AN OPEN LETTER TO CANDIDATES

We are pleased that you are interested in our search for the next Rector of Church of the Resurrection in Oklahoma City, OK. Although tradition and history have a big influence on our decisions, we are open to new ideas and guidance to help us grow both in numbers and spirit. We hope you will consider the many attributes, and come to understand the challenges of this unique opportunity. We hope to attract more young people and families, enhance our financial situation, and enrich the worship experience.

This church profile is intended as an overview for those considering the position of Rector at Church of the Resurrection. We hope it answers some of your questions about the church.

If you wish to be considered for this calling, please submit a cover letter, your resume, and OTM profile to:

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Sincerely,
The Search Committee

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OUR HISTORY

For more details about our history, please visit www.resurrectionokc.org.

The 55-year journey of this parish begins in the KOCO broadcast studios in the early 60’s with a dedicated group of individuals and continues to the current location as of January 1989. Highlights include:

➤ In 1960 the Reverend Russell T. Raucher, Rector of All Soul’s Episcopal Church in Oklahoma City, called together a group of special lay people to explore the possibility of establishing an Episcopal congregation in far northwest Oklahoma City. The group founded what is known today as Church of the Resurrection.

➤ The first Holy Communion was held at the new church on February 19, 1961. Services were held in the old KOCO broadcast studios. Bishop Chilton Powell and the Diocese of Oklahoma recognized it as a Preaching Station. Eight original families attended those first services. By the end of that year, the congregation had grown to 16 families with 38 communicants and 17 baptized children.

➤ The Preaching Station was received into the Diocese of Oklahoma as a full-fledged Mission in 1962. Land on Northwest Expressway was purchased to construct a new church building, which first hosted services on July 6, 1963. By 1971, the original eight families had grown to 150 families with 400 communicants. The Mission became a Parish in 1976.

➤ After 20 years and with limited expansion options, the land was sold and our present location on North Rockwell was purchased. Bishop McAllister officiated at our groundbreaking ceremony on May 1, 1988. The first service in our current church building was on January 29, 1989. On February 27, 2011 we celebrated our 50-year anniversary.

We are a strong and spiritual group with a great history. Most importantly — this church pulls together when our need is greatest. We are a vital, strong and loving congregation. With the right priest, Church of the Resurrection can continue to be the vibrant church that it has prided itself on being.
THE PEOPLE OF RESURRECTION

While we may be a small congregation now, Church of the Resurrection has tremendous potential for growth. We look forward to welcoming a new rector and are excited about the possibilities the future holds. We invite you to join us on our “renewal” journey.

➤ We are compassionate, accepting, generous, loving, friendly, kind, and spiritual people.
   - A dedicated community excited about the possibilities of growth and renewal, while also looking to continue the ministries we now perform with compassion and in God’s service.
   - Actively seeking and adding new members to our congregation, incorporating them into our church life.

➤ We are full of faith and tradition. Our mobile meals program reaches out to our elderly community, serving 22-30 people each week with a meal, smiles, and kind hearts.

➤ We are strong prayer warriors at Resurrection. The internet and email has helped this ministry grow. Caring parishioners, when contacted, go into action with any prayer request received. From emails to hand-written cards, our community will reach out to support our family and friends.

➤ We are readers. Bible and book studies grow our faith. We seek books that challenge us, allow us to question our faith and actions, and give us joy. Discussion groups are held weekly most of the year.

➤ We are blessed as a parish family by members who offer their very best talents and gifts; that keeps Resurrection a healthy and dynamic congregation. We enjoy close and personal relationships formed by love and support, not only during times of crisis but joy — and we include new people in our circle of caring. We try to help each member to grow into the Christian faith where tolerance and acceptance are the norm.

Mission: Church of the Resurrection exists to be a center of Christian living by cultivating a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, each other, and the people of our community.
WORSHIP AT RESURRECTION

Our primary worship service is Sunday at the 10:30 am Rite II, following Christian Education at 9:30 am.

We also offer services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, Holy Saturday, Lessons and Carols, Evensong, Blessing of the Animals, etc.

