

The Rev. Rachel K. Taber-Hamilton

Current Positions

- ✦ **Rector**, Trinity Episcopal Church, Everett, WA, Diocese of Olympia [Full Time]
- ✦ **Vice-President of the House of Deputies** of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church

Education

- 1985 **B.A., State University of New York at Geneseo**
Anthropology and Theater Degrees
- 1988 **M.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks**
Anthropology
- 1988-91 **Folklore Institute Post-Graduate Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington**
- 1994 **M.Div., Loyola University Chicago**
- 1997-98 **Episcopal Church Studies**, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis

Certifications

- 1994 **Pastoral Counseling (PCC)**
- 1997 **Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)**
- 1999 **Specialized Chaplaincy** by the Office of the Episcopal Bishop Suffragan for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries
- 2000 **Board Certified Chaplain, Association of Professional Chaplains**
- 2000 **Medical Ethics**, St. Louis University
- 2014 **Congregational Development**,
College of Congregational Development, Diocese of Olympia
- 2018 **Technology of Participation** (Facilitation/Conversation)
The Institute of Cultural Affairs in the USA

Professional Experience

- 1998-2001 **Staff Chaplain**, St. Vincent Hospital and Health System, Indianapolis, IN
- 2002-2008 **Coordinator**, Pastoral Care, Island Hospital, Anacortes, WA –
Concurrent with:
Clergy Team, Komo-Kulshan Cluster, Skagit County, WA (2004-2006)
Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Oak Harbor, WA (2006-2008)
- 2008-2011 **Director**, Pastoral Care, MaineGeneral Health System, ME
- 2011-Present **Rector**, Trinity Episcopal Church, Everett, WA

- 2012-Present **Member**, *Faith Action Network*, Interfaith Leadership Advocacy in Washington State Legislation
<https://fanwa.org/>
- 2019-2022 **Founder & Coordinator**, *Circles of Color*, an Episcopal BIPOC Grassroots Network
 Episcopal Diocese of Olympia (Western Washington)
- 2021&2022 **Summer Faculty**, Holden Village Retreat Center, located in the North Cascade mountains of
 Washington State – home of the Holden Evening Prayer

Boards & Delegations

- 2012-2015 **Mission to Seafarers**, Board Member and President [Two Terms]
- 2019-Present **Anglican Indigenous Network** of the Anglican Communion, Board Member
- 2021-Present **Board Member**, *Paths to Understanding*, Multi-Faith Peacemaking & Social Justice Advocacy
<https://pathstounderstanding.org/>
- 2021 **Episcopal Church Delegate to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues** Twentieth Session, April 19 – 30, Special theme: “Peace, justice and strong institutions: the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16”
- 2021 **Presiding Bishop Delegation**, Delegate to the Conference of Parties Climate Change Summit (COP26), Glasgow, Scotland – Distinguished Discussant
- 2022 **Anglican Consultative Council Delegation**, Delegate and Representative of the Anglican Indigenous Network, United Nations the 66th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW), March 14th to 25th, 2022.
- 2022-Present **CPG Client Council Member**, Episcopal Church Clergy Pension Group

Awards & Honors

- **Alpha Sigma Nu, National Jesuit Honor Society, Loyola University** (1994)
- **Recognition of Contributions to Improvements in Community Health** (2005)
- **Polly Bond Award of Excellence, TEC National Award for Writing** (2005)
- **Qualis Award, National Award for Excellence in Healthcare** (2005)
- **Bishop’s Cross for Outstanding Contributions to Ministry & Service** (2008)
- **Everett Awards Program for Best Community of Worship** (2022)

Presentations & Conversations [*Sampled*]

