

THE REV. CANON LAUREN R. HOLDER

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Joyful follower of Jesus who delights in building and sustaining communities of faith to be and to share the Body of Christ.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Canon for Community and Education, Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, GA: 2018 – Present

- Serve in one of the largest cathedral parishes of the Episcopal Church, preaching and officiating in a broad spectrum of services throughout the week in four unique sacred spaces in both English and Spanish.
- Supervise 4 full-time staff: Program Coordinator for Membership and Stewardship, Director of Children and Family Ministry, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Program Coordinator for Children and Youth Ministries.
- Mentor and empower staff and lay leadership to serve the church and our community with grace, excellence and hospitality. Known for creative problem solving, honest feedback, warm and accessible leadership style.
- Teach in a variety of settings and styles. Lead retreats. Talk about Jesus.
- Work to build meaningful connections and sense of belonging for people new to the church as our membership continues to grow. Provide intentional formation for people new to this community of faith.
- Oversee management of nearly \$300,000 annually.
- Work closely with the Director of Stewardship to provide meaningful giving opportunities throughout the year. Raised \$130,000 to eliminate \$15 million in medical debt affecting 8,300 families in Atlanta in 2020.

Associate Rector for Outreach, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA: 2015 – 2018

- Served in downtown parish known as an incubator for city-wide social justice and outreach efforts.
- Collaborated with clergy in developing creative liturgies responding to community needs. Taught classes and invited guest speakers to equip and prepare church members for changing needs of the city.
- Led church in discernment around outreach priorities to determine next legacy ministry, resulting in launch of The Boyce L. Ansley School for children experiencing homelessness on the ground floor of the church.
- Coordinated nearly twenty outreach programs and activities associated with the parish.
- Managed \$70,000 outreach budget, and \$420,000 in outgoing grants.
- Developed and maintained liaison representation for various city-wide efforts; especially concerning homelessness, refugees/immigrants, and children. Attended/facilitated events for strategic planning, networking and advocacy.

Senior Program Officer for Community Engagement, Trinity Church Wall Street, New York, NY: 2014 – 2015

- Served in ethnically diverse, historic downtown parish during leadership transitions and renovations.
- Preached and officiated in traditional and creative liturgies in multiple and varied spaces throughout the week.
- Tended to the prayer and pastoral needs of parishioners, neighbors and guests.
- Cultivated national grant partners and managed \$4.5 million in annual grants.
- Served on Low-Income Housing strategy team to prepare Trinity for next steps in housing ministry.
- Supervised Trinity's All Our Children program for church and school partnerships in public education, managing staff and Education Action Group.
- Supervised Brown Bag feeding program for church neighbors, managing staff and supporting relationships with social organizations.
- Empowered lay leadership in Stewardship, Prison Ministry, Anti-Racism, Environmental Justice and Outreach.

RECENT SERMONS <https://www.cathedralatl.org/Sermons/canon-lauren-holder/>

RELATED WORK

Seminary Intern, The Church of St. Matthew & St. Timothy, New York, NY: 2012 – 2014

- Assisted with bilingual liturgy and preaching for Sunday services, Wednesday Prayers, and special services. Led adult spiritual formation in English and Spanish. Facilitated discernment for welcome initiatives.

FDNY-EMS Chaplain, New York City Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services, New York, NY: 2013 – 2014

- Provided pastoral and spiritual care to officers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, patients and families. Listened with sensitivity in a racially, religiously, spiritually and culturally diverse environment.

Ministry Communications Consultant, Office of Interreligious & Ecumenical Engagement: 2012 – 2014

- Consulted with Presiding Bishop's staff on how to communicate more effectively and efficiently with social networking. Attended meetings with Interreligious and Ecumenical officers from various diocesan offices.

Youth Minister, Christ Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC: 2008 – 2011

- Managed youth ministry budget and programming for over 600 middle school and high school students.

Missionary to Benin, West Africa, Youth For Christ, World Outreach, Denver, CO: 2007 – 2008

- Taught English to student leaders in a creative conversational setting while mentoring their leadership development. Raised over \$48,000 to support start-up expenses and monthly salary.

Program Manager, Maryland Energy Administration, Annapolis, MD: 2004 – 2007

- Facilitated cooperation of stakeholders with differing priorities; recommended renewable energy policy initiatives to Governor of Maryland and advised Administration and legislators on policy decisions; prepared speaking points for the Governor; wrote successful proposals for federal grants and managed subsequent funding exceeding \$500,000.

DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

Deputy to 80th and 81st General Conventions

Executive Board, Diocese of Atlanta, 2021-2024

College of Congregational Development, 2023-2024

Gathering of Leaders, 2023

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, 2022

The Boyce L. Ansley School, Founding Board Member and Chair of Development Committee, 2016-2022

Ahava Early Learning Center, Board Member, Vice President, 2019-2022

Missional Leadership Cohort, Luther Seminary, 2020-2021

Dismantling Racism Youth Curriculum Training, 2020

Standing Committee, President, Diocese of Atlanta, 2018-2020

Crossroads Community Ministries, Board Member, Vice Chair, 2016-2019

Buckhead Christian Ministries, Board Member, 2018-2019

ORDINATION AND EDUCATION

Priesthood, Trinity Church Wall Street, New York, NY, January 2015

Diaconate, Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, NC, June 2014

The General Theological Seminary, New York, NY, Master of Divinity, May 2014

St. John's College Graduate Institute, Annapolis, MD, Master of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts, May 2007

Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Politics and Environmental Studies, June 2003