



The Rev. Dr. Howard W. (Doc) Whitaker

Consulting Clinical Clergy (retired)
Scottsboro, Alabama

Current The Episcopal Church, Howard W. Whitaker, D.Min., New York Books

Previous The Episcopal Church, State of New Jersey, Clinical Pastoral Services

Education Wesley Theological Seminary; Episcopal Theological Seminary in Kentucky; American University; Columbia Military Academy

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Summary

I am mostly retired Episcopal clergy. I still travel nationally for short term deployments. I have been a priest in clinical practice for over 30 years, serving in office, hospital, and parish settings. I am the former department head of a large state psychiatric hospital: served on the governing body and chaired the ethics committee. There are two areas of church work that still interest me. Otherwise, I would just as soon raise bees and sell books.

I will consult for religious issues in psychiatry. I am a pathologist. I work with trauma, religious psychopathology, personality disorder, religious abuse, self-injury, and misconduct. If you are one of those bishops whose churches don't have such problems: please look elsewhere. Please do not call me for standard-issue interim positions. [c.f. Luke 5:31]

I also want to return to my earlier career work with underclass and working poor communities. I will work with congregations doing poverty informed, culturally competent ministry in that space. Not paternalism, not charity, not values critique, not *noblesse oblige*, but mutually respectful, learning, empowering, loving communion. I am a poor peoples' pastor.

Experience



Priest

The Episcopal Church
December 1988 – Present

Began church career in seminary on Diocesan (LEX) Staff as assistant to the Canon for Missions with various assignments in Eastern Kentucky. Served as Rector of an historic English land grant parish (est. 1692) on Maryland's eastern shore. Completed doctorate and transitioned into clinical pastoral roles in psychiatry.

Over the remaining years have been Priest-in-Charge, Interim, Priest-in-residence, *Locum Tenens*, Consultant: travel nationally for short-term, clinically driven, incident management, and locum tenens deployments. These assignments typically involve trauma violence, conflict, closure, misconduct, mergers, suicide, or other significant development.

Present canonical residence: Newark. Have worked in Dioceses of Lexington, Southwestern Virginia, Easton, Alabama, East Tennessee, Newark, Western New York, and Central New York. Have skill; will travel.

Director

Howard W. Whitaker, D.Min.
July 1994 -- Present

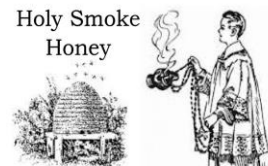


Consulting with individuals, families, congregations, and institutions for religious issues in psychiatry. Focus areas in trauma, religious psychopathology, conflict management, organizational behavior, personality disorders, and self-injury. D/B/A Clinical Pastoral Services, Chattanooga, TN, 1994-2002. I still see a few long standing clients or referrals from known sources.
<http://www.howardwhitaker.net>

Principal

Hamrick Whitaker & Associates
2004 – Present | Scottsboro, Alabama

With my spouse and partner Kay E. Hamrick, R.N., M.Div. we hold this umbrella for several cottage businesses, including: New York Books – The Second Hand Lamb – Health Care Care Consulting – Hamrick Whitaker Transport -- Holy Smoke Apiary/Scottsboro Bee Company -- Rental Housing and Property Management.



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Director of Pastoral Services - Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital

State of New Jersey
2002 – 2010 (8 years) Morris Plains, New Jersey
Department Head, Executive Management Committee, and Chair of Ethics.



Staff Chaplain

Sheppard Pratt Psychiatric Hospital
1991-- 1994 (3 years) | Baltimore, Maryland. Advanced & Supervisory Residency. ACPE.



Rector - North Sassafras Parish

The Episcopal Church

1990 – 1994 (4 years) | Earleville, Maryland

Established 1692



Staff Chaplain - Lakeshore Mental Health Institute

State of Tennessee

1989 – 1990 (1 year) | Knoxville, Tennessee



Staff - Episcopal Diocese of Lexington

The Episcopal Church

1986 – 1990 (4 years) | Lexington, Kentucky

Assistant to the Canon for Mission



ACPE Intern & On-Call Chaplain

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

1988 – 1989 (1 year)



Owner/Operator

Whitaker Automotive

1977 – 1983 (8 years)

Burnsville-Mars Hill, North Carolina

Garage & Wrecker Service



Police Officer/Police Agent

Baltimore City Police Department

1974 – 1976 (2 years)

Eastern District – Operations Squad



Publications

A Pastoral Commentary on Dissociative Disorders: A primer for pastors

CPS1994

Numerous articles, sermons, lectures, reviews

Professional publications. Perennial speaker and presenter for clergy, chaplain, psychiatry, and social work events.

Certifications

Board Certified Chaplain (Retired)

Association of Professional Chaplains/College of Chaplains
March 1994 – March 2014



Board Certified Chaplain (Retired)

Association of Mental Health Clergy
March 1994 – March 2014

Episcopal Priest

Present Canonical Residence: Diocese of Newark, License Prior: Diocese of Lexington; Diocese of Easton
Starting 1988 - Present

Education

Wesley Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry, Emotional Systems and Pastoral Care
1991 – 1994



Thesis: "Where Your Treasure Is: Financial and Emotional Over-Investment in Clergy Deployment"

The College of Preachers, Washington National Cathedral

Multiple Residential Terms
1989 – 1991



Southern Empowerment Project

Training in support for Pittston Coal Strike
1989 Commission on Religion in Appalachia; Appalachian Peoples' Service Organization.

Leadership Academy for New Directions

1986 – 1988 Specialized training from (TEC) Standing Commission on the Church in Small Communities.

Episcopal Theological Seminary in Kentucky

Master of Divinity, Mission for the Church in Appalachia
1985 – 1988

Apprenticed to the Canon for Mission, who was also Professor of Economics and Chair of Labor Studies at the University of Kentucky.



American University

BS, Public Administration

1971 – 1974



Activities and Societies: Student newspaper; literary magazine, [print and photo] stringer for The Washington Star.

Columbia Military Academy

1966 – 1971

Classical southern boarding military school. ROTC Honor School, Department of the Army.



Volunteer Experience & Causes

Chaplain, Aviation Incident Response Team

American Red Cross

1999 – 2002 (3 years) | Disaster and Humanitarian Relief



On call for ARC/NTSB airline disaster. **Deployed: World Trade Center, 2001, two term Chief Chaplain, Family Assistance Center, Liberty Park.**

Co-coordinator Chaplain On-Call Program, Hazard, KY

Appalachian Regional Healthcare System

1988 – 1990 (2 years)



Clinical and Governance

Four Points, Inc.

1995 – 2013 (18 years) | Social Services



Domestic Violence Service Center for the five counties of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit of Northwest Georgia. Various times: Board of Directors, development, grant writing, clinical supervisor, and lead educator for court mandated parenting classes.

In retirement, pastoral and civic interest targeted to “working poor” families, particularly in the areas of healthcare, legal, workplace, and predatory finance. References available upon request. State specifics of inquiry.