

The Rev. Bonnie Anne Perry, D.Min.
4550 North Hermitage Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60640

www.allsaintschicago.org

Education

- 1998 Doctor of Ministry Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
(Congregational Development)
1988 Master of Divinity Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY
(Practical Theology)
1984 Bachelor of Arts College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA
(Biology)

Ordained

- June 2, 1990 to the diaconate
December 15, 1990 to the priesthood

Ministries

Parish

- All Saints' Episcopal Church** Chicago, Illinois November 1992 to the present
Rector November 2000 to the present
Congregational Development Vicar November 1992 to November 2000

In my tenure All Saints has grown from being a diocesan supported mission congregation with fewer than 35 people attending on a Sunday to a program size self-supporting parish. Our pledge income has increased more than tenfold from 1992 to 2009; our operating budget for 2009 is \$425,000. Weekly Sunday attendance is now more than 220. The average age of parishioners at All Saints' is 36. The staff has increased from a part-time organist and half-time clergy person to a full-time rector, full-time curate, full-time parish administrator, and half-time music director. Outreach ministries have flourished and more than 21% of the annual operating budget is directed to local, diocesan, national and international outreach.

In 2001 the congregation incorporated its food pantry and community kitchen creating Ravenswood Community Services, a non-profit agency that offers groceries, hot meals, compassion and community to neighbors in need. The operating budget for Ravenswood Community Services for 2009 is \$203,000. In the fall of 2004 Ravenswood Community Services was recognized as the twelfth Episcopal Charity in the Diocese of Chicago.

In the spring of 2002 the congregation successfully completed an \$864,000 capital campaign for building restoration and renovation. 10% of the monies collected were donated to our diocese to support new initiatives in Congregational Development.

In the fall of 2002, in order to alleviate overcrowding, the congregation added a third Sunday morning worship service.

In the spring of 2003 All Saints' was chosen to be one of five congregations participating in the "Making Excellent Disciples" program, a Lilly Endowment funded project created to pair dynamic congregations with newly ordained clergy, enabling that person to spend his or her first two years of ministry immersed in a healthy, growing congregation.

In the winter of 2008 the congregation initiated a second capital campaign and has thus far raised pledges totaling \$839,000. We designated 10% of our capital campaign to "change the world" with 5% of our contributions going to the children in the diocese of Renk, Sudan, 3% to our partner parish St. Luke's, New Orleans and 2% going to Ravenswood Community Services.

In the fall of 2008 we expanded our church school wing to accommodate the more than 90 children who attend regularly. In the coming years we anticipate using the remainder of the capital campaign money to restore our building's exterior.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Clifton, NJ September 1991 to October 1992

Interim Rector

Christ Church Ridgewood, NJ August 1989 to September 1991

Associate Rector for Outreach and Youth Ministries

Christ Church Hackensack, NJ April 1998 to August 1989

Parish Missioner & Coordinator of Volunteers

for the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County

Congregational Consultant

Vestry Retreat and Strategic Planning:

St. Anskar's, Rockford, IL April 2007

Church of the Holy Nativity, Clarendon Hills, IL Feb 2007

St. Richard's Church, Chicago, IL October 2006

Trinity Church, Highland Park, IL February 2006

St. John's, Chicago, IL February 2006

Emmanuel Church, Rockford, IL September 2005

St. Mary's, Crystal Lake, IL May 2005

St. Mary's, Park Ridge, IL March 2005

Church of the Incarnation, Bloomingdale, IL February 2005

Grace Church, Madison, WI January 2005

The People's Church (UCC and UUA), Chicago, IL June 2004

St. Paul and the Redeemer, Chicago, IL May 2004

Christ Church, Waukegan, IL March 2004

Emmanuel Church, Alexandria, MN January 2003, March 2003, September 2003

St Andrew's, Grand Rapids, Michigan February 1996

Academic

Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois

Adjunct Faculty and Instructor

Fall 2002 to the present

Courses:

"Leading Change in the Congregation" Winter 2008 & Fall 2008

"Advanced Studies in Congregational Leadership" Winter 2005 & 2006

“Field Education Seminar Facilitator” Winter 2003 & 2004
“Congregational Development and Leadership: An Independent Study and Practicum for M.Div. Students” Fall 2002
Field Education Supervisor Fall 1993 to the present

Guest Lecturer Seabury Institute Doctor of Ministry Program
Spring 2000 to the present

University of Chicago Divinity School

Field Education Supervisor

September 1995-May 1996, September 1997-May 1998, September 2001-May 2002, September 2005-May 2006, September 2007-May 2008

Fund for Theological Education

Panelist—Realities of Parish Ministry, Evanston, IL 2006

Group Moderator for Undergraduate and Graduate Fellows at the *Pastoral Identity Partnership for Excellence Summer Conference*, Fuller

Theological Seminary, June 2004

Willamette University

Internship Supervisor for Undergraduate Student Interns for the Lilly Endowment Project “Programs for Theological Exploration of Vocation,” Summer 2004

Elmhurst College

Internship Supervisor for Undergraduate Student Interns for the Reinhold Niebuhr Center, a Lilly Endowment Project “Programs for Theological Exploration of Vocation,” Winter 2004

Doctoral Thesis

“Visions for Vitality: A Study of Three Vigorous, Cutting-Edge Congregations.”

Publications

“Mind Change: A book review of Changing Minds”

Congregations. Vol.31 (2). Spring 2005.

“Changing Peoples’ Lives: A book review of Leadership that Matters”

Congregations. Vol. 30 (3). Summer 2004.

“Stepping Off the High Dive: How Using a Facilitator Improves the Evaluation Process” *Congregations*. Vol. 28 (2). March/April 2002.

