

The Rev. Michael S. Tinnon, DMin is currently serving as the interim priest at St. David's Episcopal Church in the Diocese of San Diego. Since 2010, he has specialized in interim ministry—effectively leading congregations in transition. Michael has served Episcopal and joint Episcopal/Lutheran parishes in the dioceses of Hawaii, Colorado, and California. In this role, he has served on various diocesan councils for missions, evangelism, church growth, and worship. He has also served in a broad range of worship settings to include: traditional, contemporary, and Anglo-Catholic.

Michael is a proud native of Lexington, Kentucky, where he attended the University of Kentucky earning his bachelor's degree. Upon graduation, he was accepted to attend graduate school at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. However, the Lord had different plans. Sensing God's divine call, Michael instead, pursued graduate theological studies. He earned the master of religious education and master of divinity degrees from Nazarene Theological Seminary.

In his early ministry he served as youth pastor and keynote speaker for international youth conventions around the world. Michael is passionate about youth ministry and continues to promote the critical need to prioritize dynamic youth ministries in the local parish and at the diocesan level.

Michael received a presidential appointment to serve our nation's interests as a military chaplain—first entering the US army chaplain corps and later serving in the air force.

He counts it a privilege to have provided spiritual care and guidance to military service members and their families. He proudly served our nation's interests supporting global contingencies around the world in places such as Panama, Italy, England, Turkey, Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. He retired from active duty military service with nearly 30 years of distinguished ministry.

He has an earned doctor of ministry degree from Asbury Theological Seminary with specialized emphasis in effective pastoral leadership and emerging church growth strategies for churches in the 21st century. Michael has also taught philosophy, ethics, church history, and preaching.

It was at his first air force assignment in June 1998, that Michael and his wife, Becky, began prayerfully considering their transition to the Episcopal Church. They were jointly ordained in 2008.

He is a gifted writer, excellent communicator, and strong administrator. As a parish priest he has facilitated positive changes. Each has experienced significant growth and renewal and renewed hope and purpose under his leadership.

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Biography

In his free time, he can decently find his way around a tennis court, enjoys spending time with friends and family, learning new things, traveling and laughter. Michael is also a published children's author, writing under the pen name, [Dr. Phineas Peabody](#).

Michael has been married for over 33 years to his wife, Becky Tinnon, also an ordained Episcopal priest. They have three grown children—Brad, Ashley, and John, three grandchildren, and a dog named Riley.