

## The Very Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer

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<i>Employment</i>	St. John's Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL Rector (2005 - present) Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer, Chicago, IL Assistant Rector (2003 - 2005) Sacred Heart Schools, Chicago, IL Campus Minister (1999- 2000) Fifth grade language arts and social studies teacher (1997-1999) Fourth Presbyterian Church Social Service Intern (1996 -1997) St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's Episcopal School, New York, NY Third grade teacher (1993 - 1996)
<i>Education</i>	College of Congregational Development, Diocese of Chicago Certificate of completion (2017) Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL Master of Divinity (2003) St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN Bachelor of Arts cum laude (1991) Departmental Distinction in English with a Writing Concentration
<i>Community Work</i>	President, Hands to Help Ministries, Chicago, IL (2006-2013) Board Member (2014-2015) Convener, Irving Park Ministerial Association, Chicago, IL (2008-2021) Member of Arise, and other justice and advocacy actions (1997-present)
<i>Church Leadership</i>	Dean of Chicago North Deanery (2022) and Dean of the Chicago West Deanery (2009-2014) Diocesan Council member, Diocese of Chicago (2022) Diocese of Chicago COVID Emergency Grant Review Team (2020 – 2021) St. James Cathedral Chapter (Board) Member (2017-2019) Congregations Commission, Diocese of Chicago (2011-2014), Co-Chair (2014-2018) Executive Board of Province V (2012-2014) Anti-Racism Commission, Diocese of Chicago (2009-2010) Diocesan Convention Committee, Worship Chair (2005-2007)
<i>Accomplishments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mentored eleven seminarians, deacons, and transitional deacons (2007-present)</li><li>• Transitioned parish from two services to three (2011)</li><li>• Capital Campaign for the purchase and installation of an 1891 organ (2012)</li><li>• Facilitated new grant processes for Congregations Commission and Province V (2011-2014)</li><li>• Two Capital Campaigns (2016, 2021) totaling \$520,000 for accessibility and renovation</li><li>• Parish Anti-Racism Team established to “identify, disrupt, and dismantle” racism (2018)</li><li>• Average Sunday attendance grew from 56 in 2004 to 128 in 2023</li><li>• Annual Parish income grew from \$115,000 in 2004 to \$260,000 in 2022</li></ul>
<i>Publications</i>	Recordings and copies of sermons available at <a href="http://stjohnschicago.com/?page_id=678">stjohnschicago.com/?page_id=678</a> <i>Many Paths: Reflections on a Christian Journey</i> , book published by St. John's (2014) “All God's People Give Thanks” article in OPEN (Summer 2004)
<i>Author</i>	Lessons and Carols liturgies: “St. Nicholas” “St. John's History” “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” Hymn texts: “Children of God” “I sing of Mary” “Praise God” Pageant scripts: <i>What Can I Give? The Lost Letter of Paul, Elizabeth's Story, Joseph's Story</i>
<i>Reference</i>	Dr. Lola Odusanya Ekezie, 773.450.5511, lolaodus@gmail.com