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Born in New York City, Jack was raised in the New Jersey suburb town of Ramsey. A Roman Catholic in training, Jack professed his Christian faith at age 15 by way of the Jesus Movement. Along with two friends, he organized a coffeehouse, which grew almost immediately to an average attendance of 200 on a typical Saturday evening.

He earned a B.A. (magna cum laude) in religion & philosophy from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, N.Y., married Barbara Niswander and returned to his hometown to work in a religious bookstore. While there he spearheaded the formation of a non-denominational church.

He then earned the M.Div. degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts, and upon graduation, joined the staff of New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Pompano Beach, Fla. Two years later he was ordained as minister of word and sacrament and called to pastor Trinity Presbyterian Church in Satellite Beach, Fla., where he served 10 years. While there he earned the D.Min. degree at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. His doctoral dissertation was titled, *The Presence of the Spirit: Elusive or Abiding ...Toward a Theology of Spirituality*. He also chaired two committees for Central Florida Presbytery.

In January, 1994, Jack was called to Clear Lake Presbyterian Church in Houston, Tx., where he served as pastor, head-of-staff, for 12 years. While there he served as chair of the board for two national organizations, The Presbyterian Coalition and, later, Presbyterians for Renewal. He authored two books (both published by Geneva Press): *GodViews: The Convictions that Drive Us and Divide Us* and *Living the Presence of the Spirit*.

Widely recognized for his skills in bridge-building and bringing reconciliation he has been appointed to three denominational task forces: The Unity-and-Diversity Conference Planning Committee; the Task Force on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church; and the Washington Office Study Task Force. He is a much-sought-after speaker for major conferences.

In January, 2006, Jack was called to serve as Editor-in-chief and Publisher of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, an independent, national, weekly magazine serving the leadership of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Long known as the “thought leader” of the denomination, the *Outlook* has been published for 65 years in Richmond, Virginia, and is an outgrowth of other publications that date back to 1818.

Jack and wife Barbara are parents of two adult children, David and Kelly, and have three grandchildren.