

# **The Right Reverend James Elliot Curry**

## **MINISTRY OBJECTIVE**

To provide vision for the proclamation of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments, to welcome and form Christians to live into the ministry of all the baptized every day of their lives, to develop and support leaders in mission in Christ's name, and to equip the church for its mission of transformation in our society and across the world.

## **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- 9 years experience as Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut
- 24 years of ordained ministry
- 3 years of experience as Provincial Bishop of Province I
- Leadership for local, diocesan, and church-wide program planning for mission development, social justice and ministry partnerships
- Extensive experience in leadership and mission development with Connecticut parishes
- 11 years of shared responsibility for Stewardship Education, Budget Preparation, and Program Oversight in the Diocese of Connecticut

## **MINISTRY SPECIALITIES**

### **Leadership Development**

- Created ministry networks for training and support of parish leadership
- Developed first safe church trainings in Connecticut
- Organized deanery support systems for shared ministries against violence and poverty

### **Evangelism**

- Taught workshops on one-to-one faith sharing for youth and adults
- Proclaims in every sermon the Good News of the Kingdom in the power of the Trinity
- Initiated the development of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission for Life Long Christian Formation

### **Administration**

- Oversees the Office of Christian Formation, Hispanic Ministries, Camp Washington, and Local and International Mission Partnerships
- Shared responsibility for the development and administration of the Diocesan Annual Budget
- Expanded work with parish vestries on goal development, implementation and evaluation of mission

### **Multi/Cross-cultural Ministry**

- Organized networks of support for parishes with mission relationships in Africa, the Spanish speaking Caribbean and Latin America, and Haiti.
- Gathers Hispanic clergy for support and continuing education
- Developed forums for urban and suburban parishes to address issues of justice and quality of life in our regions

- Initiated conversations around the diocese on building fully mutual relationships with members of other Provinces of the Anglican Communion

**Outreach and Social Justice Advocacy**

- Founded Bishops Working for a Just World to support bishops to claim a public voice in support of the social policy of the Episcopal Church
- Initiated a Hartford area conversation on peace in our streets
- Advocates regularly for support of the Millennium Development Goals in Congress
- Initiated the Millennium Development Fund in the Diocese for the support of international partnerships in development and mission
- Mobilized diocesan and parish support of Nets for Life in Mozambique

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

2000-present	<b>Bishop Suffragan</b>	Diocese of Connecticut
	•	Shared responsibility for all aspects of episcopal ministry in the diocese
1998-2000	<b>Canon to the Ordinary</b>	Diocese of Connecticut
	•	Executive officer of the diocese
1988-1998	<b>Rector</b>	Trinity Church, Portland, Connecticut
	•	Pastoral sized parish with concentration on lay ministry development and youth
1985-1988	<b>Curate</b>	Trinity Church, Torrington, Connecticut
	•	Shared responsibility for general parish ministry
1982-1985	<b>Seminarian Assistant</b>	St. Mary’s Church, Enfield, Connecticut
	•	Responsible for Christian Formation and youth ministry
1972-1982	<b>Elementary Teacher</b>	Gateway Schools, Huntington, Massachusetts

**EDUCATION:**

<b>MDiv.</b>	Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, New Haven, Connecticut	1985
<b>MEd. (Counseling)</b>	University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts	1979
<b>BA. (Religion)</b>	Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts	1970

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS IN THE COUNCILS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH:**

- Presiding Bishop’s Council of Advice
- Vice President and Provincial Bishop of Province I
- Vice Chair, Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church
- Chair, Legislative Committee of the General Convention on the Structure of the Church
- Convener, Bishops Working for a Just World
- Chair, Province I Task Force on Mission