



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Jun 5, 2015)

The Rev Carl Walter Wright, Maryland

Priest, Since May 5, 1991

Preferred Contact Information

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A committed-Christian, people-oriented, youthful, visionary, conflict-resolving, and energetic ministry.

Current Compensation	Required for New Position	Negotiable	Healthcare Needed
\$60000	\$50000	Yes	Clergy only
Housing/Rectory	Housing/Rectory Detail	Housing Required for	
Rectory	\$1000	1	

Active Duty retirement benefits: pension, health insurance, and education.

Education

2011-2013 STM, Theology, Sewanee
1987-1990 MDiv, Theology, VTS
1982-1985 BA, Theology, Loyola
1968-1978 Certificate, Music Organ Performance, Peabody Conservatory
2005 CPE, Pastoral Education Hospital C, Univ of TX

Position Preferences

Canon to the Ordinary
Chaplain
School
Church-wide Staff
Diocesan/Regional Staff

Open to Consider New Position

Full time

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Work History and Skills

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	Jan 2012	S.t Andrew's Episcopal	
			<p>& preaching and teaching; faith community building <i>Preach weekly sermons; Teach bible Studies; Lead Lenten Rector Forums; Parish Administrator; Rebuilding Community; Leading Music program</i></p>
Assistant / Associate / Curate (Part-time)	Nov 2009 to Aug 2011	St. Mark's Cathedral	
			<p>Celebrate weekly Eucharist; Preaching <i>I was Associate priest at the Cathedral while Deputy Command Chaplain (active duty) at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. Prior to 2009 I was Assisting priest at St. Mark's Cathedral, Salt Lake City, Utah (2005-2009). And before that, Assisting priest at St. Luke's Church, San Antonio, Texas (2002-2005). Previously Rector, St. Mark's Church, Charleston, SC (1992-1994) before re-entering active duty.</i></p>
Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	Jan 2012 to May 2014	St. Andrew's Episcopal	Pasadena, Maryland
			Deputy Command Chaplain, command headquarters supervisor
Chaplain, Military	Aug 2005 to Nov 2009	Hill Air Force Base	Salt Lake City, Utah
Assistant / Associate / Curate (Part-time)	Nov 2009 to Aug 2011	St Mark's Cathedral	Shreveport, Louisiana
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Diocese requesting
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Sermons Preached:

Resources Created:

Online References:

What Others Have Written:

Groups and Associations:

Languages Written
English, French

Languages Spoken
English, French

Languages in which you are able to Lead Worship
English, French, Spanish

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Describe a moment in your recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

Prior to St. Andrew's Pasadena, I was a post-graduate theological student in 2012. Based on my extensive military chaplain background, the Dean invited me to mentor two of our youngest seminarians this year - a richly rewarding experience. These talented young people have complimented me on my pastoral abilities and give me much hope for the future of our Church.

Describe your liturgical style and practice.

My style of celebrating could best be described as "Prayer Book High Church." I was brought up in the Anglo-Catholic traditions of the Episcopal Church in Baltimore. However my twenty-year military ministry has broadened my approach and appreciation for liturgical simplicity. I am very comfortable in Interfaith settings. My preaching is definitely evangelical and Gospel-centered. And I am known for my music.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

Liturgically I believe there should be as many people involved in worship as humanly possible. Similarly, I believe in the widest possible participation in church governance. Openness and transparency in the community also are important to me. I have devoted a lot of energy to modeling and teaching these values in all my ministries.

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How do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

While I dutifully pray the Daily Office, as all priests should, I confess that it is through my music that I connect to God in the deepest ways; when I play the keyboards I am usually praying. I am also a long-time Associate of the Holy Cross. My emotional well-being seems to depend on the symphony, murder mysteries, crosswords, Scrabble, and my local Domino Club. I pay the least attention to my physical well-being. I used to be a distance runner, but now enjoy very long walks and hikes in the woods.

Describe your involvement in either the wider Church or geographical community.

I've had a life-long involvement with the Church, which began with my childhood Rector who founded the Union of Black Episcopalians and took me everywhere. I have volunteered at every General Convention since 1982. I have served on the old Evangelical and Catholic Mission, Episcopal Commission on Black Ministries, Jubilee Ministries, AIDS Commission of the Diocese of LA, and the Office of the Bishop for Armed Forces and Federal Chaplaincies. I am an Education for Ministry (EFM) mentor.

How do you engage in pastoral care for others?

Because I am primarily a pastor at heart, a two-time Clinical Pastoral Care (CPE) graduate, and a veteran of ministry to the wounded and dying, my pastoral care is personal, or more precisely inter-personal. I do not describe it as ministry TO others, but ministry WITH others. I love God's people. I have been blessed to lead a variety of pastoral ministries.

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Tell about a ministry project that exists because of your leadership. What was your role in its creation? Who can be contacted?

Three years ago, as Installation Chaplain with a large staff, I recognized a disconnect: most chaplains had created programs for warriors returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Thus we created an award-winning and highly successful PRE-DEPLOYMENT Retreat Program, for warriors and their families. For more information see Chaplain Kenneth Crooks: kenneth.crooks@us.af.mil

How are you preparing yourself for the Church of the future?

As it happens my present studies are rich preparation for the Church of the future. My Master in Sacred Theology thesis is tentatively titled, "A Global Church within a Global Church: The Episcopal Church and the Future of Anglicanism." When it is complete later this year, I will enroll immediately in the Doctor of Ministry program, at the University of the South, hopefully focussing on ministry to the sick, wounded and dying soldiers.

What is your personal practice of stewardship and how do you utilize it to influence your ministry in your worshipping community?

My long-standing personal practice and belief is in the biblical tithe; ever since ordination I've made of habit of giving 10% of my net income to a combination of the parish, Episcopal Church charities (ERD, Northern California, UBE) and Combined Federal Campaign. As a spiritual leader I encourage Christians to use the tithe as a standard of giving; but I have never insisted that everyone must do so. I do not consider the tithe as "essential to our salvation," but simply as a useful Christian discipline.

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What is your experience of conflict involving the church? And what is your experience in addressing it?

I have considerable experience with congregations, both military and civilian, in conflict. My first parish was seriously divided concerning their mission, which, in turn made them ineffective in the community. There were entrenched beliefs on many sides. A few years later I inherited a theologically divided staff whose differences began to do damage to our mission. In both instances, I moved slowly and meticulously, modeling openness, developing relationships with individual leaders, and teaching everyone mutual respect. Positive change was gradual but thankfully permanent.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

I frequently have found myself in the unenviable position of defending the Episcopal Church's recent decisions regarding human sexuality. At first I tried disavowing personal responsibility for General Convention's actions: this was a poor choice. But over time realized that I because I am a leader in this denomination, I therefore had to come to terms with these issues myself before explaining them; which was a better choice. I learned that it is not necessary that I agree with all points of view, but it is my Christian duty to understand them.

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References

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