

The Very Reverend Marcus George Halley, DMin

MINISTRY STATEMENT

Inspiring communities of disciples towards their own Gospel-shaped transformation through collaborative organizational leadership, preaching and teaching, celebrating the sacraments, and pastoral care, in order to accomplish a shared mission in the face of a changing world.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VARIOUS PARISHES *across the* EPISCOPAL CHURCH *in* CONNECTICUT

2022 - present

Supply Priest

Provide short and long-term liturgical and pastoral support for congregations in transition; address and tend to the unique and growing spiritual needs of congregations without clergy.

TRINITY COLLEGE

2021 - present

Chaplain to the College and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life

Lead the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life as a campus and community partner; provide pastoral care and collegial support to 2,200+ students, 700+ faculty and staff, and alumni; oversee the Trinity College Chapel community. - Recruited and supported a team of 10 paid professionals and several volunteers.

- Led strategic planning within the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life that resulted in a staffing, budget, and programmatic realignment to better meet the changing needs of our campus community.
- Collaborated with student leaders to create the Trinity College Chapel Interfaith Fellowship. - Reinvigorated Trinity College Chapel programming to pre-pandemic capacity by creating more embodied liturgical expression, recruiting and supporting student leaders, and nurturing the Chapel community through pastoral care and program development.
- Provided pastoral support for the campus community through a series of major traumas and conflicts.
- Developed programs to build relationships with residents of Hartford, Connecticut.
- Provided interim pastoral and programmatic support for the Muslim Life and Hillel (Jewish Life) programs. - Revived Buddhist Life program.
- Initiated new program to provide start-up grants for new spiritual and religious student groups.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH *in* CONNECTICUT

2019 - 2021

Dean of Formation

Supported the development of lay or ordained leaders.

- Led the redevelopment of the diocesan Commission on Ministry to better enable our diocese to recruit and support lay vocations.
- Empowered prospective and new clergy to adaptively lead congregations.
- Oversaw the reallocation of diocesan endowment funds to provide educational tuition support for all vocational school and college bound young adults in our diocese.

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CHURCH of the HOLY SPIRIT

2019 - 2021

Priest-in-Charge

Provided leadership pastoral care, and liturgical support to a parish in transition before and during a global pandemic.

- Supported lay leadership of the parish through a difficult leadership transition in the midst of a challenging clergy deployment landscape.
- Increased parish engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Created innovative liturgies to meet the spiritual needs of the community during the pandemic lock-down.

UNITED SEMINARY of the TWIN CITIES

2019

Adjunct Professor of Homiletics

Taught preaching to a cohort of emerging multi-religious leaders.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH in MINNESOTA

2018-2019

Missioner for Evangelism

Resourced leaders and congregations to support increased engagement with their local communities.

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH on LAKE of the ISLES

2017-2019

Rector

Provided pastoral care, liturgical support, and leadership; revitalized lay and clergy leadership structure; increased engagement with community-based care organizations.

BISHOP KEMPER SCHOOL for MINISTRY

2014 - 2018

Adjunct Lecturer, Anti-Racism Training

Provided training to address historic and systemic injustice to clergy and leaders in the dioceses of West Missouri, Kansas, West Kansas, and Nebraska.

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2013 - 2017

Pastor for Young Adults and Families

Provided pastoral care to a program-sized parish as part of a clergy team with emphasis on young adults and families; created innovative programs and liturgies to appeal to new seekers; helped shape a \$3,000,000+ capital campaign.

