NANCY CLAIRE PITTMAN  
Biographical Statement

Nancy Claire Pittman grew up in the wide, flat spaces of the Texas panhandle before moving with her family to Oklahoma City in high school. After graduating from Putnam City High School, she went back to Texas to attend Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. There she earned a B. A. in Religion and Psychology and a M. Div. While pursuing her education for ministry, she served as a summer youth minister in various churches and as the area youth minister of the Fort Worth churches in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Nancy was ordained into the ministry by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest on April 1, 1984. After serving as associate minister of Oak Cliff Christian Church in Dallas, she returned to school, this time to Southern Methodist University, to earn a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies. She also continued to preach and lecture in numerous congregations and regional and national events.

As she was writing her dissertation on Christology in the Book of Revelation, in 1994 she and her husband Don accepted a missionary appointment to the faculty of Tainan Theological College and Seminary, a school related to the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan. There Nancy taught biblical Greek (in Taiwanese), introductions to the synoptic gospels and Johannine literature, and various exegetical classes. She also chaired the Worship Committee of the school which provided oversight for nine worship services every week that school was in session. Don and Nancy taught on that faculty for six and a half years. Their work was supported by the Common Board of Global Mission of both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. When they returned to the United States in 2001, Nancy became pastor of First Christian Church in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.


Dr. Pittman continues to engage in research in the Book of Revelation and the Gospel of John, particularly as they relate to current images of faithful and faithless
community, understandings of ministerial leadership in the 21\textsuperscript{st} century, and women in pastoral leadership. She is currently working on a book project at these intersections and contemporary ecclesiolatry.

Currently, Nancy is Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dean and Stephen J. England Associate Professor of the Practice of Ministry at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, an ecumenical seminary affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She is also an accredited spiritual director.