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Education

- 1998 Doctor of Ministry Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
 (Congregational Development)
- 1988 Master of Divinity Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY
 (Practical Theology)
- 1984 Bachelor of Arts College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA
 (Biology)

Ordained

- June 2, 1990 to the diaconate
- December 15, 1990 to the priesthood

Doctoral Thesis

“Visions for Vitality: A Study of Three Vigorous, Cutting-Edge Congregations.”

Ministries

Parish

All Saints’ Episcopal Church Chicago, Illinois November 1992 to the present
Rector November 2000 to the present
Congregational Development Vicar November 1992 to November 2000

In my tenure All Saints has grown from being a diocesan supported mission congregation with fewer than 35 people attending on a Sunday to one of the largest, dynamic parishes in our diocese, training more than 30 seminarians and sponsoring more than 12 people for ordination. Our pledge income has increased more than tenfold from 1992 to 2018; our operating budget for 2018 is \$541,000. Weekly Sunday attendance is now more than 250. The average age of parishioners at All Saints’ is 38. Our church school and youth groups have more than 70 children attending on a Sunday. The staff has increased from a part-time organist and half-time clergy person to a full-time rector, full-time curate, full-time parish administrator, and half-time music director. Outreach ministries have flourished and more than 21% of the annual operating budget is directed to local, diocesan, national and international outreach.

We’ve had Five Capital campaigns 2018, 2014-2016, 2012, 2008-2010, 2002—2005 raising an excess of \$4.5 M, and transforming our once failing, dilapidated building into an award winning architectural gem.

In 2001 the congregation incorporated its food pantry and community kitchen creating Ravenswood Community Services, a non-profit agency that offers groceries, hot meals, compassion and community to neighbors in need.

In the fall of 2002, in order to alleviate overcrowding, the congregation added a third Sunday morning worship service.

In the spring of 2003 All Saints' was chosen to be one of five congregations participating in the "Making Excellent Disciples" program, a Lilly Endowment funded project created to pair dynamic congregations with newly ordained clergy, enabling that person to spend his or her first two years of ministry immersed in a healthy, growing congregation.

In the fall of 2004 Ravenswood Community Services was recognized as the twelfth Episcopal Charity in the Diocese of Chicago.

In the fall of 2008 we expanded our church school wing to accommodate our overflowing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

In the Spring of 2012 the congregation created CROSSwalk an anti-violence movement.

In the Spring 2014 the diocese made CROSSwalk and CROSSwalk to work a signature part of its Justice work.

In the Fall of 2015 the congregation began on-going, systemic anti-racism work, in partnership with St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Chicago.

In the Spring of 2018 we spearheaded a diocesan wide trip taking more than 100 people from urban, and suburban congregations to the Washington, DC *March for our Lives* Rally.

In the Summer of 2018 we purchased the house adjacent to the rectory and expanded our campus.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Clifton, NJ September 1991 to October 1992

Interim Rector

Christ Church Ridgewood, NJ August 1989 to September 1991

Associate Rector for Outreach and Youth Ministries

Christ Church Hackensack, NJ April 1998 to August 1989

Parish Missioner & Coordinator of Volunteers

for the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County

National Positions

General Convention Deputy 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015

Chair of the Deputation 1997, 2000,

Co-Founder and Co-Convener of the Chicago Consultation 2006 to the present

The Chicago Consultation is a national and international gathering of more than 100 bishops, theologians, lay and clergy church leaders from the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion committed to Full Inclusion for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered people in all orders of ministry. In the past eight years we have raised more than \$750,000 to fund this vital justice-seeking group. The Chicago Consultation initiated some of the first conversations on sexuality held in the Anglican Communion in Africa: Ghana 2015, Kenya 2013, South Africa, 2011.

Chair of the Clergy Leadership Subcommittee for the 2020 Task Force (part 2)
December 2001 to 2003

Diocesan Positions

Commission on Ministry 2015 to the present
 CROSSwalk Antiviolence Steering Committee 2012 to 2017
 President, Standing Committee for the Diocese of Chicago 1998 to 1999,
 2007 to 2008, 2010 to 2011
 Standing Committee for the Diocese of Chicago, 1996 to 1999, 2003 to 2004,
 2005 to 2011
 Episcopal Charities & Community Services Board of Trustees 2006 to 2012
 Seabury-Western Board of Directors, Fall 2008 to 2010
 Diocesan Strategic Task Force Implementation Committee, 2003 to 2004
 Chair, Diocesan Congregational Development Committee, 2000 to 2002
 Diocesan Commission on Ministry—Discernment Weekend, 2000, 2001, 2016,
 2017
 Diocesan Council Representative, 1993 to 1998
 Chair, Diocesan Annual Stewardship Campaign, 1993-1997

