# The Reverend Canon John T. W. Harmon

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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

## ECCLESIASTICAL

Canonical Residence:	Diocese of Washington, Since 2000
Priesthood:	2 February 1992
Diaconate:	8 June 1991
Honorary Canon:	St. Alban's Cathedral, Dar es salam, Tanzania, 2004

#### PERSONAL

Born:	16 November 1964
Married:	Keeva Patterson Harmon, 1992
Children:	Joshua Yeawlé, Jarena Adé and Justin Klá

## VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### 2000 to Present Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Washington, DC

Principal priest and pastor, preacher, and teacher, sharing and providing spiritual and pastoral, visionary and companion leadership, with administrative oversight of a diverse and cross-cultural parish community. Plan and lead worship. Supervise staff (up to 37) and volunteers. Coordinate organization and development of existing and new programs. Supervise clergy, seminarians and interns.

Initiated the Lenten Study Program, Annual Preaching Mission and Revival, the Advent Circle (House church), Children's Choir, after school tutorial program, Vacation Bible School and Summer Enrichment Program, Summer Youth Employment Program, Breakfast for homeless Women at N Street Village, Care Packs for the homeless, Street feeding & Sleeping bags, [breakfast and Bed to Go program provides 200 breakfast and sleeping bags], Annual homeless and HIV/ AIDS Christmas Dinner and Gift Party [provides gifts to homeless children and their families. Provided leadership for repairing church roof, parish hall roof, and damaged stained-glass windows. Replaced HVAC, renovated unused rectory for administrative offices, replaced public address system.

Increased reserved funds from \$400,000 to over a million dollar. Raise \$150,000 annually to support outreach ministry.

#### 2002 - Present Founder, Envisioned TEAMM for Children

TEAMM (Trinity Education Arts Music Ministry) is an Outreach to Children that seeks to enrich their lives and support their growth, development and achievement through a comprehensive program of experience and instruction in academics and the arts.

## 2008 - 2014 [Co-founder and Principal Visionary] and Board member, Episcopal Service Corps

The Episcopal Service Corps [ESC] is a federation of young adult service programs across the United States. ESC helps young adults discern the inner "voice" that is calling them to their life's work, and to develop the skills to listen and respond to God through a life of service. ESC has grown from four to about thirty programs across the country. It was a privilege to give ESC its name.

#### 2001 - 2016 Founder and President, Trinity Development Corporation

Trinity Development Corporation's primary purpose is to help empower the underserved of the Washington, DC areas to achieve self-sufficiency through counseling, job training, early care and education, elder care, housing and improving access to adequate health care.

#### 2000 - 2010 Spiritual Director and Faculty, CREDO Institute, Inc

CREDO is Clergy Reflection Education Discernment Opportunity for Clergy of the Episcopal Church. The CREDO Institute provides "opportunities for clergy to examine significant areas of their lives and to discern prayerfully the future direction of their vocation as they respond to God's call in a lifelong process of practice and transformation."

#### 1993 - 2000 Rector, Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Petersburg, VA

Provided spiritual and pastoral leadership and administrative oversight of parish. Plan and led worship. Supervise parish employees and volunteers. Designed annual parish goals and strategy. Coordinated organization and development of existing and new programs.

Oversight of Christian Education and Stewardship programs. Conducted regular bible studies, retreats and confirmation classes.

Initiated the Annual Lenten Preaching Mission, the Advent Circle, Children's Choir, the Summer Enrichment Program and Day Camp, an after school tutoring program, the Annual Homecoming and Shrove Tuesday Jazz Concerts.

Provided leadership to retired parish debt of about than \$400,000 three years ahead of schedule. Refurbished and repaired interior and exterior of church. Refurbished parish hall. Purchased property adjacent to church.

Installed new air condition and heating units, and a state of the art public address system in sanctuary, parish hall and undercroft. Purchased Hand Bells. Initiated the Annual Appreciation Banquet and the Elnora Owens' Scholarship Fund.

Introduced the Hymnal 1982 and the Lift Every Voice & Sing II Hymnal. Initiated the choir scholars and intern program and the Good Friday Concert.

Established the St. Stephen's Endowment Fund -"The Sure Foundation Fund" – with a planned giving program that provided an initial gift of more than \$100,000 plus an estate of significant value. Manage and invested gifts with significant results. Introduced the special gifts and projects initiative.

## **1996 - 2000** Founder & Chief Executive Officer,

Preserving Life, Ensuring Future Generation Ministry - a parish based HIV/AIDS education and prevention program which received more than \$100,000 in grants and has reached over 2000 youth.

#### 1991 - 1993 Assistant Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Virginia

Shared pastoral, liturgical and preaching responsibilities. Trained lay participants for worship. Designed Youth and Young Adult programs. Organized Christian Education programs and initiated a weekly bible study group for young adults.

#### 1991 - 1993 Chaplain, Norfolk State University (NSU) Norfolk, Virginia

Provided pastoral support to students, faculty and staff. Provided Baccalaureate Services for graduate and their families. Co-sponsored the Community Candlelight walk and vigil against drugs and violence with NSU's Public Relations Office. Initiated the Tuesday Lunch Forum and the International Student Christmas Party.

## 1990 - 1991 On Call Hospital Chaplain, Washington Hospital Center.

Provided Pastoral Care to patients, their families and hospital staff.

