

### **The Rev. Meghan Froelich**



The Reverend Meghan F. Froehlich is a priest, executive leadership coach, facilitator, hospice chaplain, photographer, and writer. She brings over 25 years' experience in management, finance, technology, pastoral care, and preaching to her clients, congregation members, and colleagues.

Prior to ordination, Meghan was a consultant based in Washington, DC with national and international clients in management, finance, information technology and business process redesign.

Meghan currently serves on the Presiding Bishop's staff of The Episcopal Church as Director of the Office for Transition Ministry, where she supports the church-wide ministry of "discovering partnerships for excellence in ministry."

Prior to this ministry, Meghan served The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas as Canon to the Ordinary. Meghan's work included regular duties of the Canon to the Ordinary. Additionally, she also led diocesan process redevelopment, technology evaluation and upgrades, and provided presence and leadership in the diocese while the Bishop traveled extensively for the wider Church.

As an Episcopal priest, Meghan has served large and small, rural and urban parishes. She has been active in leadership in several dioceses in congregational development, ordination formation training, preaching enhancement, and has international experience in Honduras, England, Scotland, Ireland, Kenya, Palestine, and Israel. Meghan served as one of seven faculty members for The Episcopal Church's Fresh Start national program for five years, and as a Diocesan Trustee for five years during times of economic stress. She is published in the areas of eucharistic theology, financial management, and hospice care. Meghan is canonically resident in the Diocese of Ohio, and is adjunct priest with Christ Episcopal Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Old Dominion University and her Master of Divinity degree from Duke University.

### **The Rev. Dr. Molly James**



The Rev. Dr. Molly James, dean of formation for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, has been appointed deputy executive officer of the General Convention. In this role, she oversees parochial and diocesan reporting; coordinates with other professionals working in convention and meeting planning; works collaboratively with the deputy for legislation; and assists the executive officer in his various ministries.

She also serves as chair of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons. A deputy to General Convention in 2018, James led the Legislative Committee on Ministry.

She was also a deputy at the 2015 General Convention and served as assistant secretary to the Legislative Committee on Governance and Structure.

Ordained in 2005 by the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen in her home state of Maine, James has served as a hospital chaplain and a parish priest. She holds a PhD in theology from the University of Exeter, an MDiv from Yale Divinity School, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Tufts University. James serves as an adjunct professor at Hartford Seminary and at the University of St. Joseph, focusing on ethics and pastoral care.

She has helped reimagine and administer ordination discernment in the diocese. Her doctoral research became the book *With Joyful Acceptance, Maybe: Developing a Contemporary Theology of Suffering in Conversation with Five Christian Thinkers: Gregory the Great, Julian of Norwich, Jeremy Taylor, C.S. Lewis, and Ivone Gebara* (Wipf and Stock, 2013).

James has served as co-chair of Young Clergy Women International and as a board member for the Society of Scholar-Priests.

James and her husband, Reade (a mechanical engineer), live in West Hartford with their children Katherine and Halsted.



### **The Rev. Canon Altagracia Pérez-Bullard**

Before coming to VTS, Dr. Pérez-Bullard served as the Canon for Congregational Vitality in the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Through church leadership development, both lay and clergy, she assisted congregations as they engaged and collaborated with their changing contexts to bring new life to their communities.

Dr. Pérez-Bullard holds a Ph.D. in Practical Theology from Claremont School of Theology, CA, an M.Div. and STM from Union Theological Seminary, New York and B.S. in Educational Psychology from New York University.

She has served the Church for thirty years as a community leader, youth minister, and priest in the Dioceses of New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. As the rector in Los Angeles of St. Philip's, LA and Holy Faith, Inglewood, she led multicultural, bilingual congregations engaged in serving and ministering to the wider community. She also served as Dean of Deanery IV, El Centro, and Director of the Episcopal Urban Intern Program.