As we commit ourselves to growth, we look forward to returning to two Sunday morning services by re-establishing the Rite I Holy Eucharist at 8:00am.
PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

Current ministries and programs that help enrich our weekly worship fall into these categories, and are detailed in the following pages.

The ministry leaders provided 5-year goals, greatest strength and greatest need for each program.

1. Worship
2. Music
3. Prayer
4. Education
5. Outreach
6. Fellowship
PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES: WORSHIP

Acolytes
Becoming an acolyte is a great way to get involved and to learn more about Episcopal worship. Acolyte service is open to anyone in or around the fourth grade or above. Periodic mandatory training sessions are required. We are always in need of additional acolytes and welcome anyone who is interested.

5 Year Goal: To see people of all ages work in the acolyte program. Adults as well as young children can learn the full meaning of our Episcopal celebration. Workshops would help everyone learn and be comfortable in their acolyte duties.

Greatest Strength: Our leadership.

Greatest Need: For parish members, all ages, to volunteer their time and talents.

Altar Guild
Being on the Altar Guild requires one weekend per month, two hours on Saturday morning, half an hour before and after the 10:30 service. Scheduling is done quarterly and special services are assigned as needed.

5 Year Goal: To have adequate members and more congregational involvement, especially for special occasions.

Greatest Strength: The people who serve are extremely dedicated, reliable and take great pride in serving God and the congregation by preparing the altar for all services and occasions.

Greatest Need: More people willing to serve. Presently, we have a total of only six members; ideally, we would have a minimum of ten to twelve members.
PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES: WORSHIP

Eucharistic Ministers

Lay readers participate in all services. At The Church of the Resurrection, lay readers normally wear albs, cinctures and crosses while serving as readers. At the beginning and end of the service, they process in and out with the acolytes and celebrant. During the service, they sit in the pew on the epistle side of the church. Some lay readers also serve as Eucharistic ministers, assisting the clergy during communion. We are always in need of additional lay readers; if you have an interest in this ministry, please contact the Priest.

**5 Year Goal:** With the agreement of the new rector, this ministry will expand to include members from the congregation as lectors.

**Greatest Strength:** Has its roots with the acolytes and lectors of the early church. These early ministers assisted at the altar with a sense of service and humility. These same attributes exist in today’s lay ministers.

**Greatest Need:** More people willing to serve. Presently, we have a total of only four members; ideally, we would have 8-10 members.

Ushers

Ushers hand out programs, greet people attending the Sunday service and provide assistance to people needing help with special circumstances. They provide attendance count for Communion, present Communion elements to the acolytes, pass the offertory plates to the congregation and at Communion, direct people to the altar to receive the sacraments. After the service, the ushers assist the altar guild and count and document all cash received from the offertory. The usher ministry is always looking for new members and is open to both men and women.

**5 Year Goal:** More people to usher. It would be great to have growth of young families which would provide more volunteers of all ages.

**Greatest Strength:** Our consistency and welcoming attitude, making all regulars and visitors feel welcome.

**Greatest Need:** More ushers to staff the 8:00 service when it is reestablished.
Music ministry is an important part of the life of worship at Resurrection. While we enjoy the traditional hymns, we are interested in enhancing the music program by adding special music and incorporating more contemporary music.

**Choir**

5 Year Goal: To perform Choral Evensong and to present challenging sacred choral music. For this to occur, we need members.

Greatest Strength: Versatility/flexibility

Greatest Need: Members.

**Bells**

In 2005, a set of 3-octave Schulmerich handbells was dedicated in memory of a parishioner.

In 2014, 3 octaves of hand chimes were added to our bell ministry.

5 Year Goal: To increase bell choir members so that we can acquire the 4th octave and perform higher quality literature.

Greatest Strength: Diversity.

Greatest Need: Acquiring bell literature that is accessible. The dichotomy of bell literature is either too difficult or way too easy. Finding the Goldilocks of sacred bell literature is challenging.
**PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES: PRAYER**

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**Prayer Chain/Email Prayer Chain**

The Prayer Group ministry was organized for the purpose of emergency prayer situations or other emotional crisis or critical situations. Parishioners are encouraged to notify the church as soon as possible so prayer requests can be sent to the Clergy and added to the Prayer Chain. As emergency prayer requests are known, requests are forwarded to the Email Prayer Chain. We always obtain permission before any prayer requests are sent out. If you are interested in participating in the Prayer Ministry, please speak with Deacon Beth Bell or the church office.

