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INFORMED DISCLOSURE OF PRACTICE

I came to midwifery through a traditional apprenticeship. After the birth of my third child (second homebirth), I felt an irresistible calling into midwifery. After much prayer and with the full support of my husband, I began my academic studies.

In October of 1993, I met an experienced midwife from Menomonee Falls, WI. She offered to teach me midwifery, and I began my apprenticeship with her. I attended all of her births, prenatal visits, and home visits. She taught me hands-on skills one by one. In October of 1995, I added a second apprenticeship with a midwife in Beloit. My apprenticeships lasted 3-1/2 years, ending in December of 1996.

Besides the apprenticeship aspect of my education, I enrolled in the Ancient Art of Midwifery, Apprentice Academics course, an at-a-distance academic program for midwifery. I also started a midwifery study group, which I led for approximately 2 years. I have attended beginning and advanced midwifery workshops, and birth assistant training with ALACE. In order to learn to work independently and to see more complications, I went to a high volume clinical site, Victoria Jubilee Hospital, in Kingston, Jamaica and attended many births there. In order to maintain my status as a Certified Professional Midwife, I am required to maintain a certain number of Continuing Education Units, so my education is ongoing.

My professional affiliations include:

Wisconsin Guild of Midwives (Treasurer)
Illinois Council of Certified Professional Midwives
Midwives' Alliance of North America
Association of Christian Childbirth Professionals
National Association of Certified Professional Midwives
Christian Midwives International

I am certified in adult CPR and in Neonatal Resuscitation.

Although I have been trained as a traditional midwife, I have documented my training, skills and experience with the North American Registry of Midwives, who awarded me the Certified Professional Midwife Credential. The State of Wisconsin has also licensed me as a Licensed Midwife.

When you come for your first visit, I will give you an informed consent document that breaks down my births in detail, as required by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.