Dr. Pérez-Bullard has brought leadership to the issues of HIV/AIDS, youth violence, worker justice and a living wage, health disparities in communities of color, housing, and community empowerment. In each of these areas, she has sought to build bridges and create alliances between communities across lines of difference, whether they are characterized by race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, or physical and mental abilities. She worked with Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), Jubilee Consortium, Coalition L.A., UNITE-HERE, Housing Authority for the City of Los Angeles, and President Clinton's Advisory Council on

HIV/AIDS. In the Church, she has served as a deputy to the General Convention, on the Program, Budget, and Finance Committee, as CREDO faculty, as well as on Diocesan Standing Committee, and other Diocesan Commissions.

She and her wife Cynthia Bullard-Pérez enjoy the blessings and challenges that are their children Santana, Altagracia Immanuel, Joshua, and Jasmine.



### **The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey Scanlan is the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. She was elected to this position on March 14, 2015, and ordained and consecrated as the eleventh bishop of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania on Sept. 12, 2015, in Harrisburg.

Audrey comes to Pennsylvania from Connecticut where she served on diocesan staff as the Canon for Mission Collaboration and Congregational Life. Before that, Audrey was the Rector of two yoked congregations in central Connecticut and has also served two other local congregations in her ministerial life. She has a particular interest in congregational vitality, creative and adaptive use of church buildings, local mission and community engagement. Audrey is the co-founder of Rhythms of Grace, a worship and formation program for children with special needs, has co-authored three volumes of lesson plans and holds a doctorate in the Theology of Disability.

Audrey and her husband Glenn have been married since 1984 and are the parents of three adult children – Emma, William and Harriet. Hiking, cooking, running and playing the cello are among Audrey's hobbies.

### **The Rt. Rev Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows**



Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, a native of New York City, holds a bachelor's degree in architecture with a minor in urban studies from Smith College, an M.A. in historic preservation planning from Cornell University, and an M.Div. degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in 1997. Before being elected bishop in 2016, she served in the Dioceses of Newark, Central New York and Chicago. She is the first black woman to be elected a diocesan bishop in the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Jennifer's expertise includes historic preservation of religious buildings, stewardship and development, race and class reconciliation, and spiritual direction. She is an accomplished distance runner and triathlete and a passionate chef and baker. She and her husband, Harrison Burrows, are parents to Timothy.

A defining experience of her ministry came when she found herself near the World Trade Center the morning of September 11, 2001. In the midst of a fearful situation, her own faith and that of others who sought shelter alongside her gave her a renewed perspective of faith vanquishing fear. “The Episcopal Church teaches me that the world is filled with incredible beauty and unspeakable pain and that God is deeply in the midst of it all loving us fiercely,” she says.

### **The Rev. Dr. Karoline M. Lewis**



Dr. Karoline Lewis is the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, where she has taught since 2007.

Lewis is the author of *A Lay Preacher’s Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon* (2020), *Embody: Five Steps to Leading With Integrity*, *SHE: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry* (including an accompanying facilitator guide, participant guide, and DVD) and *John: Fortress Biblical Preaching Commentaries*, as well as numerous articles and book chapters.

She was one of the 100 religious scholars in the United States to contribute to the Values and Voices Campaign.

Ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Lewis holds degrees from Northwestern University (B.A.), Luther Seminary (M.Div.), and Emory University (Ph.D., New Testament Studies and Homiletics). She has served as Treasurer of Academy of Homiletics and Regional Coordinator for the Upper Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. Lewis is the Program Director of the Festival of Homiletics and Chair of the Homiletics and Biblical Studies Section of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Lewis leads conferences, workshops, and retreats internationally on the Gospel of John, the New Testament, interpreting the Bible, preaching, leadership, and women in ministry. She is a contributing writer for [Working Preacher](#), co-host of the site’s weekly podcast, [Sermon Brainwave](#), and regularly authors the [Dear Working Preacher](#) column.

Visit [karolinelewis.com](http://karolinelewis.com) for resources on preaching, leadership, and being a woman in ministry.

