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After an apprenticeship as an electrician at the Volkswerft in Stralsund, theology studies at the Sprachenkonvikt in East Berlin and Leipzig. After the vicariate in Berlin-Hohenschönhausen and the 2nd theological examination, epd correspondent, pastor in Greifswald and 2004 doctorate in the Department of Political Science at the Free University of Berlin. From 2005 head of the Center for Overcoming Violence (Hamburg) of the North Elbe Church, from 2010 -2017 deputy of the Commissioner of the State of Brandenburg for historical reappraisal of the consequences of the communist dictatorship in Potsdam, since 1.10.2017 pastor of the Nordkirche and research assistant at the Center for Peace Church Theology at the Department of Protestant Theology at the University of Hamburg.

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