- 2002 **Workshop**, *Understanding the Role of Cultural Cosmology in Healthcare Decision Making*, Association of Professional Chaplains
- 2002 **Medical Ethics Case Study**, *The Influence of Cross Cultural Communication in End of Life Care*, National Hospice Organization
- 2003 **Conference Paper**, *The Role of Spirituality and Religion in Wellness*
 American Family Physicians
- 2004 **Keynote**, *Ministering to the Spirit; the needs of First Nation’s People in Medical Crisis*, American Medical Association

- 2004 **Episcopal Urban Caucus**, *Why Pocahontas Scalped Barbie; the Dilemma of Culture Borrowing and Cultural Appropriation in Church & Tribal Relationships*, First Nations Education Track
- 2007 **Keynote**, *Assessing For Personal Meaning and the Role of Ritual in Palliative Care toward Qualitative Death Awareness in the Patient-Professional Relationship*, National Medical Ethics Symposium
- 2008 **Presentation**, *Promise the Future: On Being a Diversely Whole Community for a Both/And Generation*, American Council on Education
- 2009 **Keynote**, *The Challenge of Dying Well within a Medical and Social Culture of Death Denial*, Central Maine Hospice Association
- 2010 **Workshop**, *When Staff Grieve: The Application of Critical Incident Stress Debriefing in the Clinical Setting*, The Nevola Conference
- 2011 **Episcopal Adult Education Series** – *Episcopal 101: An Original Eight-Part Adult Education Series for Adult Reception/Confirmation in The Episcopal Church*, Diocese of Olympia
- 2011 **New Ministry Formation Workshops** - *Death Awareness as Spiritual Practice: Ministry for Those Confronting End of Life Decision Making and Preparation* – series for St. John’s Episcopal Church in Sequim, WA
- 2012 **Indigenous Network Presentation to Diocesan Leadership** - *Following the Indigenous Jesus: The Historic Parallels of Indigenous Experience in North America and Palestine Today*
- 2014 **Lay Leadership Formation Series** - *Developing a Transformative Toolkit*, This is an original series for adult education in the practical application of faith community discernment modalities for developing new ministries and community mission/vision/core values
- 2016 **Guest Presenter at The School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee**- *An Overview of the History of Native Mission and Relationship of The Episcopal Church in the United States*
- 2016 **Guest Presenter at The School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee**, *The Doctrine of Discovery: Colonialism and Manifest Destiny in The Episcopal Church and the World*
- 2017 **Presentation to the Anglican Indigenous Network Meeting in Canada** *Indigenous Experience in The Episcopal Church in the United States: Aided Dioceses, Urban Ministries, and Leadership Formation*
- 2017 **Presentation** - *We Rise When We Weep: The Experience of Minority Women in leadership within The Episcopal Church*, Diocesan Leadership Retreat
- 2018 **Keynote** – *The Spiritual Imperative of Welcoming the Stranger: Loving Our Neighbors who are Immigrants & Refugees*, North Sound Progressive Community People’s Summit [This address was recorded by NPR station member KSER of Everett and Island County]
- 2018 **Keynote** - *Collective Resilience & Grit: The Communal Imperative of Being a Light in the Darkness*, Snohomish County Vigil for the Tree of Life Synagogue
- 2019 **Keynote** - *The Moral Imperative of Civic Engagement*, North Sound Progressive People’s Summit (June)
- 2019 **Keynote** - *The Doctrine of Discovery: A History of the Legal and Social Forces Contributing to the Oppression and Genocide of Indigenous Peoples in Our Time*, Sno-Isle Libraries Conference

