

THE REVEREND JAMES R. HARLAN

OBJECTIVE

To serve and worship our Lord Jesus Christ as an ordained leader in the Episcopal Church.

EXPERIENCE

2002–Present Church of the Ascension Denver, CO
Rector

- Parish has grown from small, pastoral-sized congregation (60 on a Sunday) to energized transitional-sized (150 on a Sunday).
- Focusing on strategic, intentional congregational development with Vestry; dispersing leadership and becoming program-sized parish.
- Conducted successful capital campaign (\$1,000,000) to replace the pipe organ and do much needed work on the building.

1995–2002 U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps Gulfport, MS
Chaplain (In Reserves 1995–1999)

- Focused on front-line ministry with forward-deployed Construction Battalion.
- Implemented creative worship and education programs to reach spiritually indifferent sailors.
- Provided wise, moral counsel to the Command and its 670 members.

1997–1999 St. John the Baptist Church Breckenridge, CO
Rector

- Doubled attendance and budget in two years and implemented effective financial and administrative systems.
- Developed mutual ministry and trained two Canon 9 Priests, unlocking members' tremendous potential for Christian service.
- Began thriving outreach to tourists and young adults.

1994–1997 St. Michael the Archangel Church Colorado Springs, CO
Assistant to the Rector

- Reinvigorated children's and youth ministries with strong teacher training and curriculum.
- Deepened spiritual lives through strong, engaging preaching and teaching and faithful worship leadership.
- Served as integral part of capital fund drive and building project for \$1.5 million addition.

1988–1991 St. John’s Cathedral Denver, CO
Director of Youth Ministries

- Developed extensive outreach to inner-city youth and families.
- Built a strong, life-changing leadership team.
- Focused the program on bringing youth to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Currently serving on the Standing Committee.
- Becoming a trainer for the Church Development Institute.
- National Reader for the General Ordination Examination (2006-2009).
- Chair, Commission on Ministry during complete revisioning of the ordination process and overall mission of this group. (2004-2008)
- Chaired a Task Force to advise the Bishop and issue a report to respond to the conflict in the Diocese following General Convention 2003 (2003-2004). Served on a follow-up Task Force to move this process toward unity further (2006-2008).
- Served on diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains for the Diaconate; taught Church History and Preaching (1995-1999).
- Served as Assistant Secretary to Diocesan Convention (1997-1998).
- Served on (1988-1991) and chaired (1995-1997) the Commission on Youth Ministry.

EDUCATION

1984–1988 University of Colorado Boulder, CO
■ Bachelor of Science, Business Administration.

1991–1994 Seabury-Western Theological Seminary Evanston, IL
■ Master of Divinity.

1994–2009 Continuing Education
■ CREDO 150, June, 2008
■ Church Development Institute, 2008-2010
■ Other Subjects include: Preaching, Leadership, Marriage Counseling, Suicide Prevention, Sexual Abuse Prevention, Ethics, Emerging Church

INTERESTS

Family, hospitality, reading, music, camping, hiking, computers.