- **5 Year Goal:** Hopefully we will have a bigger congregation and more people willing to participate in the ministry.
- **Greatest Strength:** Communication. People feel more connected when they know what is going on and hopefully they feel involved when they agree to pray for those who have requested prayers.
- **Greatest Need:** Communication. We also need more people willing to pray for others.

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**Prayer Shawls**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to any member of the parish. Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted, and created with love and prayer for the recipient. The shawls are blessed by our clergy and parishioners, and then given to both those in need and candidates for baptism.

- **5 Year Goal:** Would like to see the ministry well-established within the parish, to include many types of people making shawls (youth, shut-ins, friends of the parishioners, etc.) and regular distribution via laity and clergy.
- **Greatest Strength:** Every person in the parish can participate in this ministry by sharing their prayers and blessings. Also, it is a very tactile, physical way for the creators, parishioners, and recipients to interact with the ministry (creating, laying hands on in blessing, wearing/holding). The shawls are truly an outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace that we all want to hold close during trying times.
- **Greatest Need:** More creators and more shawls. Also, a more structured way of distribution, and to incorporate them more into the pastoral ministry of the parish with more participation by the clergy (giving shawls, and making known needs). Having an active Stephen Ministry would also help to get shawls to people in need.
Adult Formation

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection offers two sections of adult Christian education.

Deacon Beth Bell leads the lectionary class each week, bringing the lessons of the day into focus. The class gives all participants the opportunity to engage in what so many church members want to do, learn more about the Bible.

Our other adult Sunday school class looks at the historical roots of our faith and promotes an understanding of faith and Christianity. Topics have included theodicy, the great world religion, and the relationship between Christianity and science.

**5 year goal:** Be able to build class attendance numbers based upon learning Christian Education and values to use in our everyday lives. Taking what is learned into our homes and work places.

**Greatest strength:** The education and resources that Resurrection has with our classes. One class is visiting other churches and sharing in their worship. The other class is preparing adults for the services that will be presented.

**Greatest need:** More parish and community participation from around our area. Encourage the community to come and get involved in any class that is presented.

Book Study

The book study meets weekly and has read a wide range of authors and religious/spiritual topics. Our books not only provide learning but serve to offer discussion points. We enjoy fellowship and laughter and welcome all who are interested. Some examples of authors that we have studied include: Mark Buchanan, Barbara Taylor, Simon Wiesenthal, Edward Hayes and Rabbi Evan Moffie.

**Greatest strength:** The diversity of authors and books that the group chooses. The group works together to pick a book about their faith, spirituality or challenges their faith.

**5 year goal:** More community and parish involvement. Perhaps having the study group meet at different restaurants or coffee café so that people in the area would become interested or involved. Take the book study to the community.

**Greatest Need:** All churches are trying to reach the younger generation to join and participate in classes and services. More people is always a need for good discussions.
Children's Church
Children's Church is a special time that occurs during the 10:30 a.m. worship service for children ages pre-kindergarten - 5th grade. The worship begins with show and tell, songs and discussing the church season. We have an opening statement about the day's gospel and share how they help others and make a difference in God's world. We read a lectionary based bible story and gospel together, have discussion, prayers, blessings and peace.

5 Year Goal: To keep working hard so that the young children have a special time of worship.

Greatest Strength: Team teaching, and great materials; the Living The Good News series corresponds with the Gospel.

Greatest Need: To rearrange our time so that we can all go into communion together and remain with our families.

Children's Sunday School
(Pre-K to 5th grade) It follows the lectionary through a three-year cycle using the Liturgy of the Good News series. The children participate in art activities that correlate with the lesson, as well as Bible songs and finger plays. They also use the white board, puzzles and play dough and always close the class time with a devotional prayer.

5 Year Goal: To continue to grow and encourage young parents to always feel welcome and to participate.

Greatest Strength: Team teaching. We learn more, share responsibilities and enjoy guiding the children together.

Greatest Need: To continue to grow and have more children attend.

