

Biographical Sketch  
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Dr. Stanford Simmons, Sr. graduated from Northern Illinois University with a B.A. in Psychology/Business Administration; the University of the Pacific with a M.A. in Organization Communications and the University of San Francisco with a Doctorate in Education. His program focus at the University of San Francisco, College of Education, was in the area of Organization and Leadership. He is also an alumnus of Chicago Vocational High School.

Dr. Simmons has served on faculties at community colleges, as well as four-year colleges and universities. He has held community college administrative positions as Coordinator of Articulation Agreements & Tech Prep Program, Yosemite Community College; Co-Director of the Engineering Technology Tech Prep Program, American River Community College; and Director of Occupational and Telecommunications Programs, City Colleges of Chicago, where he managed the District's Carl Perkins, College Tech Prep and Education-to-Careers Grants and the District's Telecommunications Program. He also worked in corporate America as a Community Relations and Marketing Representative for Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Dr. Simmons served as the Executive Director, Northwest Suburban Education-to-Careers Partnership at Harper College. His dissertation is entitled, *The Extent of Implementation and Access to Academic and Occupational Integrated Curriculum in Illinois Community Colleges*.

Dr. Simmons has served as Senior Pastor of First Church of God, Harvey IL, and in various local and state leadership positions in the Church of God.