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**Rector, Emmanuel Church, Greenwood, Virginia.**

Helping this pastoral-size church (average Sunday attendance 150) grow back to program size.

Pledges grew from \$342,000 (2013) to \$384,000 (to date for 2016). Only full-time priest for two years; recently called a full-time assistant. Two other full-time and three part-time staff members.

**Assistant to the Rector, Christ Church, Georgetown, Washington DC.** Shared in all liturgical, pastoral, and preaching responsibilities for this resource-size church: four to six Sunday services and a full schedule of weekday services. Youth and Family Ministry: recruited, trained, and supported 40 adult volunteers.

**Seminary field education, Saint Peter's, Purcellville VA.** Assisted with worship leadership. Preached monthly. Officiated at Morning Prayer and Choral Evensong. Trained volunteers. Assist with men's fellowship, youth, and vestry.

**Mid-Atlantic Parish Training Program, Saint Mary's, Arlington VA.** Recruited volunteers for Summer Church School. Assisted with office administration and worship leadership. Preached monthly. Officiated at Morning Prayer.

**Clinical Pastoral Education, Washington Hospital Center, Washington DC.** Pastoral care for patients, family, and staff in cardiac intensive care and general medical-surgical units. Overnight and weekend major trauma chaplain, on call for entire hospital. Led ecumenical worship.

**Career soldier, US Army.** 25 years of service in US and abroad. Began as small unit leader in Military Intelligence. Spent most of my career in The Judge Advocate General's Corps. Deployed to Saudi Arabia & Iraq for DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. Retired as Colonel. Highlights on next page.

MILITARY CAREER	LAY MINISTRY
<p><b>DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF LEGAL POLICY, OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL &amp; READINESS, 2004-2007</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proponent for multiple military personnel policy areas, including religious accommodation, legal assistance to military personnel, and the military corrections system</li> <li>• Coordinated with congressional staff, the military services, and outside interest groups</li> <li>• Chaired collaborative working groups, both across the military services and with outside industry</li> <li>• Taught military and civilians</li> <li>• Drafted legislation; frequent writing under tight time constraints</li> </ul>	<p>ST ANDREW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BURKE VA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Began <i>Kid’s Liturgy</i> (grades 2-6): found resources; recruited and trained volunteer leaders, grew to 30+ kids each Sunday</li> <li>• Stewardship Chair</li> <li>• Eucharistic Minister</li> <li>• Lector and Lay Reader</li> <li>• Discernment and Postulancy</li> </ul> <p>LAY COORDINATOR, PENTAGON EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruited volunteer clergy for weekly Holy Eucharist and holy day liturgies in the Pentagon: helped bring faith into work life for Pentagon staffers</li> <li>• Worked with other faith groups, local Episcopal clergy, Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, and the Pentagon chaplain</li> </ul>
<p><b>STAFF OFFICER, J-5, THE JOINT STAFF, THE PENTAGON, 2002-2004</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Represented the military services on interagency negotiating team (Depts of State, Commerce, Energy, &amp; other agencies) in DC and at international meetings</li> </ul>	
<p><b>STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE, FORT MEADE MD, 2000-2002</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief legal officer (senior partner equiv.) of office with 16 military and civilian attorneys and 18 support staff</li> <li>• Provided legal advice, mentored other lawyers, managed office</li> </ul>	<p>EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ODENTON MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vestry member</li> <li>• Assisted rector with day-to-day management of building renovation of historic church</li> </ul>

Earlier:

- Deputy Staff Judge Advocate (managing partner equivalent) of military law office with 30 military and civilian attorneys and 30 support staff. 1998-2000.
- Law professor. Taught attorneys and senior Army commanders. 1995-1998.

- Defended and prosecuted in courts martial. Rode circuit to supervise, mentor, and train six other military attorneys at four offices. 1991-1994
- Active member of fourteen congregations in six US dioceses and two foreign countries: formed by many worship, leadership, and organizational styles.
- Launched men's small group. Helped start and lead Bible studies (noontime at work; couples' evening study).

#### SERVICE TO THE WIDER CHURCH

Applicant Advisory Committee, Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, 2010 to present

Episcopal chaplain, 2010 and 2013 National Boy Scout Jamborees

Alumni Association Executive Committee, Virginia Theological Seminary

Adjunct professor, Virginia Theological Seminary

*Safeguarding God's Children* trainer

#### EDUCATION

M.Div. *cum laude*, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria VA, 2010.

- National finalist, David H.C. Read Preacher/Scholar competition
- Seminary Worship Committee (elected by peers)

LL.M., The Judge Advocate General's School, US Army, Charlottesville VA  
Commandant's List [with honors], 1995.

J.D. *cum laude*, Cornell University Law School, Ithaca NY, 1990.

- Certificates in Advocacy and International Law
- Executive Editor, *Cornell International Law Journal* (elected by peers)

M.B.A., Cornell University Graduate School of Business and Public Administration, Ithaca NY, 1982. Concentration in public administration.

A.B., Cornell University College of Arts and Sciences, Ithaca NY, 1981.

- Commander, ROTC Tri-Service Brigade (Army, Navy, Air Force)

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

Youth and Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton NJ

PREPARE / ENRICH premarital counseling

**FAMILY.** Married to Cheryl (1990); children Elizabeth (age 22; senior, James Madison University) and Thomas (age 20; sophomore, the College of William and Mary)

**LEISURE.** Reading action thrillers, swimming, running, travel, and cooking.