

The Rev. Canon Kristin Uffelman White

A faithful, collaborative leader with 14 years of ordained leadership experience at the congregational, diocesan, and wider-church level. Established skills in the alignment of mission and practice, congregational and leadership development, change management, conflict mediation, and the creation of new ministries. Grounded in an abiding faith in Jesus Christ, nurtured by the Spirit, filled with curiosity and hope about how God is calling us into the future.

Experience

Canon to the Ordinary for Congregational Development and Leadership 2018 – Present **Diocese of Indianapolis**

Currently serve as executive staff to Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, connecting and equipping leaders at the congregational, regional, diocesan, and church-wide level.

- Facilitated transition to regional neighborhood governance structure, provide ongoing leadership development and support
- Established and direct diocesan College for Congregational Development
- Provided practical and pastoral support to clergy and lay leaders through the pandemic
- Developed, implemented, and continue to support new processes for: discernment to holy orders, clergy transitions, new clergy incorporation, mutual ministry reviews
- Initiated conversations that led to mission-driven change in diocesan budget, ongoing cash aid to congregations, and the establishment of the Bishop's Committee on Mission Strategy
- Engage diocesan communications and events to strengthen the connection between the diocesan mission and people's faithful lived experience throughout the diocese
- Lead collaboratively within our staff and in relationship with cathedral staff to improve communication, break down silos, and strengthen relationships
- Served as first contact and in continuing relationship with a congregation and its clergy seeking to affiliate with the Episcopal Church through the Diocese of Indianapolis
- Redeveloping diocesan youth ministry to be sustainable, representative, responsive to needs across the diocese, and consistent with the diocesan mission
- Helped establish and continue to staff diocesan Racial Justice and Education Team
- Supported initial discernment conversations about reunification with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, facilitated communications process as it moved into a more public phase
- Helped establish and staffed diocesan leadership team to host Presiding Bishop Curry's visitation to the Diocese of Indianapolis in 2022
- Support effective gatherings of diocesan leaders: Executive Council, Neighborhood Meetings, Clergy Conference, Diocesan Convention

Rector**2012 – 2018****St. Augustine's | Wilmette, IL**

Led this transition-sized congregation into a period of connection, transparency, and growth. Aligned a team of five full- and part-time staff to support vitality. Developed practical ways to deepen faith.

- Facilitated congregational growth from 196 members in 2013 to 430 in 2017
- Initiated transparency, accountability, and wider participation in congregation's outreach ministry grants program
- Integrated children's participation in worship
- Created and facilitated a faith-based community organizing training series for congregational, diocesan, and community leaders
- Developed a formation program that tied the Baptismal Covenant with the imperative to dismantle racism, which led to a continuing group committed to racial justice
- Wrote and distributed Common Prayer, a booklet with a simplified Daily Office to support people's practice of prayer

Associate Rector**2009 – 2012****The Church of the Holy Spirit | Lake Forest, IL**

Established greater hospitality and developed connections between generations, among new and established members, with our partner parish, and in the wider community.

- Organized two-year Confirmation program which included 70 youth and 20 adult mentors; wrote curriculum to align with congregational program
- Served as liaison to La Iglesia Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Waukegan; helped establish relationships between parishioners and leaders of both parishes
- Assisted in the founding of [Waukegan to College](#), now with 52 college graduates
- Re-established newcomer ministry, quadrupled newcomer households in the first year
- Assisted in adapting the Spiritual Life Survey and Good Book Club, now part of RenewalWorks at Forward Movement

High School Teacher**1999 – 2006****Salem-Keizer Public Schools | Salem, OR**

Built connections between new and established students, equipped leaders to take new perspectives based in compassion, raised expectations and capacity for underperforming students.

- Instituted a mentored freshman orientation program that included 60 upper-class mentors and the entire freshman class, continued throughout the year
- Established a school-wide writing program that improved skills of already-strong writers, offered scaffolded support to developing writers
- Licensed teacher of both Language Arts and Social Studies

High School Teacher**1997 – 1998****Central Public Schools | Independence, OR**

Served as an English teacher at a school district educating students from rural communities.

- Mentored Academic All-Stars Program
- Licensed teacher of both Language Arts and Social Studies
- Ended service mid-year due to the premature birth of my daughter

Organizations, Certifications, and Leadership

- Qualified Administrator: Intercultural Development Inventory (2023)
- Certified Step I & II Practitioner: Myers-Briggs Type Inventory (2022)
- Trainer and Director: College for Congregational Development (2019 – Present)
- Planning Team: Gathering the Next Generation (2019 – Present)
- Panelist: Leading Women (2019)
- President: Standing Committee, Diocese of Chicago (2017 – 2018)
- Member: Endowment Committee, Diocese of Chicago (2017 – 2018)
- Congregational Consultant: Diocese of Chicago (2016 – 2018)
- Participant: Women Embodying Executive Leadership (2017 – 2018)
- Member: Commission on Ministry, Diocese of Chicago (2010 – 2016)
- Participant: Beautiful Authority (2015)
- Dean: Evanston Deanery, Diocese of Chicago (2014 – 2016)
- Member: Deacon Leadership Team, Diocese of Chicago (2013 – 2014)
- Member: Task Force on the Diaconate, Diocese of Chicago (2012 – 2013)
- Preacher and Presenter: Berkeley at Yale Leadership Conference (2012)
- Member: Host Team for Presiding Bishop Visitation, Diocese of Chicago (2010)

Education

Master of Divinity Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL <i>Community Convener, Student Representative to the Faculty and Board, Preaching Excellence Program, Anne Kumpuris Scholarship Recipient, Fund for Theological Education Fellowship Recipient (2006 & 2007)</i>	2009
Master of Arts in Teaching Willamette University, Salem, OR	1997
Bachelor of Science Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR	1995
Associate of Arts Cottey College, Nevada, MO	1991