Cursillo
Cursillo is a weekend spent to grow in your faith and spirituality. The weekend helps to deepen your understanding of how you can serve Jesus and extend this into your environment and everyday life. Episcopal Church Cursillo is active at Church of the Resurrection. Many people have completed the Cursillo weekend and have an active group for continuing to give back by working on the Cursillo Teams. The 4th day, which continues the spiritual growth, meets the last Sunday of each month in the library.

5 Year Goal: Provide at least 3-4 candidates for each Cursillo weekend.

Greatest Strength: Our 4th day group is committed to keeping our Cursillo spirit active.

Greatest Need: To have more people become active in this ministry.
Nursery
The nursery is kept clean and maintained with a wide variety of age appropriate activities to keep children engaged and happy. The nursery workers are trained in the “Safeguarding God’s Children” program and allow parents to leave their most treasured possessions in a safe and inviting environment. The nursery is overseen by a committee of parents and our Clergy. The nursery is available for Sunday school, the 10:30 service and is also provided for special occasions.

5 Year Goal: Have more young children (7-10). Teach prayers, bible study. Know the meaning of our worship service and what Holy Communion really means.

Greatest Strength: Our nursery director has a degree in education, has taught for 35 yrs. and has a great interaction with the kids.

Greatest Need: More children with their parents attending on regular basis.

Youth Ministries and Programs
The youth group has been “paused” for the purpose of rethinking, revisioning, and rebuilding; we are anxious to restart the youth ministry at Resurrection. In the past, the youth group has done everything from mission trips to ski trips, pancake suppers, chili cookouts, lock-ins, and work days. We look forward to seeing where this ministry grows in the future.

5 Year Goal: A self-sustainable youth ministry guided by a youth council made up of senior youth, church members and staff. Would like to offer youth opportunities for multiple grade levels.

Greatest Strength: An open acceptance of people that are not normally accepted in the church setting. Youth who consistently come to Wednesday night meetings. Sponsors who have a high degree of commitment.

Greatest Need: A strong vision for youth ministry with a leadership and commitment in growing the youth. After talking with the congregation this is an area of high priority.
**Care Share Christmas**

Christmas outreach has been an integral part of Resurrection since Deacon Beth Bell introduced us to Angel Tree Prison Ministry in 1999. Each year the parish helped to provide gifts to children of incarcerated parents. Later, we added a new pillow for each child, with a bright, cheerful, handmade pillowcase made by the parish. We also purchased turkeys and groceries for each family to make a holiday meal. When Angel Tree adopted some policy changes, Deacon Beth and the vestry decided to try something new for 2016 — and joined with Care Share Christmas to serve local families in need. Care Share Christmas has been a well-known outreach program for more than 20 years and will allow our church to minister to schools in our area and possibly sponsor these families throughout the year. Gifts will be bought for the families as well as meet other needs they may have. This is a new adventure for Resurrection to get more involved with our local schools. We will still provide the handmade pillow cases our parish makes together.

**5 Year Goal:** Continue and grow a community outreach program during the Christmas holiday season.

**Greatest Strength:** Participation and enthusiasm of parishioners and friends of the parish.

**Greatest Need:** To continue this holiday outreach ministry regardless of a changing landscape.

**Card Connection**

This ministry provides greeting cards for birthdays, anniversaries and illness. Our shut-ins receive the weekly Sunday bulletin which allows all our members to stay better connected.

**5 Year Goal:** To begin doing the card ministry online.

**Greatest Strength:** This ministry brings good, kind and caring feelings to a lot of people.

**Greatest Need:** The parish can help this ministry by keeping a current up to date mailing address and email address.
Mobile Meals

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection is one of approximately 80 non-profit organizations, mostly churches, in Oklahoma County that participates in the Oklahoma County Mobile Meals program by providing a noon meal to senior citizens.

We typically serve between 25-30 clients assigned to us, but we may also serve members of our parish who are in need on a temporary or permanent basis. We have approximately 10 volunteers that prepare and/or deliver hot home-style meals to those clients every Tuesday (even Christmas week). Most of our volunteers are church members, but we also have some friends from outside the church who assist. Volunteers generally work from 9 am to noon on Tuesdays. The parish supports this effort by baking cakes on a regular basis, providing cookies at Christmas, and non-perishable items for our winter “bad weather” meals that we give in case we are not able to deliver.

