

As 2019 dawns, the Rev. Roy Hoffman, DMin is entering his twenty-fifth year of ordained ministry. Born outside of Washington, D.C., he was raised in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was a youth leader at the Cathedral of St. Philip and one of the first youth representatives on the Cathedral Chapter. He attended Auburn University where he was active at the Episcopal College Center. Motivated by his love of the outdoors he studied forestry, developing a deep commitment to the environment. Roy earned a law degree from the University of Georgia and practiced corporate and real estate law in Tennessee, representing businesses, hospitals, churches, and individuals and volunteering with the Salvation Army.

Sensing a call to ministry as a Franciscan friar, Roy folded his law practice and entered the Order of Friars Minor in 1987, working with mentally ill homeless people, staffing inner city churches, teaching law school, and working pro bono at legal aid clinics in Kansas City and Chicago to assure justice for all. Returning home to the Episcopal church of his roots in 1993, Roy served Episcopal congregations in Knoxville and Chicago for eight years before entering active duty naval service following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. His congregations since then have been multiracial, multicultural communities emphasizing service to others through initiatives addressing housing, education, safety, and the environment.

Currently Roy is the senior US navy chaplain at Naval Base San Diego and chaplain-in-residence at St. Peter's, Del Mar. At the base, he oversees a team of ordained clergy and religious support personnel delivering worship services spanning seven faith traditions and providing pastoral and spiritual support to 37,000 people and the crews of 53 homeported ships and their families. Since answering the call to the missionary endeavor of naval chaplaincy, he has served with sailors, marines, soldiers, and airmen at home and overseas and led congregations and communities in several states, the United Kingdom, Iraq, and afloat on six ships including the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan. Seizing the opportunity to celebrate and preach when ashore, he has served over 25 Episcopal and Anglican congregations in eight dioceses, including several congregations in San Diego.

Roy holds a master of divinity from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and a doctor of ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation. Throughout his ministry in the church and across multiple assignments as a chaplain, he has cultivated strategic planning skills put to use by congregations and larger enterprises seeking to think and plan strategically to achieve growth and enhance effectiveness, prompting the Navy to select him for advanced strategic planning studies leading to a master of arts degree in 2012.

A certified trainer in the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, he also holds certificates in humanitarian assistance and disaster response from the United Nations and in spiritual care in crisis intervention from the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. He is a member of the Community of the Cross of Nails committed to the ministry of reconciliation. A former member of a Diocese of Chicago task force on racism and a strong proponent of the Navy's diversity initiatives, Roy is a guardian quest diversity champion committed to bridging racial and cultural divides. In the Diocese of San Diego, he recently served as a member of the task force on

compassionate care for victims of clergy sexual misconduct, drawing on his extensive experience on an interdisciplinary sexual assault case management group assuring appropriate care for victims.

Roy is a Cherokee citizen, a life member of the Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE), an active member of the San Diego Cherokee Community, and a recent recipient of the tribe's medal of patriotism. A devoted father to his delightful daughter, Ruby, age 15, he is deeply committed to working with his former spouse to navigate the challenges of co-parenting. He and Ruby enjoy the beach, music, theater, hiking, biking, and new adventures.