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◦ DETAILS ◦

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Place of birth
Southern Illinois

◦ SKILLS ◦

Preaching
Virtual Church Production
Community Organizing
Teaching Theology
Pastoral Care
Anglo- Catholic Liturgical
Leadership
Casting Visions
Listening
Inspiring Action
Strategic Planning
Biblical Exegesis

👤 PROFILE

It is my joy to serve Christ's holy catholic Church by preaching the Gospel in the pulpit, practicing the love of Jesus in the streets, teaching the the apostolic faith in the parish hall, and shepherding God's people in their lives of discipleship. I have had the pleasure to exercise this ministry as an Executive Director, Diocesan Youth Missioner, Rector of a parish, and community leader.

📁 ECCLESIAL WORK HISTORY

Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Missouri

January 2015 — Present

- Pointed people to Jesus on the altar, Jesus on the street, and Jesus in friend and neighbor
- Preached dynamic, socially relevant sermons, presided at Anglo-Catholic liturgies, provided pastoral care and church administration
- Provided leadership for staff overseeing a food ministry program that serves multiple meals each week and provides groceries to thousands of families in the St. Louis region
- Encouraged and supported lay leadership of new ministries, such as Trinity Neighborhood Camp and Blessing of the Bicycles
- Led the congregation through several building campaigns to upgrade worship and fellowship space
- Grew the children's Sunday school and introduced Godly Play
- Worked closely with stewardship team to develop annual giving campaigns grounded in robust theology and helped to significantly increase financial pledges made to the congregation
- Built partnerships and relationships between Trinity and community stakeholders

Founder of and Executive Director at Episcopal Service Corps St. Louis, Missouri

June 2012 — December 2014

- Planted, organized, and directed the St. Louis branch of the Episcopal Service Corps
- Developed a year-long curriculum of spiritual and theological formation for young adults fresh out of college
- Accompanied young adults through a process of discernment and intentional community living
- Rallied the diocese around a common mission
- Built a network of relationships and support that has sustained the program for over eight years

Curate/Associate Priest at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

June 2012 — December 2014

- Presided at high-church liturgies and preached socially relevant sermons
- Prepared candidates for confirmation
- Presided at weddings
- Offered premarital counseling, visited the sick, and taught adult forums

🎓 EDUCATION

Diploma in Anglican Studies, Sewanee School of Theology, Sewanee, Tennessee
2012

○ **Masters of Divinity, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri**
2011

Awarded Merit Scholarship

Received Senior Preacher Award

Studied in Kenya for one J Term

○ **BA in History, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois**
2008

Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*

Member of *Phi Alpha Theta*

Awarded Errett and Mazie Warner Presidential Award for Academic Excellence in History

Awarded Robert H. Irrmann Memorial Award for Academic Excellence in History

Published in History Department Journal

Stratton, Jonathan. "Comfort Women: Systems of Domination Revealed." *Historia* 17, (2008): 65-79

○ **AA in History, Lake Land Community College, Mattoon, Illinois**
2006

★ DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP

○ **Strategic Visioning Team, Diocese of Missouri**
January 2021 — Present

○ **Standing Committee, Diocese of Missouri**
2015 — 2019

★ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

○ Engle Preaching Fellow - Princeton Theological Seminary

○ Premarital Counseling Training - Prepare/Enrich

○ Faith Based Community Organizing Training - Gamaliel Institute

○ Walker Fellow - Walker Leadership Institute

○ Clinical Pastoral Education - St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis

★ COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

○ **Missouri Jobs with Justice, St. Louis, Missouri**

I serve as a member of the Leadership Team and as the co-chair of the Faith Labor Alliance.

○ **Metropolitan Congregations United, St. Louis, Missouri**

I am a member of the clergy caucus and have organized my congregation for various MCU campaigns, such as raising the minimum wage, Medicaid expansion, and voter registration.

○ **Holy Ground Collaborative, St. Louis, Missouri**

HGC is a coalition of several religious congregations in the neighborhood. As the rector of Trinity, I am part of this organization and helped develop an HGC micro-lending program that offers small loans at 0% interest to people in need.