Harold Layton (Bud) Cooper was born in Parsons, KS the son of Harold and Opal Cooper. His life in Parsons was influenced by outstanding teachers, Boy Scout Troop #2 and Washington Avenue Methodist Church. He graduated from Parsons High School in 1955 and from Labette Community College in 1957, where he served on the student council, member of Polychromes, and President of SCA(Student Christian Association). Bud went on to Pittsburg State University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree. He received a Master of Divinity Degree from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia.

Bud's first job at the age of 10 was peddling vegetables from his garden, then paperboy for the Parsons Sun, stock boy for JJ Newberry, sales at Lambert-Duffy-Malone, aide at the State Hospital and Training Center, and a welder at Ankortite. His life has embraced three careers: teaching, ministry, and fundraising. He taught in Canon City, CO and Shawnee Mission, KS. He served United Methodist Churches in Pomona, Council Grove, Bristol Hill in Kansas City, KS, Countryside in Topeka, and Asbury in Prairie Village. As a member of the Kansas East Conference he served on and chaired numerous Boards. He developed three Respite Care Centers and trained over 400 volunteers to work one to one with children who happen to be developmentally disabled. He nationally trained and lead over forty workshops on The Role of Sexuality and Christian Living for Jr. Highs and their Parents.

During his tenure as Executive Director of Development for the Salvation Army of Kansas and Western, MO, he was responsible for major and annual gifts, corporate and foundation relations, direct mail, special events, and community relations. Under his leadership, giving to The Salvation Army of Kansas City was elevated to highest per-capita giving in the country.

As the Executive Vice President for Hartsook Companies, Inc, Bud has provided counsel to Hartsook clients including the following: Della Lamb Community Services, Gift of Life Foundation, St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, Wentworth Military Academy, Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care, Labette Community College, Cross -Lines Community Outreach, Good Samaritan Project Excelsior Springs MO, Wilderness Retreat Center, Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum, Billings Montana Catholic Schools, and The Salvation Armies of Topeka, Hutchinson, St. Joseph, MO, Appleton, WI, Kansas City, Springfield, MO, and Burlington, VT. Bud has assisted these clients in raising nearly \$500 million dollars.

Bud has been active in his community by volunteering and serving on the boards of many organizations, including Kiwanis, Greater Kansas City Council on Philanthropy, Association of Fundraising Professionals, Johnson County Head Start' Chair of Region X Developmentally Disabled Council, Johnson County Drug Abuse, L'Arche Group Homes, Kansas Neurological Institute, Johnson County Mental Health; Johnson County Association for Battered Persons, Kansas State Penitentiary Prison Release Program and Metro Task Force on Emotional Abuse/Neglect. He has also served as President of Ministerial Alliances for Council Grove, Shawnee, and Topeka. While in Topeka he cohosted *The Word and Music* Radio Program on WIBW. He is a member of Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS where he has served on the worship committee, Pastor Nominating Committee, led over 7,000 people in divorce recovery groups. He has taught university classes, led seminars nations wide, and written numerous articles for professional journals.

Several honors have been awarded to Bud, including the Kansas East Conference United Methodist Rural Pastor of the Year; Strides in Community Service Award for Development of Program for Persons Who Happen to be Developmentally Disabled; President of St. Paul School of Theology Alumni Association, Consultant of the Year 2004, Association of Fundraising

Professionals Mid-America Fundraising Professional of the Year in 2005; The President's Award for Service Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to Wentworth Military Academy 2007.

Bud lives in Shawnee, Kansas with his wife, Judy. They have two grown children, a son, the Rev. Kurt Cooper and wife Bethany of Emporia, Kansas, and a daughter, Heather, and husband Andy Fischer who have children Lauren and Adam and live in Manhattan, Kansas.