
THE REV. CANON TANYA R. WALLACE

I am a follower of Jesus,
a bridge builder,
pastor, and educator,
passionate about growing
Christ-centered
communities
gathered in radical love,
sent forth with
faithful courage,
engaged in building up
God's kingdom
of justice and peace.

Skills

Leadership Development

- Restructured Commissions on Ministry in two dioceses to support baptismal and ordained ministries, and increase process access and support
- Mentor clergy and lay people of all ages in becoming effective leaders
- Prepared and/or sponsored 22 for ordination to diaconate or priesthood; sponsor 5 out of 13 current diocesan postulants/candidates, all under age 32

Program Development

- Visionary leader with a collaborative style that allows communities to transform challenge into opportunity
- Created intentional community to support young adults in living their faith and engaging in social justice from a faith perspective
- Established Midnight Breakfast, Adult Forum, Education for Ministry, campus ministry, 9/11 response team, CEOs group, anti-racism Community of Support and Accountability, communities of discernment

Conflict Transformation

- Address isolation and conflict, support reconciliation, care pastorally for clergy and congregations
- Build bridges of support among clergy, vestries, congregations, communities
- Lead mediation, conflict transformation, Safe Church, and Title IV processes

Education & Christian Formation

- Create educational opportunities for formal and informal Christian formation, supporting people in living their baptismal vows; write curricula
- Engage individuals and communities in social justice, making it accessible through the lens of education

Administration

- Taught college course on Nonprofit Business Administration
- Solidified parish administration, formalized staffing, led long-range planning, built a board, increased stewardship, and decreased budget deficits

Experience

Rector, All Saints' Church; South Hadley, MA — 2009-Present

Lead during time of transformation and growth; founded/built/run Lawrence House Service Corps (young adult internship combining intentional Christian community and social justice ministry); led conflict transformation to address tensions around

growth; rebuilt music program, campus ministry, and pastoral care team; mentored/mentoring eight parishioners toward ordination to diaconate or priesthood; lead social justice and racial reconciliation transformation; successfully decreasing budget deficit annually; youngest parish in diocese.

Consultant for Title IV and Parish/Clergy Conflict; Episcopal Church in CT — 2012-Present

Lead mediation and reconciliation in parishes experiencing conflict; consult with bishops and Canon for Mission Integrity & Training; assisted with Safe Church curriculum development, Title IV intakes and case management.

Adjunct Professor & Chaplain, Mount Holyoke College; South Hadley, MA — 2010-Present

Engage in campus ministry in ecumenical and interfaith settings; oversee student internships; support creation of student-initiated worship services; provide young adult pastoral care; co-taught Nonprofit Business Administration through Economics Department; founded Midnight Breakfast, which feeds up to 600 college students free breakfast in the middle of the night every semester during finals; engage students in parish, bridging campus and parish communities.

Canon Educator, Cathedral Church of St. Paul; Burlington, VT — 2002-2009

Oversaw cathedral's programs/parish life; co-led initiative to connect cathedral with parishes throughout diocese; developed comprehensive Christian formation program for all ages; initiated Education for Ministry; engaged lay persons in gifts discernment/ministry leadership; led cathedral's long-range planning process. Sunday attendance increased over 20% and the cathedral became a leader in ecumenical social justice efforts during these years.

Lecturer in Ministry & Theology, Union Theological Seminary; New York, NY — 2001-2002

Taught Field Education for M.Div. students; prepared students for ministry through vocational discernment, practical skills, ethics, professional boundaries, theology of ministry, and work in ecumenical field placements; coordinated worship, polity, and deployment opportunities as Advisor to Episcopal Students.

Curate, Church of the Ascension; New York, NY — 2000-2002

Coordinated Christian formation, pastoral care, outreach, evangelism, newcomers, communications, food pantry; founded campus ministry; created permanent discernment group to raise up and train leaders.

Seminarian, Church of St. Luke in the Fields; New York, NY — 1997-1999

Coordinated Formation Program for 100 new members; served as Chaplain to dinner program for people with HIV/AIDS

Coordinator of Social Services, Boulevard Seniors; Passaic, NJ — 1995-1997

Coordinated social services for 210 elderly and disabled residents; counseled individuals/groups in illness, death and dying, financial, and family, long-term care concerns; hired and supervised all support staff; administered state-funded budget.

Wider Church & Community Experience

Wider Church

Task Force on Communion Across Difference — 2018-Present

Executive Council of The Episcopal Church — 2013-2018

(Member of Joint Standing Committee on Local Ministry & Mission, Chair of Constable Grant Committee)

General Convention Deputy — 2009, 2012 (Co-chair); 2015, 2018, 2022 (Chair)

General Convention Ministry Committee — 2012, 2015, 2018 (Legislative Officer), 2022

General Board of Examining Chaplains — 2009-2013

Province I — 2002-Present

Province I Leaders in Title IV and Safe Church, Chaplain to Province I Convocation, Presenter at Province I Stewardship Conference, Preaching Mentor through Episcopal Divinity School, Province I Campus Ministry Network, Province I Education Network

Diocese of Western Massachusetts — 2009-Present

Standing Committee (President), Diocesan Council (Vice President), Bishop Transition Committee (Chair), Diocesan Safe Church Officer, Disciplinary Board (President), Franklin-Hampshire Clericus (Dean), Commission on Ministry (Chair pro tempore), Bishop's Chaplain to Diocesan Convention

Episcopal Church in Vermont — 2002-2009

Commission on Ministry (Chair), Diocesan Council and Executive Committee, Cathedral Chapter, Bishop's Sabbatical Planning Team, Rock Point School Board of Trustees

Engagement in Community

Valley Women's Martial Arts Board of Directors; volunteer at Hilltown Cooperative Charter School; trained Stroke & Turn Judge for competitive swimming; ongoing parish and/or Lawrence House relationships with South Hadley Family Center, South Hadley Children's Chorus, Berkshire Hills Music Academy, Providence Ministries for the Needy, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry, Greater Springfield Habitat

for Humanity, Chicopee and Holyoke Boys & Girls Clubs, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley Public Schools

Education

Union Theological Seminary; New York, NY — Master of Divinity, 2000

Concentration in Religion & Education, Maxwell Fellowship for Highest Promise of Excellence in Parish Ministry

Mount Holyoke College; South Hadley, MA — Bachelor of Arts, 1994

Majors in Women's Studies and Religion, unofficial minor in Spanish, graduated *cum laude*, Sarah Williston Scholar for Academic Excellence, Mabel E. Merrick Prize for Highest Achievement in Biblical Studies

Selected Continuing Education

Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: A Family Systems Perspective; Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, 2018

Sabbatical: Celtic Pilgrimage, 2016

Clergy Leadership Project; Trinity Wall Street, 2011-2013

Mediation Skills Training Institute; Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, 2010

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Certificate; CPP at Champlain College, 2007

Personal

I am 50 years old, ordained to the diaconate June 10, 2000 and to the priesthood December 16, 2000, married to Kathleen West sacramentally since 1999 and legally since 2009, and we are parents of Rebecca, age 17. Together we love swimming and field hockey, baking and board games, snorkeling and travel. I have studied the Spanish language and speak, read, and write in Spanish to varying degrees.
