

Clergy Transitions *(Since the 183rd Annual Convention)*

New Clergy in the Diocese

The Rev. Julia Rusling was licensed to serve as a priest in the Diocese of Louisiana from the Diocese of Atlanta on November 5, 2020. Letters dimissory was received on December 12, 2020. She was called to serve as interim rector of St. George's, New Orleans, effective January 15, 2021.

The Rev. Stephen Holmgren was licensed to serve as a priest in the Diocese of Louisiana on November 18, 2020. He is a retired priest from the Diocese of Western Michigan.

The Rev. Peter Wong was called to serve as priest-in-charge of Trinity Church, Baton Rouge, effective January 2021. He previously served as the rector of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Dothan, Alabama since 2013. In September 2021, he was called as rector of Trinity Church, Baton Rouge. The installation service will be held on November 17 at 6 p.m.

The Rev. Lindsey Ardrey was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on December 19, 2020, at St. Paul's, New Orleans, and ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on July 1, 2021, at St Paul's, New Orleans. She was called to serve as the lower and middle school religion teacher and chaplain at St. Martin's Episcopal School, Metairie, effective July 5, 2021.

The Rev. Lynn Hooks was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on December 19, 2020, at St. Paul's, New Orleans and ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on July 1, 2021, at St Paul's, New Orleans. She serve as deacon at St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, and Church of the Nativity, Rosedale, from December 24, 2020 through May 2021. She was called to serve as priest-in-charge of St. Paul's Holy Trinity, New Roads, and St. Mary's, Morganza, effective July 1, 2021.

The Rev. Canon Allison Reid was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on December 19, 2020, at St. Paul's, New Orleans, and ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on July 1, 2021, at St Paul's, New Orleans. She was called to serve on Bishop Thompson's staff as the diocesan missionary for congregation development, effective June 1, 2021, and as the priest-in-charge of St. Mark's, Harvey, effective July 4, 2021. She was installed as canon missionary on August 19, 2021.

The Rev. Dr. Mary Dell Letters Dimissory was received from the Diocese of Ohio on May 10, 2021. She is serving as a non-parochial priest. She is the medical director of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health at Children's Hospital New Orleans

The Rev. Benjamín Sánchez was received as a priest in the Episcopal Church on June 5, 2021, at St. Augustine's, Metairie. He is serving as the missionary for Hispanic ministries in the Diocese of Louisiana.

The Rev. Luigi Mandile was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on June 16, 2021, at St. Anna's, New Orleans. He will serve as deacon at St. Anna's, New Orleans.

The Rev. Georgene "GiGi" Conner has been licensed to serve in the Diocese of Louisiana. She is a retired priest from the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

The Rev. David P. Casey, O.P. was called to serve as the priest-in-charge of Church of the Annunciation and of Mount Olivet, New Orleans, effective July 11, 2021. He previously served as chaplain missionary for campus & young adult ministry in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The Rev. Holly Burris was called to serve as rector of St. John's, Thibodaux, effective July 19, 2021. She previously served as priest-in-charge of Church of the Epiphany, Tunica, Mississippi, in the Diocese of Mississippi.

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The Rev. Canon David Lowry served as interim rector at St. George's, New Orleans, from November 2020 through January 2021.

The Rev. Bridget Tierney retired as the director of Advent House on December 31, 2020.

The Rev. Kit McLean served as priest-in-charge of St. Mark's, Harvey, from January 31 through June 27, 2021.

The Rev. Brad St. Romain was called to serve as interim rector of St. Augustine's, Metairie, effective February 1, 2021.

The Rev. Reese Wiggins retired from St. Luke's, Baton Rouge, effective April 25 after serving as a deacon since 2003. He was appointed to serve at St. Stephen's, Innis, effective October 3, 2021.

The Rev. Winston Rice served as interim rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville from March 18—July 25, 2021. On September 1, 2021, he was called to serve as interim rector of Christ Church, Covington.

The Rev. John Miller was called as rector of Church of the Holy Communion, Plaquemine, effective July 4. His last Sunday serving as priest-in-charge of St. Stephen's, Innis, was May 30, 2021.

The Rev. Peggy Scott retired as priest-in-charge of St. Paul's Holy Trinity, New Roads, and St. Mary's, Morganza, effective July 1, 2021. She served these churches for 11 years.

The Very Rev. Craig Dalferes was called as rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville, effective September 1, 2021. He has served as rector of St. Matthew's, Houma, since 2004 and the dean of the Southwest Deanery since 2013.

The Very Rev. Jay Angerer was appointed to serve as dean of the Jefferson Deanery.

The Rev. LeBaron Taylor retired as priest-in-charge of St. Matthew's, Bogalusa, effective July 18, 2021.

The Rev. Jane-Allison Wiggin stopped serving as associate rector of youth and family ministries of Trinity Church, New Orleans, effective August 8, 2021. She continues to serve as the diocesan youth events coordinator. She is also serving as a permanent supply priest at St. Luke's, New Orleans.

