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Stephen Carpenter, Director of Kroc Operations

As Director of Operations for the Kroc Center of Memphis, Stephen Carpenter brings an innovative outlook to successful ministry opportunities with sound business principles.

After working in the business world for a number of years as a software engineer and retirement plan consultant, Carpenter changed courses, attending graduate school at Princeton Theological Seminary and becoming ordained as a priest in the Anglican Church. Upon returning to Memphis, he combined his business and ministry talents in order to help co-found New Hope Christian Academy, the successful inner-city school. Carpenter had been the headmaster at New Hope for 10 years when, in 2006, The Salvation Army asked him to take another leap of faith to help establish and lead The Salvation Army's Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center.

Carpenter attended high school at Memphis University School and college at the University of Texas at Austin, graduating with a Business degree in Management Information Sciences. He is married to Carrie, an educator at a Memphis area school, and they have four children.

