



The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Butcher, priest in charge at Trinity Episcopal Church in Russellville, has a long and distinguished history as a priest and church musician in the Episcopal Church and beyond. Most pertinent to this article, he had a hand in producing the 1982 Hymnal as a member of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Church Music (tune sub-committee) from 1980-1986.

He is also known nationally for his work with several music conferences. He is a former faculty member of the Evergreen Music Conference (1984, 1988); the Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy (1987, 1991); and the Sewanee Province Church Music Conference (1985, 1997). He has led conferences on music, liturgy, and conflict management, and he is currently leading workshops and retreats on centering prayer.

Recently named to the Diocese of Kentucky's Committee on Church Architecture, Butcher comes to this diocese from the Diocese of Tennessee, where he was a member of its Commission on Racism and served as assistant liturgical officer.

For the wider Episcopal Church, he has not only helped with the revisions of the 1982 hymnal and served as a deputy to General Convention, but he also has served as a delegate to Provincial Synod (VII) in 1987 and 1990 and as a former president and chair of Professional Concerns Committee of the Association of Anglican Musicians. He initiated the companion relationship between the Diocese of the Rio Grande and the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf and served briefly at St. Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia, Cyprus.

His parish ministry has included positions at two cathedrals. Prior to coming to Trinity, Russellville, he served from 1992-2010 as canon pastor at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville. From 1968 to 1992, he served at the Cathedral Church of St. John, Albuquerque, NM, where he was sub-dean from 1990-1992; canon precentor from 1968-1990; and organist and choirmaster from 1968-1980.

Ordained a deacon in 1965 and priest in 1966, Butcher holds a Doctorate in Ministry (parish revitalization) degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.; a Master of Arts degree from New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas; and a Master of Divinity from The General Theological Seminary, New York City. He received his undergraduate degree from Hobart College.