

The Rev. SVEN LAYNE VANBAARS

Curriculum Vitae

EXPERIENCE

Rector, Abingdon Episcopal Church, White Marsh, VA *October 2010 – Present*

Chief Spiritual Officer for a vibrant, growing, rural parish.

Assistant Rector, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Williamsburg, VA *July 2008 – September 2010*

The Rev. Shirley Smith Graham, Rector

Seminarian, St. Paul's, Rock Creek Parish, Washington, DC *September 2007 - May 2008*

The Rev. Rosemari G. Sullivan, Rector

Seminarian, All Saints, Southern Shores, NC *June 2007- August 2007*

The Rev. Thomas Wilson, Rector

Seminarian, All Souls, Atlee, VA *September 2006- May 2007*

The Rev Dr. David Perkins, Vicar

PRE-SEMINARY WORK EXPERIENCE

Diocese of Virginia, Richmond, VA *August 1, 2000 – July 31, 2006*

Director of Stewardship and Development

Led a Diocesan-wide capital campaign that raised \$13.5 million.

Conducted many parish consultations on annual, capital and estate planning stewardship.

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA *July 1, 1999 – July 31, 2000*

Director of Annual Giving

Led an annual effort to raise \$4.2 million.

Directed a staff of 7 professionals.

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA *September 1991- June 1999*

Director of Annual Giving

Led an annual giving effort that grew from \$350,000 to \$1.1 million annually.

Oversaw gift processing, donor relations and donor research areas.

Chowan College, Murfreesboro, NC *September 1988 – September 1991*

Director of Alumni Relations

EDUCATION

Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

Masters of Divinity, May 2008

Union-PSCE, Richmond, VA

Coursework in Greek, Hebrew, Old Testament, Christian Education, and Ethics.

East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

Master of Public Administration, 1988

Bachelor of Arts, 1985

Craven Community College, New Bern, NC

Associate of Liberal Arts, 1983

ORDINATION AND CANONICAL STATUS

Ordained to the Priesthood, December 6, 2008, by The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee. Ordained to the Diaconate, May 24, 2008, by The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CPR Training, 2019.
Addiction – Bruton Parish Addiction
Williamsburg Lodge.
Preaching Peer Group, 2017.
Camino de Santiago, Sabbatical, September – October 2016.
E-formation, VTS, June 2016.
Immersion Spanish Language Training, 2015
Credo, 2011.
Seminar in Family Systems Theory, Virginia Theological Seminary, 2010-2011.
Think Tank on Stewardship in the Episcopal Church, 2009.

DIOCESAN & EPISCOPAL CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

Title IV Intake Officer, Diocese of Virginia, 2017-Present.
Committee on Liturgy and Music, Diocese of Virginia, 2017-Present.
Committee on Constitution and Canons, Diocese of Virginia, 2 Annual Conventions.
Think Tank on Creative Ministries, Diocese of Virginia, 2015-2016.
Standing Committee, Diocese of Virginia, 2012-2015.
Suffragan Bishop Nominating Committee, Diocese of Virginia, 2011-2012.
Chanco Board of Directors, Diocese of Southern Virginia, 2009-2011.
Committee on Race Relations, Diocese of Virginia, 2007-2008.
Region 14 President, Diocese of Virginia, 1999.
Committee on Stewardship, Diocese of Virginia, 1995-2000.
Class Steward, Virginia Theological Seminary, 2008-Present.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Abingdon Elementary School, Volunteer Reading Buddy. 2016-Present.
Gloucester Mathews Care Clinic, Board Member, 2016-Present.
Gloucester Educational Foundation, Board Member, 2017-Present.
Gloucester Ministerial Association, 2010-2019.
GUEST (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team), Founding President, 2014-2015.

MINISTRY SKILLS

Stewardship is one of my strongest gifts. Stewardship is a spiritual discipline that allows us to know God better. I have a broad and deep understanding of commitment programs, congregational giving patterns, endowment management, and capital fund efforts. My experiences have also given me gifts in

Congregational Development.

Preaching and leading **Worship** are strong gifts of mine. Feedback from parishioners and clergy colleagues has attested to my ability to proclaim the Word of God through sermons and liturgical presence in worship.

In **Pastoral Care**, I have gifts and experience in ministry with home bound, hospitalized and terminally ill parishioners. I have a passion for pastoral counseling and working with addictions.

I have participated in and grown spiritually from **Overseas Mission** and **Local Outreach** ministries. I see that these experiences help Christians grow in faith, love and knowledge. These experiences also serve to introduce the church to those who may know it or feel accepted by it.

In **Evangelism**, the church carries the Good News of Christ to our communities. I have canvassed neighborhoods and been successful in welcoming new members into the life of the church.

As a rector, I have honed my gifts in **Administration** of programs and finances. I have also developed my stewardship of paid staff and non-paid leaders as well as served as a mentor to people in the ordination process.

HOBBIES

I enjoy running (3 marathons), cooking, gardening, reading fiction, and movies. I travel as a way of finding re-creation and especially enjoy distance biking.