

## **The Rev. Kurt H. Dunkle**

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### **Callings (employment)**

*Rector*, Grace Episcopal Church, Orange Park (suburban Jacksonville), Florida. November, 2006 to present.

After 965 of 1,000 members of Grace departed on Easter, 2006 due to conflict with The Episcopal Church, we are re-growing the church from a remaining core of 35 to approximately 400 members today. Average Sunday Attendance (2008) of 150. Rector of parish day school (3 year olds to 6<sup>th</sup> grade) of approx. 200 students.

*Canon to the Ordinary*, Episcopal Diocese of Florida, the Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard, Bishop, Jacksonville, Florida. May, 2004 - February, 2007.

As my first calling after seminary, I was Chief of Staff for the Office of the Bishop and served as Deployment Officer for the diocese. I represented the bishop in all aspects of diocesan life, particularly managing clergy and congregational conflict within the diocese. I reorganized the finances of the diocese and toward end of tenure, designed the structure to begin rebuilding of congregations in the diocese.

*Shareholder*, Rogers, Towers, Bailey, Jones and Gay, P.A. (law firm), Jacksonville, Florida., 1988-2001. *Co-Chairman*, Litigation Department, 1996-2001. *Chairman, Recruiting/Hiring Committee*, 1996-1999. Emphasis on commercial and construction litigation and counseling.

*Associate*, Holland & Knight (law firm), Lakeland, Florida, 1987-1988.

*Interim Coordinator*, St. Petersburg Downtown Improvement Corporation, St. Petersburg, Florida, 1983-1984.

### **Preparation for Callings (education)**

The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York, New York. Master of Divinity, May, 2004.

*Recipient*, Seymour Prize in Preaching, May 2003 (seminary-wide competition).

*Member*, Admissions Committee, 2002-2004.

*Participant*, Preaching Excellence Conference, June, 2003.

University of Florida, College of Law, Gainesville, Florida. Juris Doctorate, May 1987.

*Editorial Board*, University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy, 1986-1987.

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Bachelor of Arts (Public Policy), May 1983.

## **Church, Professional and Civic Involvements and Honors**

*Participant*, Clergy Leadership Project, Trinity Church (Wall Street). A two-year leadership training immersion experience at West Cornwall, Connecticut. 2008 and 2009.

*Member*, Commission on Ministry, Episcopal Diocese of Florida. 2008 to present.

*Chairman*, Bishop's Cross Service Award Nominating Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Florida. 2007 to present.

*Rector*, Board of Trustees, Grace Episcopal Day School. 2006 to present.

*Assistant Registrar*, The Episcopal Church (appointed by the Presiding Bishop for the consecration of The Rt. Rev. Paul Lambert, Suffragan Bishop, Dallas). 2008.

*Board of Directors*, Camp Weed and the Cerveny Conference Center, the camp and conference center of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. 2008 to present.

*Deputy (C2)*, General Convention 2009, The Episcopal Church.

*Cursillista* (1997) and *Priest/Spiritual Advisor and Rollista* (2004 - present), Cursillo. *Geritol*, Happening (2009).

*Chairman of the Board of Trustees*, WJCT (Jacksonville's PBS television and radio station), 2000-2001. *Chairman of the Community Advisory Board*, 1993-1995. *Executive Committee*, \$7.0 Million Capital Campaign for digital conversion, 1999-2001.

Named as one of the  $\Delta$ 100 Emerging Leaders in the Next Decade $\text{\textcircled{R}}$  by *The Florida Times-Union* (Jacksonville's daily newspaper), September 12, 1999 and January 2, 2000.

*Board of Governors*, The Florida Yacht Club, Jacksonville, Florida, 1998-2001.

*Board of Trustees*, St. Mark's Episcopal Day School, 1998-2001.

*Board of Governors*, The Florida Bar, Young Lawyer's Division, 1992 - 1996.

*Inaugural Class*, Jacksonville Community Foundation, Philanthropic Initiative, 1998-2001.

## **Personal**

Born August 23, 1961 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Baptized and confirmed, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, St. Petersburg, Florida. Life-long Episcopalian.

Married to Cathleen Brooke Dunkle (Jacksonville, Florida), also a life-long Episcopalian, on May 16, 1987.

Two daughters: Caroline (17 in 12<sup>th</sup> grade) and Maddie (15 in 10<sup>th</sup> grade), both at Episcopal High School, Jacksonville, Florida.

Ordained transitional deacon on May 30, 2004 and priest on December 5, 2004, St. John's Cathedral, Episcopal Diocese of Florida.