Community Involvement

President, Ravenswood Community Services, 2004 to the present
 GrowCommunity: Excellent Neighborhood Schools K-12 Founding Trustee,
 2015 to the present
 Ravenswood Neighbors Association executive Committee 2018
 Local School Council, Ravenswood Elementary School 2005 to 2009
 President, Ravenswood School Based Health Care Centers' Advisory Board, 1999
 to 2006
 Ravenswood School Based Health Care Centers' Advisory Board, 1996 to 2009
 Trustee, Ravenswood Health Care Foundation, 2002 to 2010, 2016-2018
 Advisory Committee for Affordable Senior Housing 47th Ward City of Chicago,
 January 2001 to 2008

Congregational Consultant

Vestry Retreat and Strategic Planning:
 St. John's Royal Oak, MI 2018
 St. Simon's Arlington Heights, IL 2015, 2018
 Grace Place, Chicago, 2017
 Grace Episcopal Church, Freeport, IL 2014
 Holy Nativity, Clarendon Hills, IL 2011
 St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Granville OH 2011
 St. Martin's, Kalamazoo, MI October 2010
 St. Anskar's, Rockford, IL April 2007
 Church of the Holy Nativity, Clarendon Hills, IL Feb 2007
 St. Richard's Church, Chicago, IL October 2006
 Trinity Church, Highland Park, IL February 2006
 St. John's, Chicago, IL February 2006
 Emmanuel Church, Rockford, IL September 2005

St. Mary's, Crystal Lake, IL May 2005
 St. Mary's, Park Ridge, IL March 2005
 Church of the Incarnation, Bloomingdale, IL February 2005
 Grace Church, Madison, WI January 2005
 The People's Church (UCC and UUA), Chicago, IL June 2004
 St. Paul and the Redeemer, Chicago, IL May 2004
 Christ Church, Waukegan, IL March 2004
 Emmanuel Church, Alexandria, MN January 2003, March 2003,
 September 2003
 St Andrew's, Grand Rapids, Michigan February 1996

Academic

Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois

Adjunct Faculty and Instructor

Fall 2002 to the present

Courses:

"Reimagining Congregations in Mission" June 2018 & Jan and June 2019
 "Leading Change in the Congregation" Winter 2008 & Fall 2008
 "Advanced Studies in Congregational Leadership" Winter 2005 & 2006
 "Field Education Seminar Facilitator" Winter 2003 & 2004
 "Congregational Development and Leadership: An Independent Study and Practicum for M.Div. Students" Fall 2002

Field Education Supervisor Fall 1993 to the present

Doctor of Ministry Program in Congregational Development

Thesis Advisor 2010 to 2014

Guest Lecturer Spring 2000 to 2014

University of Chicago Divinity School

Adjunct Faculty

Winter 2012

Course: Practice of Arts and Ministry: Liturgy and Worship

Field Education Supervisor September 1995-May 1996, September 1997-May 1998, September 2001-May 2002, September 2005-May 2006, September 2007-May 2008, September 2008 - 2015

Fund for Theological Education

Panelist—Realities of Parish Ministry, Evanston, IL 2006

Group Moderator for Undergraduate and Graduate Fellows at the *Pastoral Identity Partnership for Excellence Summer Conference*, Fuller Theological Seminary, June 2004

Willamette University

Internship Supervisor for Undergraduate Student Interns for the Lilly Endowment Project "Programs for Theological Exploration of Vocation," Summer 2004

Elmhurst College

Internship Supervisor for Undergraduate Student Interns for the Reinhold Niebuhr Center, a Lilly Endowment Project "Programs for Theological Exploration of Vocation," Winter 2004

Publications

"A New Second City... With Some Help from the Biblical Prophet Jeremiah." Huffington Post, December 2015. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-bonnie-a-perry/a-new-second-citywith-som_b_8695232.html.

"Pain. Change. Hope." Huffington Post, November 2015. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-bonnie-a-perry/a-christian-response-to-p_b_8577894.html.

"What Does St. Francis Have to Say to Us Today?" Huffington Post, October 2015 http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-bonnie-a-perry/st-francis-extinction_b_8241298.html.

"Wake up Calls." Huffington Post, September, 2015. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-bonnie-a-perry/wake-up-calls_1_b_8096940.html.

"Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust." Huffington Post, February 2015. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-bonnie-a-perry/ashes-to-ashes-dust-to-dust_b_6695344.html.

"Christmas Reminds us that we, like God, are Human too." Huffington Post, December 2014. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-bonnie-a-perry/christmas-reminds-us-that-we-are-human-too_b_6377476.html.

"The Deep Sleep of Racial Oblivion: One Pastor's Sin of Omission" Huffington Post, December 2014. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-bonnie-a-perry/the-deep-sleep-of-racial-_b_6249028.html.

"Up from the Grave," in *What Shall we Become: The Future and Structure of the Episcopal Church*, edited by Winnie Varghese, 2013 Church Publishing, New York.

