

MIGUELINA HOWELL

Ministry Objective

Faithfully respond to God's calling as a baptized member of the body of Christ and presbyter in God's church, working collaboratively with God's people to further God's mission in the world within the context where I am called to serve.

MINISTRY PROFILE

+23 years of experience in parish ministry, leading parishes and organizations in major programmatic expansion and strategic planning. Dedicated and responsive in providing sensitive, compassionate pastoral care. Bold and proactive leader with a clear and comprehensive strategic vision for our faithful participation in the mission of God. Proven experience and competence in leadership and congregational development, community engagement, and capacity building. Proven ability to lead change and make tough decisions to advance social justice and improve processes and administrative efficiency. Extensive event and program design. Excellent organizational and administrative skills. Bilingual- Spanish and English.

MINISTRY SKILLS AND SPECIALTIES

- Ministry Formation – Church of the Epiphany & Christ Church Cathedral.
- CHURCH PLANTER - 1998-2006. Planted two Episcopal Churches in the Diocese of the Dominican Republic: **Divina Providencia**, Guerra, Santo Domingo.
- Extensive experience in **clergy training**, mentoring, and providing consultation to newly ordained leaders.
- Highly **flexible and resilient**, with a history of adapting and thriving in diverse, multicultural environments, committed to promoting the inclusion of those most often marginalized.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- ORDINATION TO DIACONATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2002
- ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD: SEPTEMBER 13, 2003
- CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST 1994-2002 (LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

DEAN-Christ Church Cathedral. Hartford, CT. Jan. 2016 - Present

- Serve as spiritual and administrative leader of the Cathedral, providing oversight of Cathedral operations, staff, liturgical and programmatic life.
- Led a renewal in both diocese and community engagement, strengthening old partnerships, and creating new relationships with local institutions while deepening relationships with parishes across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Instrumental in the Cathedral Redevelopment Project.
- Co-founder of the first Street Choir in the Northeast, Music Moves Hartford.

VICAR-Christ Church Cathedral. Harford, CT. Oct. 2013 – Dec. 2015

- Responsible for providing leadership and guidance in all aspects of Cathedral congregational life, including worship, supervision of staff, and oversight of operations, finance, and administration.
- Accomplished growth in congregational life, particularly in leadership development, establishing seven new ministries teams; strengthened existing ministries and improved Church Street Eats administrative platform.
- Achieved the reduction of endowment withdrawal and establishment of internal controls.

RECTOR, PRIEST IN CHARGE -Church of the Epiphany. Orange, NJ. Jan. 2010 – Sept. 2013

- Responsible for worship, staff; congregational development; and oversight of finance, operations, and administration.
- Worked collaboratively with Parish leadership and Vestry to shift culture and practices from looking inward and buildings and maintenance focused to a gathering place for religious and civic leaders.
- Established new ministries teams and pledge income increased by 30%. Rental income increased 125%.

ASSOCIATE RECTOR (PART-TIME)- St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Patterson, NJ. Aug. 2008 – Jan. 2010

- Responsible for Christian formation, pastoral care, and stewardship for the English-speaking congregation and Spanish-speaking congregation.
- Results of ministry included deeper integration between the English – and – Spanish speaking congregations, the institution of a year-round stewardship campaign, and congregational growth in programming and numbers

ASSOCIATE PROGRAM OFFICER FOR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES AND LEADERSHIP RECRUITMENT – The Episcopal Church Center. New York, NY.

Jul 2007 – Jan. 2010

- Responsible for vocational discernment among young adults, connecting with provincial Commissions on Ministries, and developing programs and presentations for the wider church and provincial gatherings.
- Designed and hosted the first church-wide Vocational Discernment event for young people of color

PRIEST IN CHARGE AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR- Monte de la Transfiguración School and Church Complex. Jarabacoa, Dom. Rep. Sept. 2003 – Aug. 2008

- Priest in Charge of the congregation and in charge of elementary school oversight, staff supervision, and community relations. Executive Director of the Diocesan Camp and Conference Center.
- Designed and executed a capital campaign to build the school and church buildings; hired school staff and managed the accreditation process to license the school.

DEACON IN CHARGE / PRIEST IN CHARGE- San Juan Bautista Episcopal Church. Bonao, DR. Nov. 2002 – Aug. 2008

- Responsible for worship, congregational development, seminarian supervision, community engagement, pastoral care, and administration.
- Planted a sister church in a marginalized neighborhood -Día de Pentecostes Episcopal Church- is now blessed to have a church building for its active worship community.

