

Charles Dean Taylor

Parish Experience

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Dalton, GA (www.stmarksdalton.org); 1990 - Present

- Created four major Outreach Programs to Develop and “give away” to the community: *Good Neighbors Mentoring Program*; *Hispanic Tutoring Program*; *DEO Medical Clinic* (Dalton Episcopal Outreach); *Family Promise* ministry to the homeless (current)
- Developed “Small Church Hybrid” solution to Children and Youth Education in small, isolated town: Godly Play, J2A, and youth Outreach Mission Projects to Jamaica, NY, and Lakota Indian Reserve
- Developed the *St. Mark's Lenten Lecture* series: “the best Adult Education of any parish this size in the nation,” according to Lenten Speaker Marcus Borg
- Grew conservative parish through controversies of 1997 and 2003: 32% membership growth. 158% budget growth
- Developed St. Mark's Endowment Fund: from \$880,000 deficit 1990 to \$112,000 present

St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Louisville, KY; 1987 - 1990; Assistant Rector

- Developed Outreach-oriented Youth Ministry, establishing ongoing contacts with Barnes Mountain ministries and Church of the Holy Spirit, Honduras
- Began Newcomer Committee with year-round gatherings and strategies for New Member Incorporation
- Developed *Marriage Enrichment* series and *Parenting* series for young adult ministries; resulted in YAC, Young Adults in Community
- Developed *st. Francis Youth Drama* programs for Stewardship, Newcomers, and Outreach support

Church of the Advent, Nashville, TN; 1984 - 1986; Assistant Rector

- Youth Minister: tripled size of both Jr. and Sr. High EYC
- Modernized *Diocese of Tennessee Forum* series on issue of Ethics and Abortion (from study at Catholic University with ethicist Charles Curran)
- Coordinated communications for NARPM (Nashville Association of Rabbis, Priests, and Ministers)

Education

- University of the South at Sewanee, BA in English 1978
- Virginia Theological Seminary, M.Div. 1984

Personal

- Married 28 years to Jane S. Taylor, Assistant Professor of English and Director of Public Relations, Dalton State College
- Three Children: Charlie (law school, University of Hawaii,) Conner (salesman, United Wine Distributors,) Lucy (junior psychology major, Sewanee.)

Other

- Awarded *Lilly Endowment* 2008 for sabbatical project, *Telling the Sacred Story: Peacemaking between the Children of Abraham*; included *Dalton Interfaith Project* with Temple Beth-El & Dalton Islamic Center, and the *Abraham Walk* with interfaith hikers
- Published *Mountain Grace*, collection of St. Mark's rector's sermons for 125th Anniversary; *Sarah's Story*: a dramatic account from Sarah on the near-sacrifice of Isaac, 2008
- Interests include white water canoeing, backpacking, biking, running, *ACI Shakespeare Theater* Productions. Principal cellist, Sewanee Symphony Orchestra, SSMC.

Other Work Experience

- BGC High School, Franklin/Nashville, TN; 1971 - 1981; English Teacher, Coach; Taught English Literature and Composition, History of England; Coached track, wrestling, swimming
- Demopolis Times, Demopolis, AL; 1978 - 1979; Newspaper Reporter, News Editor; In charge of all news in city and county; taking, developing, and printing all photos; working the printing machinery on printing day.
- Wrote series, *the African American Business Man in Demopolis: Have we come a Long Way?* and *Depression and Suicide in Demopolis*
- Family Farms: Eufaula, AL, Edison, GA; 1970 - 1978; Farm Work

Episcopal Church Experience

- Trustee, University of the South; 2002 - Current; Served on *Admissions Committee Task Force* to increase minority and inter-cultural student body. Also, committee on *Land Use and Acquirement of Lost Cove Cave* property
- Dean, Northwest Georgia Convocation; 1997 - Present
- Deputy to General Convention, 1997; Served on Committee for Lutheran-Episcopal Concordat. Alternate Deputy, 2003
- Member, Congregational Growth and Development Committee; 1994 - 2001; Task force consultant to parishes in conflict or financial difficulty
- Dean, Camp Mikell; 1992, 1993, 1994; Designed, staffed, and led week-long camps for elementary children and youth