

The Rev. Paul A. Johnson

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Personal Information

Married to Bernadette Deane Johnson August 23, 1986. Three children: Samuel (19); Thomas (16); Peter (14).

Ordination History

Baptized a Christian in 1961 in the Swedish Evangelical Covenant Church; confirmed baptismal vows and was confirmed in March 1970 by the Rt. Rev. James W. Montgomery, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago; ordained to the diaconate by the Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia, in June 1990; ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Lee in September 1991.

Professional History

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| 1993-present | Vicar, then Rector, of Christ Church, Glen Allen, VA, a 2200 member congregation located in the western suburbs of Richmond, VA. Began service as founding vicar/pastor for the purpose of helping create the vision, systems, and structure for a new church. Led and managed transition from borrowed space to permanent space, including three fund-raising efforts and two building projects. Have continued service with Christ Church, helping the congregation to grow both deeper and broader. Christ Church is now a multi-staff congregation of 750 +/- persons in worship each weekend with an active ministry of missions and service in Richmond, our nation, and the world. |
| 1990-1993 | Assistant Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, an historic church in downtown Richmond, VA. Primary areas of responsibility were youth ministry and evangelism. |
| 1987-1990 | Seminary field work at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, an urban congregation in Hartford, CT; seminary field work at Christian Community Action, a faith-based provider of housing for families in New Haven, CT. |
| 1983-1987 | High School History Teacher, St. Agnes (now St. Stephen's/St. Agnes) School in Alexandria, Virginia. |

Education

1990 M Div from the Yale Divinity School; Diploma in Anglican Studies from the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

1983 BA in History from Duke University, Magna cum Laude.

Participation in Diocesan and National Church Efforts

Member of Commission on Church Planting in the Diocese of Virginia from 1993 to 1996, and again from 2004 to the present. Chair of the Committee on Church Status for the Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia, 2005 to present. Co-chair, South African Partnership Commission in the Diocese of Virginia from 1990 to 1992. In 2009, Christ Church was one of two recipients of the Vital Congregations Award granted by the Episcopal Church Foundation.

Presenter at “Plant My Church” conferences, sponsored by the General Church Office, in 2004, 2005, and 2009.

Participant in missions to Sudan, Peru, Dominican Republic, helping to build relationships with the people and Anglican communities in each of these nations. Participant in a racial reconciliation ministry in Richmond called “Summer Camp on the Hill.” Participant in Katrina response in partnership with St. John’s Episcopal Church, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Personal Interests

I play electric bass in a charity fund-raising rock ‘n roll band called “The Rockin’ Samaritans.” My favorite way of exercising is to go for a long run. I read the daily paper, but like to begin with the sports section. I take great pleasure in watching a movie with my family; and taking ballroom dance lessons, walking the dog, or going out to dinner with my wife. I read a lot of history, with particular interests around the presidency of the United States and WWI and WWII military history.