SEMINARIAN AND DEACON. St. Luke's & St. Paul's Cathedral. Charleston, SC. Summers 1999 - 2002

- Internship, serving the Cathedral, in the summers, throughout seminary training and initial four months of the diaconate.
- Led worship, preached, shadowed the Dean, provided pastoral care, and supported seafarer's ministries.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE RT. REV. JULIO C. HOLGUIN, BISHOP OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Diocese of the Dominican Republic. Dominican Republic. 1998-1999

EDUCATION

- **Theological Degree.** Centros de Estudios Teológicos. Dominican Republic. 1999-2001
- **Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE – Summer Intensive).** San Lucas Hospital. Ponce, Puerto Rico. 2001
- **Licensed Clinical Psychologist.** Dominican Republic. Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña (UNPHU). Dominican Republic. 1994-2001. Thesis: Geriatric Depression

PUBLICATIONS

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DIOCESAN INVOLVEMENT

Episcopal Church in Connecticut

▪ Mission Council	Member	2021- Present
▪ Standing Commission on Liturgy	Member	2019 - 2021
▪ Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation Ministry Network	Core Team Co-convener	2018 -2023
▪ Camp Washington Board of Directors	Cathedral Liaison	2017 -Present
▪ TREC-CT 2.0	Member	2014 -2016
▪ Spanish Speaking Ministries Network	Member	2013- Present

Diocese of Newark

▪ Mission Strategy Committee	Co-Chair	2012-2013
▪ NEWARK ACTS Board	Founding member	2011-2013

Diocese of the Dominican Republic

▪ Young Adult Ministries	Diocesan Coordinator	2004-2008
▪ Happenings	Chaplain	2004-2008
▪ Ministries with Families Committee	Member	2006-2007
▪ Diocesan Christian Education Committee	North Region Coordinator	2002-2006
▪ Non-Profit Institution on Pastoral & Family Therapy (CECAF)	Representative	2005-2007
▪ Diocesan Communications Committee	Coordinator	2002- 2005
▪ Companion Diocese Committee	Member	2005-2008
▪ Diocesan Council	Member	1998-2002
▪ Diocesan Standing Committee	Member	1999-2002

PROVINCIAL AND CHURCH WIDE INVOLVEMENT

Member

▪ Client Council, Church Pension Fund		2019- 2022
▪ Board for the Society for the Increase of Ministry		2014-2016
▪ C095 Task Force for Restructuring the Episcopal Church		2012-2015
▪ Council of Advice for Latino Missioner, TEC Latino/ Hispanic Ministries Office		2006-2018
▪ Episcopal Church Executive Council		2006-2009
▪ Latin American & Caribbean Theological Education Council (Secretary)		2006-2007
▪ President of the House of Deputies' Council of Advice		2006-2007

Consultant

▪ Chaplain to the House of Bishops and Consultant to the Presiding Bishop's Office		2017- 2024
▪ Cathedral Discernment Process, Diocese of Vermont		2020- 2021
▪ Church Pension Group: CREDO Faculty and Wellness Conference Leader		2012- Present
▪ Clergy Mentor – Diocese of Pennsylvania		2022-2023

Other

▪ Church Publishing	Book Reviewer	2013-2023
▪ The Office of the General Convention	Translator	2010-2016
▪ General Convention 2006	Assistant to HOD President George Werner	2006
▪ The Episcopal Church	Province IX Youth Ministries Coordinator	1996-2006
▪ Young Adult Pre-Lambeth Gathering_England	TEC Representative	1997
▪ South Anglican Encounter, Kenya	Province IX Youth Representative	1995

SPEAKER / PREACHER

- 2021- Present- Keynote speaker for Episcopal Preaching Foundation events.
- 2020 – Preacher - Seminary of the Southwest Commencement Service 2020
- 2020 – Virtual Conference Nuevo Amanecer 2020. Plenary: Latino leadership in the Church.
- 2019 – Preacher at the Seating of the Rt. Rev. Shanon MacVean-Brown
- 2017 – Beautiful Authority Conference
- 2016 – Episcopal Church Foundation Financial Bootcamp
- 2016 – Nuevo Amanecer Keynoter
- 2015 – 2019 - Contributor to Sermons that Work and Sermones que Iluminan
- 2006 – Preacher – General Convention daily Eucharist