



Alan Sorem

Alan Sorem grew up in central Kansas, where both of his parents were school teachers. From an early age he spent a decade of summers working on the large family farm (cattle and wheat) north of Dodge City. In those summers he experienced the unpredictable workings of nature in which sunshine and good weather led to financial success but hail storms and other bad weather meant crop failure and a very lean year for farm families. That experience gave him a strong sense of compassion for people caught up in events over which they have little, if any control, and has led him lately to the volunteer position of board chairman of Resource Office for Social Ministry (ROSM). ROSM is a cooperative ministry of caring funded by more than 40 Franklin County churches, several foundations and other organizations, the city, and the county. ROSM, whose executive director is Alene Ransdell, deals with emergency needs (rent, utilities, medical, and other support) of residents of Franklin County.

Alan was ordained to ministry in 1966. His educational background includes a degree from the College of Wooster, Ohio; a degree in theology from Yale; and an MBA in marketing and strategic planning from Fordham University in New York City. He has a daughter and son-in-law who live in New York City with their 16-month-old son, Leo, who is a great delight to be with.

Since 1999 Alan has served as pastor of South Frankfort Presbyterian Church, a warm and nurturing faith community at Steele and Third Streets in Frankfort. He himself is nurtured by SFPC members and friends, who are people with a generous and loving spirit. Alan also serves as secretary for the Frankfort/Franklin County Ministerial Association and treasures the collegiality among area clergy.