

THE REVEREND CANON BRITT E. OLSON

MINISTRY STATEMENT

My passion is helping people connect with God and one another through worship, preaching, outreach and caring ministries. As Christ's body, we are given a shared ministry of bringing faith, hope and love into the world. We are called to risky, radical, transformational living, which will result in the growth of our own spiritual lives and the growth of God's inclusive community.

EDUCATION

CHURCH DIVINITY SCHOOL OF THE PACIFIC, Berkeley, California

Master of Divinity, 1993-1996

RIPON THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, Anglican Seminary, Oxford, England

Theological Studies, 1994-1995

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oregon

Bachelor of Arts with honors, 1977-1981

EXPERIENCE

DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Canon to the Ordinary, 2006 to Present

Representing the Bishop, I travel to all 72 of our rural, urban and suburban congregations covering 52,000 miles in the top third of the State. My primary areas of focus are transition ministry (deployment), visioning, clergy support and development, congregational development, conflict management and strategic planning. I assist with planning Diocesan Convention, Clergy Conference, Fresh Start, Congregational Leadership Conferences, the Bishop's Conference and other events. I am involved with all diocesan organizations including Council, Trustees (Board), Foundation, Camp Noel Porter and Episcopal Community Services. Often my role comprises "other duties as assigned!"

DIOCESE OF EL CAMINO REAL

Canon for Evangelism and Congregational Development, 2005-2006

During the interim between diocesan bishops, I served the diocese in the areas of transition ministry (deployment), clergy development, congregational development, evangelism, stewardship and strategic planning. Together with the Standing Committee, we developed a new structure and apportionment formula for the diocese and prepared for a new bishop.

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sparks, Nevada

Rector, 1998-2005

Responsible for 425 communicants with an average attendance over three services of 200. Oversight of \$300,000 budget, seven part-time staff and three clergy associates. Developed neighborhood feeding and tutoring program, contemporary worship service, lay ministries, medical clinic in Kenya (IDM), and active youth programs.

CHRIST CHURCH Lake Oswego, Oregon

Assistant Rector, 1996-1998

Responsible for Children, Youth and Adult Education on a multi-staff team in a corporate-sized suburban parish. Developed catechumenate, EFM, Sunday School and Children's Chapel. Assisted in worship planning, preaching and pastoral care.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, Portland, Oregon

Associate for Program 1992-1993

Developed and coordinated educational programs for children, youth and adults, including nursery, church school, Vacation Bible School, adult forums, junior and senior high youth groups. As a layperson, preached regularly and provided pastoral ministry as needed.

NORTHWEST EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM OF ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON, Portland, Oregon

Executive Director, 1991-1993

Managed and directed a nonprofit food program in the inner city. Provided fund raising, budgeting, staff and volunteer management and coordination with other community services in an ecumenical context.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Tacoma Washington & Salem, Oregon

Campus Minister, 1985-1991

Provided a student-oriented program for the development of leadership and spiritual life.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, Puyallup, Washington

Director of Therapeutic Recreation, 1981-1986

Designed and developed a Therapeutic recreation Department within an existing multi-disciplinary rehabilitation team. Provided administration, budgeting, public relations, staff, student and volunteer supervision and facility management.

LEADERSHIP

IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

- General Convention Deputy, Diocese of Nevada, 2003
- Standing Committee Member, Diocese of Nevada, 1999-2002 Term beginning one month after the tragic death of our Bishop. The Standing Committee served as the sole Ecclesiastical Authority for the diocese for 16 months. We were responsible for all financial and personnel issues, the election process for a new Bishop and oversight of Diocesan programs. I served as Chair of the Resolutions Committee and as a Board Member of the Camp Galilee Retreat and Conference Center for the Diocese.
- Instructor, Preachers in training for Diocese of Nevada, 2000-2004

ECUMENICAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Alternate Member, Institutional Review Board for Washoe Medical Center Research, 2001
- Volunteer and Board Member, Kids' Klub and Kids' Café After School Program, 1999-2005
- Spiritual Pilgrimage Leader, Led trips to England exploring Celtic, Roman and current religious practices, 1998-2004

OTHER INTERESTS

I am an active hiker, skier and snow-shoer, exploring the Sierra Nevada Mountains and foothills as often as possible. I also enjoy cooking, entertaining, reading and travel.