5 Year Goal: To be self-sustaining, having enough resources in both people and money to serve approximately 30 people in our geographic area that need our assistance. In order to meet this goal, we need approximately $50 per week for food and supplies. We currently receive an average of $15 a week in donations from our clients.

Greatest Strength: We are community-based and providing a much-needed service to a vulnerable population. In doing so, we reach not just our clients within the community, but others we come in contact with as we provide the service, as well as those volunteers who assist us that are not a part of our parish.

Greatest Need: Resources. We do “a lot with a little”, but we would like to increase both our monetary and human resources so that we can be self-sustaining. We have good volunteers and many who support the program with both their time and money but would like to have more support so that the “load” is more evenly distributed.

Will Clinics

Annually, the church partners with Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma and volunteers of the Oklahoma Bar Association in a clinic allowing members of the Church and members of the community to learn about and wills, trusts, powers of attorney and advanced directives prepared. Our goal is to assist those unable to afford legal services and take some of the guess work out of the process and limit the need for court involvement. All of this is offered free to anyone wishing to participate.

5 Year Goal: To establish Resurrection as a place to help people who might not otherwise have legal assistance and counsel.

Greatest Strength: The willingness of parish members who provide support services for this ministry.

Greatest Need: A more effective means of event promotion.
After-Church Coffee Hour

It is a time to extend hospitality and to have a great time interacting with the church family and with newcomers. This is a great way for everyone to get to know each other and become a part of the church family.

**5 Year Goal:** For our sign-up sheet to be filled at all times and everyone enjoying each other.

**Greatest Strength:** The opportunity for the church family to interact with each other as well as newcomers. To make sure everyone feels welcome.

**Greatest Need:** People to sign up to provide snacks and cold drinks. We have a sign-up sheet and a “Quick Guide to Hosting Coffee Hour” on the table in the narthex.

Hospitality

There are a number of occasions throughout the year when receptions or pot-luck meals happen at the church. The planning and preparation for these events vary depending on the nature of the gathering. We have a very gracious, energetic population which always helps with set-up and clean-up for our receptions. Working in our kitchen for potluck dinners, weddings and baptisms is a fun place to work. Our leadership keeps everyone busy and laughing.

**5 Year Goal:** To have more volunteers and more storage area for products.

**Greatest Strength:** Bringing people together and especially using the talents of several men in our parish who are good in the kitchen. It is work but it is work of love and laughter.

**Greatest Need:** Our parish needs to keep supplying lots of fun seeking volunteers.
PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES: FELLOWSHIP

Ladies Luncheon
Ladies luncheon is a special time for all the ladies of the church to get together for fun and fellowship. They meet the 3rd Thursday of each month and friends are always welcome.

**5 Year Goal:** To keep choosing great restaurants and include all in the planning.

**Greatest Strength:** Being together for the last five years, sharing a meal and enjoying one another.

**Greatest Need:** To be sure everyone is included and offer rides to those who need transportation.

Parish Retreat
The church retreat is a family event for all ages every September at St. Crispin’s Conference Center located in Wewoka, OK. We are able to enjoy the beautiful grounds of St. Crispin’s and enjoy a variety of activities such as: hiking, fishing, canoeing, swimming, volleyball, Frisbee golf and playing games. Sometimes we have a bonfire with S’mores but always end our evening with singing and compline. On Sunday morning there is a prayer walk and outdoor church. It is a peaceful and relaxing time for parishioners to come together.

**5 Year goal:** See more parishioners attend the retreat and go back to 2 nights (Friday/Saturday).

**Greatest Strength:** Fellowship and being able to worship together at St. Crispin’s.

**Greatest Need:** Increased attendance at the retreat.
PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

Ministry Renewals for the Future:
With anticipated growth, we look forward to the development of new ministries, as well as renewal of others, such as:

➤ Amigos
➤ Bible Study
➤ Brotherhood of Saint Andrew
➤ Church Athletics
➤ Community Dinners (monthly)
➤ Contemporary Service
➤ Episcopal Church Women
➤ Evensong
➤ Fourth of July Celebration
➤ Garden Committee
➤ Lay Eucharistic Visitors
➤ Men’s Monthly Dinner
➤ Seder Supper
➤ Stephen Ministries
➤ Vacation Bible School
➤ Wellness Clinics
CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Clergy and Staff