#### 1989 - 1991 Seminarian, Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.

Preached regularly, initiated a weekly bible study, taught Sunday School and worked with the youth. Initiated the Lectors' Guild - a comprehensive program to train lay participants for worship. Developed the Alexander Crummell Project, which gave historical presentations and gathered parish history to start archives.

## **EDUCATION**

**Doctorate of Humane Letters** (Honorary) 2012 - Saint Paul's College

# Master in Theology

1998 - Union Presbyterian Seminary

**Master of Divinity** 1991 - Virginia Theological Seminary

**Theological Studies** 1989 - Lancaster Theological Seminary

**Bachelor of Arts, Cum laude** 1988 - Saint Paul's College, English Literature and Political Science **Certificate**, Summer Forensics Institute 1983 - Georgetown University, Washington District of Columbia

## FOREIGN RESIDENCE AND TRAVEL

Liberia, England, Ivory Coast, Bahamas, Canada, Tanzania, Mexico, South Africa, Namibia, Brazil, Ghana, Nigeria, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad, Israel, etc.

#### ADDRESSES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2017 Respondent, VTS' Mollegan Forum with Sec. Gen. Anglican Communion
- 2017 Preacher Baccalaureate St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Potomac MD
- 2017 Clergy Retreat Leader, Diocese of the Virgin Islands
- 2016 Invocation, African American Museum Opening Service
- 2015 Preacher Baccalaureate St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Potomac MD
- 2012 Preacher Baccalaureate St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA
- 2004 Preacher, Dedication Service, St. Alban's Cathedral in Tanzania
- 2003 Keynoter, Domestic Missionary Partnership Conference
- 1997 Keynoter, Daughter of the King, Diocesan Assembly, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1996 Workshop Leader, Shine Mount Conference, (plus 1994)
- 1996 Keynoter, Diocesan Retreat, Daughter of the King, Morgantown, WV
- 1995 Keynoter, Daughter of the King, Province III Assembly, Philadelphia
- 1994 Workshop Leader, The Episcopal Church Executive Council Meeting
- 1994 Founder's Day Speaker, St. Paul's College
- 1993 Parish Retreat Leader, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Newport News

#### **SPECIAL INITIATIVES & DELEGATIONS**

- 1996 Founder & CEO, Ensuring Life, Protecting Future Generation
- 1996 Initiated & organized effort, appoint first minority Executive, Dio. So. VA
- 1985 Founder & First Editor, Tiger Beat, St. Paul's College Student Newspaper

#### NATIONAL CHURCH

2018	Wisdom Council, Office of Black Ministries
2018	Conference Chaplain and Pastor, Union of Black Episcopalians
2009	Alternate, General Convention, Diocese of Washington
2006	Alternate, General Convention, Diocese of Washington
2003	Alternate, General Convention, Diocese of Washington

2000	Deputy, General Convention, Diocese of Southern Virginia
2000	Deputy to General Convention
1998	Member, Episcopal Church Stakeholders Group
1997	Alternate, General Convention
1997	Conference Chaplain and Pastor, Union of Black Episcopalians
1994 - 2000	Provincial Chaplain, Daughter of the King, Province III
1994 (Feb)	Workshop leader, Episcopal Church Executive Council
1989	Consultant, Episcopal Church Center, Office of Black Ministry

# **DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON**

2018 - Present	Standing Committee
2016 - Present	Board, St. Andrew Episcopal School
2012 - Present	Board, Episcopal Center for Children
2005 -2010	Convener, African-American Clergy
2003 - 2009	Standing Committee
2003 - 2009	Board, Washington Episcopal Clergy Association
2000 - 2008	Commission on Ministry

# **DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA**

1999 - 2000	Diocesan Discernment Committee, "Romona",
1997 - 2000	President, Standing Committee
1997 - 2000	Board of Examining Chaplains
1997 - 2000	Commission on Ministry
1994 - 1997	Liturgical Commission
1994 – Present	Clergy and Seminarian advisor
1993 - 1996	Ecclesiastical Court
1992 - 1997	Board of Managers, Chanco Camp and Conference Center
1991 - 1997	Department of College Work and Institutional Services
1991 – 1996	Commission on Racism

# COMMUNITY

2018 – Present	Advisory Council, Georgetown University Medical Center
2017 - Present	Core Value Task Force, St. Andrew Episcopal School
2016 - Present	Board, St. Andrew Episcopal School
2012 - Present	Board, Episcopal Center for Children
2016 - 2017	Spiritual Advisor, Presidential candidate
2012 - Present	Board, Episcopal Center for Children

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Board, Washington Episcopal School
Board, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA),
Petersburg School Board, Committee, Character Education
Friends of Peabody Middle School
Petersburg Schools Drop-out Prevention
Blue Ribbon Commission, Crater Road Health Department
United Campus Ministry, Virginia State University

# HONORS AND AWARDS

2016	Invocation, African American Museum Opening Service
2012	Harmon - Thomas Scholarship Fund, Columbia High School, NJ
2007	Howard Univ. Medical School, Spirituality & Medicine Award
1998	Petersburg Links' 50th Anniversary Distinguished Service Award
1988	The Canterbury Award, St. Paul College
1987	Michael Jackson Scholar, UNCF
1987	The Chaplain Award, St. Paul College
1986	Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society
1984	First Place Affirmative Speaker, Newark Citywide Debates
1984	Scholar Athlete and Athlete of the Year, Vailsburg High School