- 2021 **Panel Presenter** – *The Doctrine of Discovery and the Indigenous Ministries of The Episcopal Church*, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 20th session, April 26 – NGO Indigenous Delegation of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church
- 2021 **Panel Presenter** – Parliament of the World’s Religions, *Honoring the Divine Feminine: sacred journey that will stop violence against women and nature*, <https://parliamentofreligions.org/home>
- 2021 **Panel Presenter** – Parliament of the World’s Religions, *Evolutionary and Revolutionary Just Women’s Leadership*, <https://parliamentofreligions.org/home>
- 2021 **Panel Distinguished Discussant** – Conference of the Parties 26 (COP26); *Making Peace with Nature: Heeding the Call of Indigenous Peoples*, serving as a delegate from the Presiding Bishop’s Office of the Episcopal Church to the climate summit in Glasgow https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B6YAI_CtDc
- 2021-Present **Doctrine of Discovery Workshop** for Congregations & Clergy Retreats in the Dioceses of Province VIII
- 2022 **Diocese of Olympia Diocesan Convention**, Theme Planner & Presenter *Encountering Jesus in the Garden*, <https://convention.ecww.org/>
- 2022 **Restoring Eden: A Conversation between Indigenous and Western Cosmologies**, A Six-Part Workshop Series for Deepening Spiritual Relationship with Creation
- 2022 **Podcast, Diocese of Olympia** – Reflecting on the need for Circles of Color (Diocesan BIPOC Networks), <https://tinyurl.com/3wa7jeww>
- 2023 **Prophetic Voices Podcast**: Preaching and Teaching Beloved Community, Palm Sunday <https://tinyurl.com/2nwszkzn>
- 2023 **Spade and Spoonful Podcast**, Brian Sellers-Petersen, Episode 17 – Pre-Episcopal General Convention conversation with Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation legislative committee members, <https://tinyurl.com/4xtzy297>
- 2023 **Forgive Us Our Debts**, Living Church Podcast, Episode 98, <https://tinyurl.com/5h2wdnfv>
- 2023 **The Rev. Melissa L. Kean, T’19, Memorial Lecture**, School of Theology at Sewanee, *The Barbie & Pocahontas Dialogues: Healing the Cultural Divide between Indigenous Episcopalians and the Church*, <https://theology.sewanee.edu/events/the-barbie-pocahontas-dialogues/>
- 2023 **Parliament of World Religions**, (4 Panel Presentations) 1) Non-Violent Communication, 2) Women and Teens Transformative Power, 3) Indigenous Women’s Wisdom, 4) Millionth Circle with Author, Jean S. Bolen; worship service “Cosmic Mass” co-presiding with author Rev. Matthew Fox

Publications [Sampled]

- 2010 “The Necessity of Native American Autonomy for Successful Relationships”, *Anglican Theological Review*, Vol. 92, No. 4 <http://www.anglicantheologicalreview.org/static/pdf/articles/tabern-hamilton.pdf>
- 2011-Present *Greening Spirit: Spiritual Greening for a Sustainable Future* [personal blog site] www.greeningspirit.com

- 2015 “The Bus Ride to Sheol”, GodSpace, online magazine <https://godspacelight.com/2015/10/22/the-bus-ride-to-sheol-by-the-rev-rachel-taber-hamilton/>, Christine Sine, Editor – October 22, 2015
- 2017 “International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination”, GodSpace, online magazine <https://godspacelight.com/2017/03/21/international-day-for-the-elimination-of-racial-discrimination/>, Christine Sine, Editor – March 21, 2017
- 2016 & 2019 “Anglican Consultative Council Communiques” from the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN), Lead Writer [*Communiques available upon request*]
- 2019 “In the Sky as Floods Receded” (Hymn: *Rainbow in the Sky*); Words: Henry Lebedinsky and the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton; Music: Sandy Hook, Henry Lebedinsky, 2014 – A Hymn for the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall [*Sheet music available upon request*]
- 2021 “Statement by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 20th session”, 19 – 30 April 2021 [*Statement available upon request*]
- 2021 “When Creation is Sacred: restoring the Indigenous Jesus”, Anglican Theological Review, Volume 103 Issue 2, May 2021, Special Issue: *All Things Hold Together: Intersections on Creation Care* - <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/00033286211007421>
- 2021 “The Cultural Conundrum of the Indigenous Christian,” Racial Reconciliation Series, Episcopal Church online publications, September 30, 2021 - <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/racialreconciliation/the-cultural-conundrum-of-the-indigenous-christian/>

