

**Reverend Thomas Brackett**  
**Officer for Church Planting and Ministry Redevelopment,**  
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Reverend Tom Brackett has been passionate about lively communities of faith for twenty-seven years of ordained life. Originally ordained as a Baptist, Tom worked with cell group ministries in the 80's. Later, he explored liturgical renewal and culturally-sensitive evangelism on other continents, especially in Korea and Japan. His undergraduate studies focused on new leadership models for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as well as the power of storytelling and the use of metaphor to make sense of cultural shifts and organizational changes. He has led two church plants, twenty years apart and is quick to point out that he has learned from his failures (as well as his successes) in church planting and congregational renewal. He has recently completed international certification as an Executive Coach and offers his gifts as a Strategist and Communicator via a coaching delivery style.

Since his ordination in the Episcopal Church, Tom has studied the impact of post-modernity on worship and the arts, as well as on organizational development. He has revitalized a campus ministry, served as a Rector in three very different parishes, led a turn-around process in a rural Maine ambulance service and served as the Vicar of a Diocesan homeless ministry in Asheville. He has consulted with Diocesan leaders across the Episcopal Church in the areas of Congregational Re-Development and New Ministry Development, as well as Fresh Expressions of ministry. Tom is certified as an Executive Coach, as well. In his spare time Tom is learning to cook Italian cuisine and play the Native American Spirit flute. His passion is hosting small group conversations and making the safe space needed for people to share their soul stories of recent encounters with the Spirit. His wife Cheri Leonard Brackett is a psychotherapist and spiritual director in private practice.

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