EDUCATION and TRAINING

Doctor of Ministry | The School of Theology at Sewanee: the University of the South | 2022

Master of Sacred Theology | The School of Theology at Sewanee: the University of the South |

2015 **Clinical Pastoral Education (4 Units)** | Spiritual Health at Emory University | 2013

Clinical Pastoral Education (1 Unit) | Training and Counseling Center at Saint Luke's |

2012 **Master of Divinity** | Interdenominational Theological Center | 2011

Bachelor of Arts | Johnson C. Smith University | 2018

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VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Standing Committee | Episcopal Church in Connecticut | 2024 - present
Board of Trustees | Sewanee: The University of the South | 2023 - present
Disciplinary Board | Episcopal Church in Connecticut | 2023 - present
Board of Directors | The Rt. Rev. David E. and Helen R. Richards College for Bishops | 2018 - 2023
Board of Advisors | Invite Welcome Connect | 2019 - 2021
Mission Council | Episcopal Church in Minnesota | 2017 - 2018
Mission Council | Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri | 2014 - 2017

CERTIFICATIONS *and* ORDINATIONS

Peacemaking amid Polarization: A Leader's Toolkit for Constructive Engagement on the Palestinian-Israeli Crisis | Sharing Sacred Spaces | 2024
Interfaith Leadership | Religion and Public Life, Interfaith America | 2024
Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests | Diocese of West Missouri (on behalf of Atlanta) | 2013
Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons | Diocese of Atlanta | 2012

PUBLICATIONS

"Christlike Acceptance in Practice: Moving from Enmity to Integrity" in *Christlike Acceptance across Deep Difference: Constructive Conversations on Sexuality and Gender*. Baker Academic, 2025 (forthcoming).
"The Holy Eucharist and the Mission of God: Principles and Considerations for Eucharistic Worship in the New Apostolic Age." Sewanee, TN: University of the South, 2022.
Go In Peace: Rites for Healing and Reconciliation. New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2021
Proclaim!: Shared Words, Living Examples, Changing Lives. New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2020
"Full Immersion: Recovering the Liminality of Christian Initiation and the Christian Life as Public Witness Against White Supremacy and for the Wellbeing of Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color" in *Sewanee Theological Review* 62:4, 2019.
"On Sexual Wholeness" in *Dialogues On: Sexuality*. Minneapolis, MN: Sparkhouse Publishing, 2019
"What Poetry Can Teach Us About Liturgy" in *the Sewanee Theological Review, Vol. 61:1 – The Once and Future Prayer Book*. Sewanee, TN.
"Lifted Hands and Broken Chains: Exploring the Liberating Theological Praxis of Absalom Jones and the African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas, 1794-1808." Sewanee, TN: University of the South, 2015.

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LECTURES *and* PRESENTATIONS

Province I School for Deacons | Spring 2023, 2025

Christian Ethics and Moral Theology

Bishop Reynolds Endowed Lecture Series | St. Andrew's-Sewanee School | March 2024 "The Wisdom of Spiritual Wanderers: Interfaith Perspectives for (Re)Learning to Dialogue Across Our Differences"

Distinguished Preacher Series | Trinity Episcopal Church | February 2024

"Eucharistic Living: The Holy Eucharist as a Rule of Life"

Alumni Lectures | The School of Theology at Sewanee: the University of the South | October 2023

"Boundaries, Belonging, and Identity: Observations of Christian Practice in a Post-Christendom Context (a College Campus)"

RELG 236: Religion and Race | Trinity College | Fall 2022, Fall 2024

"Structural Race(ism): Trinity College Chapel and the Physical Construction of Race"

RELG 231: Christianity in the Making | Trinity College | Spring 2023

"Eucharistic Practice: The Heart of Christian Worship"

Tell Me Something Good Video Series | The Episcopal Church | 2020-2021

Instructor | Bexley-Seabury Seminary | 2021-2022

Theology and Ethics

Instructor | Episcopal Church in Minnesota School for Formation | Episcopal Church in

Minnesota | 2020-2023

Prayer Book I

Tippy McMichael Lecture Series | St. Paul's Episcopal Church | 2020

"The Way of Jesus as Spiritual Practice"

Rooted in Jesus Conference | All Saints' Episcopal Church | 2020

"The Way of Love and Beloved Community"

Make Me an Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse | Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations | 2020

"Sacred Space for Dialogue"

Lansing Lee Conference | Kanuga Camp and Conference Center | Summer 2019

"Communities Seeking Justice"

FORMA Conference | January 2019

"Formed to Proclaim"