"Mind Change: A book review of *Changing Minds*" *Congregations*. Vol.31 (2). Spring 2005.

"Changing Peoples' Lives: A book review of *Leadership that Matters*" *Congregations*. Vol. 30 (3). Summer 2004.

"Stepping Off the High Dive: How Using a Facilitator Improves the Evaluation Process" *Congregations*. Vol. 28 (2). March/April 2002.

“The Cluetrain Manifesto: 95 New Theses Our Churches Ought Not Ignore”
Congregations. Vol. 27 (3). May/June 2001.

“An Endangered Species: A book review of Gathering of the Next Generation”
Congregations. Vol.27 (2). March/April 2001.

“Who Died and Left Us in Charge: How Three Gen X Ministers Mentor Each Other and Run a Church.” *The Catalyst*. Vol. 1 (3). Advent 2000.

Presentations

Keynote Addresses

“Hearing God’s Call: Faith, Agency, Authenticity, and Whimsy in Mission-Minded Congregations” Keynote Presenter Episcopal Church Foundation, Kanuga Conference Center, NC March, 2018.

“Stewardship and Congregational Development” Keynote Presenter Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan, September 2007.

“Evangelism for the 21st Century”, Keynote Presenter Lutheran School of Theology, Philadelphia, PA April 2007.

Commencement Preacher, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL June 2006

“Evangelism Is...God, Passion, Vision, Outreach and Liturgy” Keynote Address for the Diocese of Massachusetts’ Diocesan Convention, November 2004.

“Upon this Rock: The Word in Congregational Development” Designed and presented a three day conference for 30 small rural churches in the Diocese of West Virginia, October 2003.

“Imagine—the Kingdom of God” Keynote speaker for the Episcopal Women’s Caucus, General Convention, Minneapolis, 2003.

“Evangelism and Congregational Development” Keynote speaker for the Province I Annual Stewardship, Evangelism, and Congregational Development Conference, Westborough, Massachusetts, March 2003.

“The Rising Phoenix: Stewardship, Worship and Leadership for a Congregation’s Rebirth” Keynote speaker for the Diocese of West Virginia’s Diocesan Convention, Wheeling, West Virginia, May 2002.

“Reaching Out and Inviting Gen X In,” Keynote speaker for the Diocese of Arkansas Diocesan Convention, Little Rock, Arkansas, February 2001.

Workshops

“Missional Church: A Case Study of an Urban Congregation’s Transformation” Forward Movement/Renewal Works Discipleship Matters Conference, Charlotte, NC, October 2018.

“Dynamic Administration in Changing Times” The University of Chicago Divinity School, March 2012.

“Leadership in Congregations” The University of Chicago Divinity School, Spring, 2007.

“Evangelism in a secular world” Diocese of Chicago Diocesan Convention November 2004

“Who’s sitting in my pew: Congregational Growth and Development” Diocese of Chicago Vestry School, April 2003.

“Talking about my Generation: Young Adult Evangelism” Consortium for Endowed Parishes, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 2003.

“Stepping off the High Dive: Clergy Evaluation in the Congregation” Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, October 2002.

“Creative Liturgies for Congregational Development” Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, June 2001 and July 2001.

“How Body Piercing Can Enhance Your Congregation: Creative Liturgies to Reach Generation X” Consortium for Endowed Congregations in the Episcopal Church. Indianapolis, Indiana, February 2001.

“Gen X Preaching: One example” Co-presenter at the College of Preachers, National Cathedral, Washington, D.C. January 2001.

“Recreating the Commons: How the Church Can Be the Center of the Community” Diocese of Chicago Evangelism Conference, April 2000.

“Young Adult Evangelism” Seabury Institute for Congregational Studies Extension Campus, Houston, Texas, April 2000.

“Creating Secular Holy Days: Innovative Liturgies for Congregational Development” Seabury Institute for Congregational Studies Extension Campus, Houston, Texas, January 2000.

“Taking Starbucks to Church: How to Reach Young Adults” Diocese of Chicago Evangelism Conference, May 1999.

“Up from the Ashes: One Congregation’s Story of Rebirth” Diocese of Minnesota Evangelism Conference, April 1999.

“The Phoenix Rises: Congregational Development from the Inside,” Congregational Development Institute, Diocese of Minnesota, March 1998.

“Where to Start: A Plan for Congregational Redevelopment” McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, Spring 1994.

Recreation

American Canoe Association (ACA) Level 4 Sea Kayak Instructor Trainer, Open water Instructor and certified Eskimo Roll instructor;
British Canoe Union (BCU)— Fourth Woman in North America to become a Five Star Leader in Advanced Tidal Waters; UKCC level 3 Performance Sea Coach with Advanced Water Endorsement; Level 3 Sea Coach,
Paddle Canada Level 2 Sea Kayak Instructor;
Wilderness Medical Associates (WMA)— Wilderness First Responder;
Recreational tree climber and avid reader.