

BIO - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams



Rev. Susan is a native of Michigan and a “cradle” Episcopalian. She grew up in Grosse Pointe where she learned to love the liturgy and music of the church. Susan left town for college at Yale University in New Haven, CT, and then was accepted as a young adult mission volunteer in Liberia, West Africa.

After that transformative experience, Susan changed her career plans from finance to priesthood. She attended the General Theological Seminary in New York City, receiving her MDiv in May of 1992, and was ordained shortly thereafter at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Detroit.

At Seminary, Susan met her future husband, (The Rev.) Eric Williams. Fun fact: at their wedding in 1994 there were 3 bishops, 2 deacons and at least 6 priests in the liturgy or wedding party! As a clergy couple, Williamses have served both separately and together over the past 28+ years of ordained ministry. The first 20 were spent in the diocese of Western New York (Buffalo and Jamestown); and since 2012, in Michigan.

In 2017-2018, Susan completed coursework through the Interim Ministry Network in Transition Ministry, also known as “Intentional Interim” training. She now has a variety of tools to assist our congregation in discernment and leadership, as St. George’s prepares for its next long-term Rector.

The Revs Williams have two fabulous, young-adult daughters, Margaret and Emily, who live on the East Coast and West Coast respectively. The family also includes one large dog and two small cats, and home is about 40 minutes from Milford in Bloomfield Hills. As our three-quarter-time Interim Rector, Susan plans to be in the office on Tuesday through Thursday each week, and three Sundays per month.

Susan is a multiple-term General Convention Deputy (including July 2022 in Baltimore, MD), and a member of the Standing Commission for Liturgy and Music of the Episcopal Church where her focus has been revising the Calendar of saints and church commemorations. In her free time, Susan enjoys playing tennis, kayaking, knitting, and cooking. She’s looking forward to getting to know the members of St. George’s!