
THE REVEREND CHRIS S. WARNER

PROFILE

My call from the Lord is to teach, preach, pray and lead (Acts 6:4) and my purpose in life is to know God and make God's glory known. This glory is the glory of the One and Only Son who is full of grace and truth (John 1:14). My passion has been to help people come alive in Christ, live from the Father's heart as his beloved children, and then grow as disciples who make disciples of others. My great loves in this life are my wife Catherine and our three children: Anna, Caroline and Nathan.

EXPERIENCE

RECTOR, CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS: SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, DANIEL ISLAND, SC – 2015-PRESENT

Currently serve as the Rector of a large, multiple campus church in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. With a ministry staff of 22, a pre-school on two campuses (and staffs), and a multi-million dollar budget, Holy Cross is a community living for Christ in the power of the Spirit. Over the past few years we have transitioned from a predominantly "seeker" model church to a relational and discipleship model church that focuses on Life Groups in which leaders are raised up and released to disciple others. Holy Cross is active in mission and outreach both internationally and locally.

ASSOCIATE PRIEST, CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS – 2011-2015

Served in a second "tour of duty" at Holy Cross and was tasked with developing systems of member incorporation and discipleship and set the foundation for our Life Group ministries.

RECTOR, ST CHRISTOPHER CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER, SEABROOK ISLAND, SC – 2007-2011

Oversaw the renewal of the Diocesan Camp and Conference Center, with a staff of more than 60 people and a multi-million-dollar budget. This included all aspects of its life so that it became a ministry of rest, restoration, and renewal. At the heart of this transformation was making Jesus Lord in all areas of the ministry: from staff to programs to budget to worship to hospitality.

ASSOCIATE RECTOR, CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS – 2002-2007

In this first "tour of duty" at Holy Cross I participated in the rapid growth of the parish and assisted in the establishment of the second campus at Daniel Island. I oversaw the restoration, prayer and healing ministries and established a men's hiking ministry which helped transform the parish as men came to faith and engaged in ministry. This ministry has spread to the diocese and across denominations.

CURATE, TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, COLUMBUS, GA – 2000-2002

Served as a generalist in all facets of pastoral ministry. Oversaw Alpha, youth ministry, and the establishment of a new contemporary worship service with a missional focus.

ANALYST, BANK OF AMERICA, CHARLOTTE NC – 1997

Served as an Analyst in the corporate data warehouse and helped reconcile computer systems and databases associated with Bank of America's regional bank mergers and acquisitions.

CONSULTANT, BROADWAY AND SEYMOUR, CHARLOTTE NC – 1994-1997

Served as a consultant, trainer and content developer for the Change Enablement division of Broadway and Seymour. In that capacity I worked with Business Analysts and Programmers to develop software systems and training for mortgage industry clients.

EDUCATION

TRINITY SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY, AMBRIDGE, PA – MASTER OF DIVINITY WITH HONORS, 2000

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON, WILMINGTON, NC – BACHELOR OF ARTS - ENGLISH WITH SPECIALIZATION IN CREATIVE AND TECHNICAL WRITING, 1991

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Served in a number of leadership capacities in the Diocese of South Carolina including: Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council, Anglican Missional Partnerships Committee, Anglican Communion Development Committee, Faith Formation Board of Directors, and Chairman of Recovery Ministries Committee.

Participated as a clergy staff member in revitalizing two congregations in the Diocese of South Carolina including St. Peter and St. John in Charleston, SC (now Church of the Good Shepherd), and Church of the Redeemer in Orangeburg, SC.

Participated in overseas mission trips to Liberia, Turkey, and India

Began a men's hiking ministry in 2003 that has continued to the present and has led to many men meeting Christ, coming alive in the Holy Spirit and finding meaning and purpose in life, family, work and church. The Men's Hike Ministry now exists in approximately 40 Anglican and non-Anglican churches and has affected several thousand men.