

CALHOUN WALPOLE

PRIEST of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina

EXPERIENCE

- ***Archdeacon, The Diocese of South Carolina*** January 2013-present. Our diocese suffered a separation in late 2012 and since then those of us who remained in the Episcopal Church have been engaged in a massive effort to rebuild and restore—endeavoring to make room for resurrection, which only our Lord can bring. Our work, we know, is eternal. Those of us serving are privileged to stand upon the shoulders of the saints who have gone before us—who faithfully and joyfully toiled in these very fields in their own day. Since January 2020, I have been serving as the pastoral contact; and, together with the diocesan staff, managing the diocesan office and overseeing all the day-to-day functions of the diocese, and under the leadership of the Standing Committee, the ecclesiastical authority during this time.
- ***Vicar and Subdean, Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston***, January 2009-present. Grace Church, founded in 1846, became the cathedral church of the diocese in 2015. Grace is a thriving congregation of 3300 in the center of the City with a high volume and quality of liturgical offerings under the direction of Dean Michael Wright, as well as expansive outreach in the local community and beyond. As subdean it is my pleasure to serve in every aspect of the Cathedral's life and ministry—from regular

ministration of the Sacraments and pastoral work to participating in the planning and executing of a wide array of liturgies, together with preaching and teaching, even to receiving pilgrims as Charleston—and Grace—more and more are becoming pilgrimage destinations.

- ***Priest-in-Charge, St Mark's Episcopal Church, Charleston, 2012-2013***
- ***Assistant Rector, Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, Pawley's Island, 2005-2008***
- ***Diocesan Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministries and Lay Vicar, Iglesia de San Juan, Diocese of South Carolina, 1999-2003***
- ***Spanish Language Teacher, Bishop England High School, Charleston, 1994-1999***
- ***Spanish Language Teacher, Burke High School, Charleston, 1990-1994***

EDUCATION

- Master of Divinity, ***the School of Theology, the University of the South, Sewanee, 2005***
- Bachelor of Arts with a major in Spanish and minor in History, ***Clemson University, 1990***

COMMUNITY AND CIVIC MINISTRY

- Co-Facilitator and founder, ***Tuesday Book Study***—a joint venture with AME minister Kylon Middleton and members of Grace Church Cathedral and Mt Zion AME and other local AME and Episcopal congregations, 2016-present. Over thirty works read to date and average attendance regularly ranges between 45-60. The works read lead us into deep exploration and discussion pertaining to matters of race. At present we are working on a publication chronicling our efforts recognizing that our weekly

gatherings are becoming something of a model for regular and prolonged interracial and inter-cultural engagement. A reading list is available upon request.

- Co-Facilitator and founder of ***Okra Soup: Unite!***—Okra Soup suppers regularly held in the Cathedral parish hall hosting a variety of speakers and drawing from the wider community and beyond. Guided conversation occurs around tables as participants partake of okra soup, that quintessential South Carolina dish in which each ingredient enhances the flavor of the whole. Members of the City of Charleston Police Department are regular participants. A recent okra soup supper was featured on C-SPAN's "Book TV."
- ***Mayor's Clergy Council***, Charleston, 2017-present
- ***City of Charleston's 350th Commission*** in anticipation of the observance of the 350th anniversary of the founding of Charles Towne in 1670
- ***Racial Awareness Advisory Board at Middleton Place*** 2020-Present—Offer advice and counsel on the various exhibits and presentations at Middleton Place.
- ***Board of Trustees, Voorhees College***, Denmark, SC 2019-Present; Secretary of the Board 2020-Present

DIOCESAN MINISTRY

- Regular sacramental and pastoral visits around the diocese in archdeacon role
- Diocesan Council, Ex Officio, 2013-present
- Commission on Ministry, 2013-present
- Secretary of the annual convention of the diocese, 2013-present
- Chaplain, Pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela, 2017 and 2014
- Steering Committee late 2012-early 2013 when we as a diocese were without a bishop or standing committee or any of the mechanisms of a diocese.

- Dominican Development Group, Diocese of the Dominican Republic and Diocesan Liaison, 1997-2003

PUBLICATIONS AND PRODUCTIONS

- Editor and founder, ***Carolina Grace: Gold for the Soul***, 2009-present—an occasional journal of writings by Episcopalians in and from South Carolina designed to offer hope and encouragement. Themes have included: *Communion, Freedom, Pilgrimage, Wilderness, Forgiveness, Strength in Weakness, Journey, Saints*.
- Executive Producer, ***Truth in Cold Blood***, a play by Thomas Tisdale on the murder of Bishop William Alexander Guerry, Dock Street Theatre, Charleston, July 2014
- Author of the **Introduction**, ***Truth in Cold Blood***, 2014
- “**Church Unity**: From the Bishop and Archdeacon,” November 12, 2018
- Author of the Preface to the 2018 edition of *A Twentieth Century Prophet: Being the Life and Thought of William Alexander Guerry*
- Course Outline for a 3-6 week course on matters of faith based on the musical “Hamilton,” 2019
- Article, “Hugh Swinton Legare: Diplomat,” *The Huguenot Church in Charleston*, 2018
- ***An Ordinary Summer: Reflections by the Venerable Calhoun Walpole***, 2013
- Co-Author of the **Foreword** to the 50th anniversary edition of ***ELY: Too Black, Too White***—to be published in February 2021

INTERESTS

Walking, Gardening, Kayaking, Reading, Writing, History