The Rev. Joey Clavijo is serving as a non-parochial deacon focusing on his role as chair of the diocesan environmental commission.

The Very Rev. Stephen Crawford was appointed to serve as dean of the Southwest Deanery.

The Very Rev. Tommy Dillon stopped serving as priest-in-charge of Church of the Nativity, Rosedale, effective September 11, 2021. He continues to serve as rector of St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, and as dean of the Baton Rouge Deanery.

The Rev. Charlie deGravelles is serving at Church of the Nativity, Rosedale, effective October 3, 2021.

Transitions out of the Diocese

The Rev. Chris Capaldo was called to serve as rector of St. Chrysostom, Boston, effective November 22, 2020. He served as the rector of Church of the Holy Communion, Plaquemine, since 2017.

The Very Rev. Aj Heine was called to serve as rector of Trinity Church, Staunton, Virginia, effective December 6, 2020. He has served as the rector of St. Augustine's, Metairie, since 2006 and dean of the Jefferson Deanery since 2009.

The Rev. Duane Nettles was called to serve as rector of Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia, effective January 4, 2021. He served as rector of Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans, since 2014 and vicar of Mount Olivet, New Orleans, since 2016.

The Rev. John Boyd renounced his ordained ministry and it was accepted on November 6, 2020, by Bishop Thompson.

The Rev. Reid McCormick completed his term as interim rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville, on December 27, 2020.

The Rev. Chris Golding accepted a call to serve as chaplain of Seabury Hall, Maui, Hawai'i, effective August 2021. He served as associate priest of St. Luke's, Baton Rouge, from August 2018-December 2020.

The Rev. Bill Miller was called to plant a new Episcopal church in Round Top, Texas, in the Diocese of Texas, effective April 18, 2021. He has served as rector of Christ Church, Covington, since 2015.

Deaths

The Rev. Carl Cannon died on November 9, 2020, at the age of 81.

The Rev. David Tilley died on December 8, 2020, at the age of 81.

The Rev. Dr. Minka Sprague died on December 26, 2020, at the age of 76.

The Rev. Roy Mellish died on March 4, 2021, at the age of 79.

The Rev. Ed Robertson died on March 17, 2021, at the age of 75.

The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins died on April 10, 2021, at the age of 69.

The Rt. Rev. Robert Witcher died on June 14, 2021, at the age of 94.

Letters of Dimissory Issued

11/1/2020 – The Rev. Richard Easterling to Diocese of Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

11/3/2020 – The Rev. Stephen Shortess to the Diocese of West Texas

11/4/2020 – The Rev. Andrew Harmon from the Diocese of Milwaukee

12/1/2020 – The Rev. Christopher Capaldo to the Diocese of Massachusetts

12/15/2020 - The Rev. Julia Rusling from the Diocese of Atlanta

1/1/2021 – The Rev. AJ Heine to the Diocese of Southwest Virginia

1/1/2021 – The Rev. Peter Wong from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

1/12/2021 – The Rev. Roman Roldan to the Diocese of Texas

1/21/2021 – The Rev. Duane Nettles to the Diocese of Virginia

4/26/2021 – The Rev. Christopher Golding to the Diocese of Hawaii

5/4/2021 – The Rev. Bill Miller to the Diocese of Texas

5/10/2021 – The Rev. Mary Dell from the Diocese of Ohio

7/1/2021 - The Rev. Holly Burris from the Diocese of Mississippi

Transitions Listed by Church Name

Clergy Search in Process

Christ Church, Covington: The Rev. Winston Rice called as interim rector in September 2021. Search process will begin November 1, 2021.

Church of the Nativity, Rosedale: Currently being served by Deacon Charlie deGravelles. Discerning next steps.

St. Augustine's, Metairie: The Rev. Brad St. Romain called as interim rector in February 2021. Entered search process for new rector in February 2021.

St. George's, New Orleans: Entered search process for new rector in January 2021.

St. Matthew's, Bogalusa: Currently being served by Deacons Mark Hudson and Louis Ogle. Discerning next steps.

St. Matthew's, Houma: Entered search process for new rector in August 2021.

Trinity Church, Morgan City: Entered search process in spring 2021.

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Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans: The Rev. David Casey called as priest-in-charge in July 2021.

Grace Church, St. Francisville: The Rev. Craig Dalferes called as rector in September 2021.

Holy Communion, Plaquemines: The Rev. John Miller called as rector in July 2021.

Mount Olivet, New Orleans: The Rev. David Casey called as priest-in-charge in July 2021.

St. John's, Thibodaux: The Rev. Holly Burris called as rector in July 2021.

St. Paul's Holy Trinity, New Roads: The Rev. Lynn Hooks called as priest-in-charge in July 2021.

St. Mark's, Harvey: The Rev. Canon Allison Reid called as priest-in-charge in July 2021.

St. Mary's, Morganza: The Rev. Lynn Hooks called as priest-in-charge in July 2021.

Trinity Church, Baton Rouge: The Rev. Peter Wong called as priest-in-charge in January 2021 and called as rector in September 2021.