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EXPERIENCE

Canon to the Ordinary for Church Growth and Development, Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, 2017 – present

As Canon to the Ordinary for Church Growth and Development, I serve on the diocesan executive leadership team and coordinate ministries of congregational development and evangelism.

- Develop and implement a long-term vision for growth and evangelism in our diocese, including identifying fruitful possibilities for future church planting and areas that are ready to add Latino and other ethnic ministries.
- Oversee a staff of six, including campus ministries and the directors of Christian formation, communications, and stewardship & development.
- Lead the Church Growth & Development team in vision and coordination to support our congregations and institutions in congregational development ministries.
- Consult with congregations on issues of growth, financial management, and conflict, and oversee our Latino missionaries.
- Lead workshops, classes, and other opportunities for congregational leaders to learn about ministry development.
- Serve as one of two Title IV intake officers in our diocese.
- Engage in special projects as assigned by the bishop.

Rector and Church Planter, Episcopal Church of the Nativity, Scottsdale, Arizona – 2006 - 2017

I served as rector of a program-sized parish, which I planted in September 2006. Beginning with fourteen people meeting in a living room, the church grew to average Sunday attendance of over 200. Nativity became a full parish of the Diocese of Arizona in October 2012 and moved into its permanent church building in December 2012.

Associate Rector, St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church, Scottsdale, Arizona - 2004 - 2006

Served as Associate Rector in large program-sized parish, sharing in preaching, teaching, and pastoral care duties, overseeing Christian Formation ministries, for children, youth, and adults, and leading parish ministry teams in stewardship and finance.

Curate, St. Peter's Church, Litchfield Park, AZ - 2003-2004

Served as Curate in growing program-sized Episcopal parish. Led Christian Formation ministries for children and youth, and shared in preaching, teaching, and pastoral care duties.

St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church, Scottsdale, Arizona (Lay Leadership Positions).

Director of Lay Ministries, 2000-2001

Director of Christian Education, 1997-2000

Non-Church Employment:

Did Tax Consulting as a Certified Public Accountant for accounting firms:

- Margolis, Phipps & Wright, Houston, Texas, 1993-1996
- Werlein & Harris, Houston, Texas, 1990-1993
- Deloitte & Touche, Houston, Texas, 1985-1990

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EDUCATION

Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia.

Work in Progress toward Doctor of Ministry Degree in Ministry Development, studying theology, mission, evangelism, and congregational development. Classes are complete and work is in progress on my thesis, the last requirement for graduation.

Arizona State University Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation, Tempe, Arizona.

Certificate in Nonprofit Management, Spring 2016.

Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California

Master of Divinity, May 2003.

Rice University, Houston, Texas

Master of Business Administration, May 1985

Master of Accountancy, May 1985

Bachelor of Arts, English and Managerial Studies, May 1983

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Forward Movement Board of Directors

Appointed to Six-Year Term, 2018-24

Executive Council of The Episcopal Church

Member, 2012 - 2018, Elected at General Convention 2012

Chair, Committee on Local Mission & Ministry, 2015-18

Chair, Episcopal Church Budget Committee, 2012-15

Arizona Deputy to General Convention, 2009, 2012, 2015

Episcopal Resurrection

Member of small group who wrote "A Memorial to the Church" and proposed many resolutions that brought change and hope to the church, General Convention 2015. See www.episcopalresurrection.org.

The Acts 8 Movement

Co-Founder and Board Member of group dedicated to evangelism and revitalization in The Episcopal Church, 2012-Present.

Diocese of Arizona Congregational Support Committee

Member, 2011-14. Consulted with congregations on ministry, stewardship, and leadership.

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship

Board Member, 2006-2012; Member of Re-Visioning Working Group, 2011; Coordinator of New Website Development, 2011

Diocesan Council, Diocese of Arizona

Member, 2006-2008.

Chapel Rock Camp & Conference Center, Diocese of Arizona

Board Chair, 2007-2008; Board Member, 2004-2007

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PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER

“Preaching for Congregational Vitality”

Forthcoming in *Anglican Theological Review*, Winter 2018-19

***Acts to Action: The New Testament’s Guide to Mission and Evangelism*, Susan Brown Snook and Adam Trambley, eds.**

Essays on church growth and transformation, Forward Movement, 2018.

***God Gave the Growth: Church Planting in the Episcopal Church*, by Susan Brown Snook.**

Book published by Church Publishing, Inc., 2015.

“Planting Seeds of Life and Hope: Growing New Episcopal Communities”

Chapter on Church Planting in *What We Shall Become: The Future and Structure of The Episcopal Church*, Winnie Varghese, ed., Church Publishing, Inc., 2013.

“Reaching New People Through Church Planting”

Anglican Theological Review, Winter 2010 (Vol. 92, No. 1), 111.

Public Speaking Engagements

Frequent speaker at Episcopal church events, teaching, speaking, and leading workshops on evangelism, church leadership, congregational development, church planting, church growth, and stewardship.