

Sandra's future story includes a move to Nashville, TN. in the Fall of 2006 to begin full time ministry in Leadership Coaching. This will provide the opportunity for Sandra and Don to live, finally, near three of their grandchildren!