

CLERGY TRANSITION REPORT

MARCH – OCTOBER 2015

NEW CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE

The Rev. William “Bill” Miller began serving as the new Rector of Christ Church, Covington on June 1.

The Rev. Ashley Burton Freeman was ordained to the priesthood on July 16 and was called as Curate at Trinity Church, Baton Rouge.

The Rev. Kimberly Knight was hired as the new Chaplain at Christ Episcopal School, Covington to begin in August.

The Rev. Morgan MacIntire began serving as Associate Rector of Christ Church, Covington on August 30.

TRANSITIONS IN THE DIOCESE

The Rev. Dr. H. Peter began serving as Associate Rector at Grace Church, St. Francisville. He is also a prison chaplain at Angola State Penitentiary.

The Rev. Karen Gay resigned from Church of the Holy Communion, Plaquemine in March . The Rev. Chuck Wood has been serving as supply priest.

The Rev. Winston Rice resigned from Christ Episcopal Church, Covington on March 8 and formed the Maritime Pastoral Institute, a non-profit organization providing ecumenical offshore ministry along the Texas and Louisiana coasts.

The Rev. Terry Johnston resigned from Grace Episcopal Church and moved back to Tennessee. His final service at Grace Church was on March 15.

The Rev. Kit Sharp McLean began serving as Associate Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, New Orleans, on March 16.

Pastor Robin McCullough-Bade (Lutheran) resigned from St. Augustine’s Church, Baton Rouge on April 26.

The Rev. Dr. Walter Baer served as supply priest at St. Michael’s Church, Mandeville from December 2014 to May 2015, then retired to Austria.

Deacon Charmaine Kathmann began serving at St. Mark’s Church, Harvey on May 17.

Deacon Daniel “Mark” Hudson began serving at St. John’s Church, Kenner on May 17.

Deacon Alyce Jefferson resigned from her position as Director of Children's Ministry at Trinity, New Orleans on May 24, but remains as deacon overseeing the Eucharistic Visitors Ministry and working with the Kairos Prison Ministry.

The Very Rev. Richard Easterling was appointed Dean of the Uptown Deanery in June.

The Rev. Michael Kuhn was appointed as Assistant Head of St. Martin's Episcopal School in June. He also serves as Priest Associate of St. Augustine's Church, Metairie.

The Rev. Ken Ritter began serving as Priest in Charge at St. Stephen's Church in Innis effective June 1.

The Rev. Dennis Ryan was called as Priest in Charge at St. Michael's, Mandeville effective June 1.

The Rev. Donald Owens retired on June 21 and he and Barbara, moved to Wimberley, Texas.

The Rev. Margaret Austin became Priest in Charge at St. Timothy's Church, Laplace on July 1.

The Rev. Stephen Crawford was called as Rector of St. Mary's in Franklin beginning on July 5.

The Very Rev. Richard Rowland, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, died peacefully on July 18.

The Rev. Canon Jervis Burns resigned as Supply Priest at St. Matthew's Church, Bogalusa. The Rev. LeBaron Taylor has been serving as Supply Priest on one Sunday each month while continuing to serve as supply priest at the Church of the Incarnation, Amite.

The Rev. Nelson Tennison became Priest in Charge of All Saints, Ponchatoula at August 2.

Deacon Jay Albert began serving as Deacon at Trinity Church, New Orleans on August 16.

The Rev. Canon S. Chad Jones was appointed as Priest in Charge of St. Augustine's, Baton Rouge as part of a pilot program between St. Patrick's, Zachary and St. Augustine's, Baton Rouge, authorized by the diocesan Executive Board at its meeting on September 12, 2015, to begin on September 27.

With the advice and consent of a majority of the clerical members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and in the presence of two priests, Bishop Thompson accepted the renunciation of Ordained Ministry of this Church by Deacon Linda J. Armstrong on October 4, 2015.

Deacon Kathleen Comer will retire from the Diaconate on November 1, 2015.

The Very Rev. Dr. Jean Meade will retire on November 15, and The Rev. William “Bill” Terry will be appointed as Dean of the Downtown Deanery.

The Rev. Henry Hudson announced his retirement as Rector of Trinity Church, New Orleans in June 2016.

RETIRED PRIESTS MOVING INTO THE DIOCESE

The Rev. Seamus Doyle retired to Louisiana from the Diocese of Arkansas in July and serves as a supply priest.

The Rev. David McDowell-Fleming, retired priest from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast and part-time resident in New Orleans, was licensed in August to serve at St. Anna’s Church, New Orleans.

UPCOMING TRANSITIONS

The Rev. James Morrison has been called as Rector at St. Andrew’s Church, New Orleans and will be installed on December 6, 2015.

Deacon Suzie Johnston and her husband, George Silbernagel, are leaving Grace Church, St. Francisville and are moving to Tennessee in January where she plans to continue serving as a deacon.

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