

The Reverend Canon Melissa Jane McCarthy

Education

MASTER OF DIVINITY | JUNE 2005 | CHURCH DIVINITY SCHOOL OF THE PACIFIC

- Continuing education at CDSP in Homiletics 2005-2006

BACHELOR OF ARTS | JUNE 1998 | UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

- Major: Religious Studies

Parish Ministry

ASSISTING CLERGY | ST. MARK'S EPISOCPAL CHURCH IN BERKELEY, CA | 2005-2006

- Regular preaching and presiding in the main Sunday morning services as well as responsibility for developing, implementing, and leading a Sunday evening mass for students.

PRIEST ASSOCIATE | THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY IN OAK PARK, CA | OCTOBER 2006- SEPTEMBER 2008

- Primary responsibilities were Christian formation for adults, Outreach liaison between committee, congregation, and staff, and was also responsible for new member ministry. In addition to these responsibilities, I shared with the Vicar in preaching, presiding, and pastoral services as well as pastoral care.

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE | THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY IN OAK PARK, CA | SEPTEMBER 2008-JUNE 2009

- During this interim period, I was the Priest-in-Charge at Epiphany and was responsible for all areas of mission and ministry in the congregation, oversight of staff and lay leaders, as well as the usual preaching and pastoral care required in a church with one priest. The interim period included discernment of my call to stay on as their Vicar, at which point I turned over the transition ministry to a team of lay leaders.

VICAR | THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY IN OAK PARK, CA | JULY 2009-OCTOBER 2017

- Responsible for overseeing all ministries and missions of the church as well as preaching, presiding, and pastoral care. For most of my tenure at Epiphany, I was the only priest on staff and managed a staff of 9-12 people. My primary responsibilities were in staff management and development, administration, leadership development, and pastoral ministry.

CANON TO THE ORDINARY | EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES | NOVEMBER 2017- PRESENT

- As Canon to the Ordinary I am chief of a 60-member staff and right-hand to the Bishop Diocesan. I manage all Title IV matters, oversee the Commission on Ministry and our office of Formation and Transition Ministries. Together with the Bishop Diocesan and Bishop Suffragan, we provide pastoral, administrative, and financial oversight to all churches and institutions in our 5.5 county diocese.

Diocesan and Churchwide Leadership

DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP ROLES

- Member of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles from 2011-2016. I served as Standing Committee President in 2015 and 2016
- Commission on Ministry 2008-2010, 2016
- Dean of Deanery 1 2010-2018
- Mentor/Facilitator for the newly ordained, 2010-2022
- Director, Corporation of the Diocese 2016
- Disciplinary Board member 2010-2017
- Canterbury USC board member 2010-2017

CHURCHWIDE LEADERSHIP

- FreshStart Facilitator 2010
- Deputy to General Convention 2015 and 2018
- Member of the Presiding Bishop's Deputation to the Conference of the Parties 2021
- Consultant for "Love God, Love God's World" curriculum

INTERFAITH LEADERSHIP

- Member of the Board of Directors of CLUE Justice 2021-present
- Co-chair of the Board of CLUE Justice 2023-present

WORK EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO ORDINATION

- Ballet Instructor 1987-2002
- Operations Manager, Riverside County/Inland Empire Philharmonic 1998-2000
- Consultant, Riverside County/Inland Empire Philharmonic 2002
- Associate, Riverside Community College Dance Program 2000-2004