“The Cluetrain Manifesto: 95 New Theses Our Churches Ought Not Ignore”

Congregations. Vol. 27 (3). May/June 2001.

“An Endangered Species: A book review of Gathering of the Next Generation”

Congregations. Vol.27 (2). March/April 2001.

“Who Died and Left Us in Charge: How Three Gen X Ministers Mentor Each Other and Run a Church.” *The Catalyst*. Vol. 1 (3). Advent 2000.

Presentations

Keynote Addresses

“Stewardship and Congregational Development” Keynote Presenter Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan, September 2007.

“Evangelism for the 21st Century”, Keynote Presenter Lutheran School of Theology, Philadelphia, PA April 2007.

Commencement Preacher, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL June 2006

“Evangelism Is...God, Passion, Vision, Outreach and Liturgy” Keynote Address for the Diocese of Massachusetts’ Diocesan Convention, November 2004.

“Upon this Rock: The Word in Congregational Development” Designed and presented a three day conference for 30 small rural churches in the Diocese of West Virginia, October 2003.

“Imagine—the Kingdom of God” Keynote speaker for the Episcopal Women’s Caucus, General Convention, Minneapolis, 2003.

“Evangelism and Congregational Development” Keynote speaker for the Province I Annual Stewardship, Evangelism, and Congregational Development Conference, Westborough, Massachusetts, March 2003.

“The Rising Phoenix: Stewardship, Worship and Leadership for a Congregation’s Rebirth” Keynote speaker for the Diocese of West Virginia’s Diocesan Convention, Wheeling, West Virginia, May 2002.

“Reaching Out and Inviting Gen X In,” Keynote speaker for the Diocese of Arkansas Diocesan Convention, Little Rock, Arkansas, February 2001.

Workshops and Presentations

“Leadership in Congregations” The University of Chicago Divinity School, Spring, 2007.

“Evangelism in a secular world” Diocese of Chicago Diocesan Convention November 2004

“Who’s sitting in my pew: Congregational Growth and Development” Diocese of Chicago Vestry School, April 2003.

“Talking about my Generation: Young Adult Evangelism” Consortium for Endowed Parishes, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 2003.

“Stepping off the High Dive: Clergy Evaluation in the Congregation” Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, October 2002.

“Creative Liturgies for Congregational Development” Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, June 2001 and July 2001.

“How Body Piercing Can Enhance Your Congregation: Creative Liturgies to Reach Generation X” Consortium for Endowed Congregations in the Episcopal Church. Indianapolis, Indiana, February 2001.

“Gen X Preaching: One example” Co-presenter at the College of Preachers, National Cathedral, Washington, D.C. January 2001.

“Recreating the Commons: How the Church Can Be the Center of the Community” Diocese of Chicago Evangelism Conference, April 2000.

“Young Adult Evangelism” Seabury Institute for Congregational Studies Extension Campus, Houston, Texas, April 2000.

“Creating Secular Holy Days: Innovative Liturgies for Congregational Development” Seabury Institute for Congregational Studies Extension Campus, Houston, Texas, January 2000.

“Taking Starbucks to Church: How to Reach Young Adults” Diocese of Chicago Evangelism Conference, May 1999.

“Up from the Ashes: One Congregation’s Story of Rebirth” Diocese of Minnesota Evangelism Conference, April 1999.

“The Phoenix Rises: Congregational Development from the Inside,” Congregational Development Institute, Diocese of Minnesota, March 1998.

“Where to Start: A Plan for Congregational Redevelopment” McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, Spring 1994.

National Positions

Co-Creator and Co-Convener of the Chicago Consultation 2006 to the present

The Chicago Consultation is a national and international gathering of more than 100 bishops, theologians, lay and clergy church leaders from the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion committed to Full Inclusion for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered people in all orders of ministry. In the past two years we have raised more than \$400,000 to fund this vital justice-seeking group.

Chair of the Clergy Leadership Subcommittee for the 2020 Task Force (part 2)
December 2001 to 2003

Diocesan Positions

Seabury-Western Board of Directors Fall 2008 - present
Episcopal Charities & Community Services Board of Trustees 2006 - present
President, Standing Committee for the Diocese of Chicago 2007-2008
Standing Committee for the Diocese of Chicago 2003-2004, 2005 - present
Diocesan Strategic Task Force Implementation Committee 2003 - 2004
Chair, Diocesan Congregational Development Committee 2000 - 2002
Diocesan Commission on Ministry—Discernment Weekend 2000, 2001
Chair, Diocese of Chicago General Convention Deputation 1997, 2000
Diocese of Chicago General Convention Deputation 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006
President, Standing Committee for the Diocese of Chicago 1998 - 1999
Standing Committee Diocese of Chicago 1996 - 1999
Diocesan Council Representative 1993 - 1998
Chair, Diocesan Annual Stewardship Campaign 1993-1997

Community Involvement

Local School Council, Ravenswood Elementary School 2005 - present
President, Ravenswood Community Services 2004 - present
President, Ravenswood School Based Health Care Centers' Advisory Board
1999 - 2006
Ravenswood School Based Health Care Centers' Advisory Board 1996 - present
Trustee, Ravenswood Health Care Foundation 2002 - present
Advisory Committee for Affordable Senior Housing 47th Ward City of Chicago
January 2001 - present

Recreation

American Canoe Association (ACA) -- certified open water coastal kayak instructor,
ACA Instructor Trainer Candidate and certified Eskimo Roll instructor
British Canoe Union (BCU)—Level 3 Sea Coach & four star paddler
Wilderness Medical Associates (WMA)— Wilderness First Responder
Recreational tree climber and avid reader.