

**Vita**  
**Michael T. Sojka**

**PERSONAL**

Wife: Patricia (married 1979)

Children: Joshua (1986), and Nathan (1990)

Ordination: Oskaloosa Church of Christ, Oskaloosa, IA (June 1990)

**EDUCATION**

Wartburg College (B.A. Physical Education & minor in Politician Science; 1979)

University of South Dakota (M.A. H.P.E. R.; 1984)

Cincinnati Bible Seminary (M.A. Practical Ministries, emphasis in Church Growth; 1990)

**MINISTRIES**

Preaching Minister (1989-1990)

Mt. Adams Church of Christ, Cincinnati, OH

Preaching Minister (1990-1992)

Central Islip Church of Christ, Long Island, NY

Church Planter (1993-2000)

New Horizons Christian Church, Fargo, ND

**TEACHING & COACHING**

Teacher, Football & Track Coach (1979-80)

Dows H.S., Dows, IA

Teacher, Football Coach (1980-1983)

Twins Cedar H.S., Bussey, IA

Adjunct Proff, Football & Strength Coach (1983-1985) University of South Dakota,  
Vermillion, SD

Professor, Football & Track Coach (1986-1989)

William Penn College, Oskaloosa, IA

Adjunct Professor (Oct. 2008)

Nebraska Christian College, Papillion, NE

**CURRENT MINISTRY**

Assistant Director of Northern Plains Evangelistic Association (2000 – present)

Northern Plains Evangelistic Association ~ P.O. Box 1381 – Huron, SD

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**HONORS & AWARDS**

**Scholarships**

University of South Dakota Football *Graduate Assistantship* (1 of 2 awarded for previously demonstrated academic and coaching abilities). (1983-84)

Cincinnati Bible Seminary *Alumni Scholarship* (1 of 2 awarded for demonstrated outstanding ability in field of study). (1989-90)

Cincinnati Bible Seminary *Presidential Scholarship* (was awarded 2 consecutive years for previously demonstrated academic and leadership abilities). (1988-90)

## **College Football**

*Most Valuable Freshman (1975)*

*Football Captain & Most Valuable Player (1978)*

*Koob-Lynes Award (awarded to senior who contributes the most to the team in leadership, community involvement, scholastic achievement, citizenship & athletic abilities). (1978)*

*Professional Football Prospect (1977-1978)*

*2 time All-Iowa Conference Team Selection*

*2 time All-Lutheran Team Selection*

## **College Track**

*Most Improved (1977)*

*National Qualifier in Javelin (1978)*

*Most Valuable (1978-1979)*

*Track Captain (1979)*

*Hertal Award (awarded to Most Valuable 2 Sport Athlete). (1979)*

*2 time All-Iowa Conference Javelin Champion*

## **LEADERSHIP**

Board of Public Instruction, IA; Permanent Professional Certificate (1985)

Church Planter & Ministry Coach (2002-present)

Leadership Couples Retreat, Rapid City, SD; Coordinator (2004-present)

National Coaching Certification (2006)

North American Christian Convention; Continuation Committee Member (2006-2009)

National Missionary Convention; Continuation Committee Member (2009-2011)

## **SPEAKING**

*Cincinnati Christian University Seminary Presentation:*

*Planting New Churches In Untouched Soil (2007)*

*Dakota Christian Convention Workshop Presentations:*

*The User Friendly Church (1995)*

*Reaching the Busters (1998)*

*Winning @ Church Planting (2002)*

*Church Planting: Then and Now! (2006)*

*Minnesota Christian Convention Workshop Presentations:*

*Family Reformation (1998)*

*Nebraska Christian Convention Workshop Presentations:*

Rebuilding the Fractured Family (2002)

Is Church Planting Optional (2007)

Who Is A Church Planter (2007)

Any Church Can Help Plant Churches (2007)

*North American Christian Convention* Workshop Presentation:

Still Amazed: Any Size Church Can Help Plant Churches (2009)

*Northern Plains District Conference* Workshop Presentation:

The Future Is Now: Doing Nothing Is Not An Option (2010)

*Wyoming Christian Convention* Workshop Presentations:

Church Planting A Tug of War (2001)

Winning @ Church Planting (2002)

*Wyoming Christian Convention*

Main Speaker (2001)

Missions Speaker (2002)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Double Vision – “Bivocational Church Planting” (1995)

Christian Standard – “Mission Fields in The United States” (1997)

Christian Standard – “Planting in Difficult Soil” (2002)

The Restoration Herald - “Planting Churches In Untouched Soil” (2008)

The Lookout – “The Lesson and Life” April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup> (2010)