### **The Rev. Meredith H. Crigler**



The Rev. Meredith H. Crigler was born into a Navy family who lived in Rhode Island, Central California, Hawaii, and College Station. She graduated *cum laude* with majors in Neuroscience and Religious Studies from Claremont McKenna College in Southern California and has a Master of Divinity with honors from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. She was ordained in the Diocese of Texas in 2010 and has served as Curate/Associate at St. Mary’s in Cypress and as the Rector of Grace in Galveston. She became the Rector of Trinity, Baytown, in 2018. Meredith currently serves as the Chair of the Diocesan World Mission

Board, as a Mentor with Backstory Preaching, and has facilitated, presented or directed at numerous events, summer camps, retreats and pilgrimages. She has traveled extensively across the United States and twenty countries/territories and is the co-author of *The Preacher's Planner*. She is passionate about mission, re-formation, sabbath, preaching, generosity, embracing discernment and worship.

She is married to Tim Crigler, a Deputy Constable in Harris County. Together they enjoy traveling, scuba diving, exploring God's creation, cooking, building projects and spending time with their numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends. They are enjoying putting down roots here at Trinity and the in the Baytown community.

### **The Reverend Canon Ruth M. Woodliff-Stanley**



The Reverend Canon Ruth M. Woodliff-Stanley was elected on May 1, 2021, to be the fifteenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Once consecrated in October, Bishop-elect Woodliff-Stanley will be the first female to serve as bishop in the more than 200-year history of the historic diocese.

Bishop-elect Woodliff-Stanley most recently served as Canon for Strategic Change for the Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania & Western New York, and the Senior Vice President for Strategic Change with the Episcopal Church Building Fund. Raised and ordained in Mississippi, the bishop-elect has served as rector of a parish, as canon on the staffs of two bishops of The Episcopal Church, and also in church-wide ministry focused on stewardship of finances and property.

Though she has lived in Colorado for the past decade, the bishop-elect traces her roots in South Carolina through three generations. Her paternal grandmother grew up in Charleston, and her father immigrated to the state as a young man before meeting his future wife and beginning their family there. Throughout the search process, she expressed a longing to return to her roots in South Carolina.

Bishop-elect Woodliff-Stanley received her Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and Berkeley in 1991, the same year in which she was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Mississippi. She is married to Nathan Woodliff-Stanley and they have two adult sons.

The consecration is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2021, at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston, SC. Bishop-elect Woodliff-Stanley will be the first full-time diocesan bishop of the diocese since 2012.

### **The Rev. Danae Ashley**



The Rev. Danae M. Ashley, MDiv, MA, LMFT is an Episcopal priest and marriage and family therapist who has ministered with parishes in North Carolina, New York, Minnesota, and serves as the Associate Rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Seattle, and a therapist at Soul Spa Seattle. Danae uses art, music, drama, poetry, and movement in counseling, spiritual direction, and creation of ritual. Her interfaith Clergy Care Circles for therapeutic group spiritual direction directly supports diverse clergy in varied circumstances across the country. She is an alumna of Young Clergy Women

International and is a member of Thank God for Sex – promoting healing for those who have shame about their bodies, sexuality, and faith. Danae is also one of the contributors of the book *Still a Mother: Journeys through Perinatal Bereavement*. Additionally, she produced the play *Naming the Un-Named: Stories of Fertility Struggle* with playwright Amanda Aikman; has written for *Working Preacher: Craft of Preaching*; and has been featured on several podcasts regarding fertility struggle and faith.

Danae's favorite past times include hiking with her husband and beloved dog, reading, traveling, volunteering as a Master Gardener, dancing with wild abandon to Celtic music, and serious karaoke.

### **Matt Bloom, Ph.D.**



Matt Bloom is an Associate Professor at the University of Notre Dame where he leads the Wellbeing at Work Program. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University. Before becoming a professor, he was a consultant for Arthur Young and a financial advisor for Shearson Lehman Brothers. He has seen firsthand the negative consequences of unhappiness at work, and is committed to finding real solutions to make the workplace a positive, vibrant experience.

Matt lives in South Bend with his wife, Kim. His oldest son, Nicholas is pursuing a Ph.D. in sociology at Duke University. His son, Keaton, is an architect in New York. One of Matt's passions is backcountry hiking, so each year he goes "off the grid" somewhere on the Appalachian Trail.