Diocesan/Regional/National/International Experience

- **Anti-Racism Task Force (ARTF)**, Diocese of Olympia
- **Commission on Ethnic Ministries**, Diocese of Olympia
- **Community Disaster Response**, Washington State Response Team
- **Diocesan Council**, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia
- **Washington State Governor’s Faith Advisory Panel**, Gov. Christine Gregoire, Gov. Jay Inslee
- **Bishop Search Committee, Co-Chair**, Diocese of Olympia (2006-07)
- **Executive Council Committee for Indigenous Ministry**, an Episcopal Church CCAB
- **Episcopal Migration Ministries**, Western Washington
- **Sanctuary Church Circle**, Legal and Social Advocacy Diocesan Network for Immigrants & Refugees
- **Faith Action Network**, Interfaith Coalition for Legislative Advocacy in Washington State
- **Neighbors in Faith**, A Christian & Muslim Partnerships for Education and Understanding
- **Diocesan Standing Committee, President for 3 Terms**, Diocese of Olympia
- **Mission to Seafarers Seattle Board, President** (2013-2016), Diocese of Olympia
- **Province VIII Executive Committee** (2015-2018)
- **DFMS Indigenous Missioner Search Committee**, (2016) Presiding Bishop’s Office
- **Clergy Deputy to General Convention** (Three Terms - 2015, 2018, 2022, 2024)
- **Earth Ministry**, Transforming Faith into Action, Environmental Advocacy Coalition in Western WA

- **Anglican Indigenous Network, TEC Representative** Anglican Communion (2011 to Present)
- **Anglican Communion Environmental Network**, Environmental Racism Conference Planning (2020)
- **New Community**, TEC Ethnic Missioners' Conference Planning Team (2020)
- **The General Convention Joint Standing Committee on Nominations**, (2018-2021/22)
- **Ethnic Ministries Circles of Color, Co-Founder and Coordinator**, (2019 to Present)
- **HoD Chair, Committee 20 of the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church** (2022), Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
- **Standing Committee**, Three Terms as President (2013-15)
- **Commission on Ministry** (2021-Present)
- **Circles of Color** (Founder), BIPOC Networks, Diocese of Olympia
- **Vice-President of the House of Deputies (Current)**, Elected GC80 (2022)

Pastoral Skills

- ✦ Spiritual Assessment & Pastoral Care
- ✦ Organizational Trauma Recovery
- ✦ Critical Incident Stress Management/Debriefing Chaplain (CISM/CISD)
- ✦ Spiritual Direction
- ✦ Teaching & Training, Adult & Youth Education
- ✦ Active Listening
- ✦ Preaching
- ✦ Liturgy, Liturgical Design, Chapel Design, Voice & Music
- ✦ Multi-Cultural Competency
- ✦ Emotional Intelligence
- ✦ Healthy Communication Practices & Standards
- ✦ Cultural Interpreter (COM, Diocese of Olympia)

Administrative Skills

- ✦ Personnel Management & Staff Development
- ✦ Community/Congregational/Organizational Assessment & Development
- ✦ Financial Planning/Budget Development/Endowments Management
- ✦ Fundraising
- ✦ Operational Procedures & Policy Development
- ✦ Lay & Ordained Leadership Development
- ✦ Mission & Vision Development
- ✦ Strategic Planning
- ✦ Social Media
- ✦ Writing & Editing
- ✦ Adult Religious Studies Curriculum Development
- ✦ Team Development
- ✦ Board Development
- ✦ Collaborative Leadership
- ✦ Expertise in Diverse Congregational Models
- ✦ Expertise in Cross-Cultural Communication
- ✦ Anti-Racism Training
- ✦ Safe Guarding God's Children/Adults
- ✦ Retreat Planning & Leadership