Interim Rector: The Rev. Nicolette Papanek
Deacon: The Rev. Beth Bell
Choir Director: Eric Hileman
Organist: Karen Suchak
Church Secretary: Karla Nelson

Vestry

The vestry is the elected body of the parish that shares with the rector the responsibility for oversight of parish life and ministry. The vestry members are listed in the weekly bulletin and their names and photographs are displayed in the Narthex. One of the responsibilities of the vestry members is to communicate and interpret decisions of the vestry and the rector to other parishioners.

Sr. Warden: Ed Sanchez
Jr. Warden: Pete Woodward
Vestry: Linda Arnold, Rick Goralewicz, June Howard, Don McGough, and Jeanne Oden
Treasurer: Penny Cook
Secretary: Karla Nelson
FINANCES

YTD Thru Sept 2016

**Revenue**
- Pledge: $158,835.60
- Non-Pledge: $19,558.60
- 2016 Capital Campaign: $17,215.00
- Plate: $2,409.06
- Total: $198,107.66
- Miscellaneous Income: $6,631.45

**Total Revenue:** $204,649.11

**Expenditures**
- Worship: $93,029.28
- Ministry: $39,007.73
- Administrative: $60,525.37
- Facility: $24,772.28

**Total Expenditures:** $217,334.66

**Capital Campaign**
The parish raised over $17k this summer to make necessary safety and cosmetic improvements. New flooring in areas of the church, improved lighting, new security system, painting, deep cleaning, lawn equipment, landscape clean-up are just some of the improvements. The Vestry created a set of priorities for this effort, with safety and code updates addressed first. Fundraising and Improvements continue.

**Stewardship**
Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. We see stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it’s also about contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission.
BUILDING & GROUNDS

Our church building was constructed in 1988 and is located in Northwest Oklahoma City. The property is located on three acres of land, approximately 16,271 square feet and is valued at $1.5 - $2 million. The property includes: nave with chapel and columbarium, carillon, sacristy, vesting room, Altar Guild room, choir room, parish hall, full kitchen, sextons closet, storage room, five classrooms, four offices, workroom, nursery, library (with partial kitchen), fenced playground, two storage sheds, softball field, gardens (front and back of church building) and an underground sprinkler system.

The “Immanuel” window was donated by a parishioner in memory the Reverend Walter Hoskin. This window came from the Immanuel Anglican Church in London, England, surviving the bombing during World War II despite the fact the church did not survive and was not rebuilt. It is believed that the window dates to 1820. The window is located on the west wall of the Nave and during special seasons one can watch as a cross of colored light moves down the aisle, climbs the wall behind the altar and embraces the wooden cross hanging there. Truly, God has blessed us with this building and this window.

➤ Our columbarium, built by a parishioner, was dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 21, 2009.
➤ A new electronic sign was installed in 2010.
➤ A new flat roof was installed in 2013.
➤ A portion of the parking lot was repaired in 2014; plans are in development to complete the full repair.
➤ During 2016, many improvements were made (described on the previous page under Capital Campaign). Parishioners participate in the work, as well as ongoing landscape care. We look forward to continuing to improve the appearance of the building and grounds, in order to create a tidy, welcoming appearance for parishioners and visitors.
The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma covers 69,960 sq. miles – the entire state – and is made up of approximately 25,000 Episcopalian, 70 congregations, and 150 resident clergy. It is led by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny.

Divided into six regions, we support a thriving Camp and Conference Center, five Episcopal schools, and two residential communities for mature adults. Oklahoma is a part of Province VII, consisting of 12 other dioceses in close proximity.

Of all the dioceses in The Episcopal Church, Oklahoma has seen growth in the past three years. Diocesan offices are located in downtown Oklahoma City.
OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY

Quality of Life
OKC is one of America’s best kept secrets. We are known for our friendly people, low cost of living and extraordinary quality of life.

➤ #1 Best Quality of Life, #7 Best Cost of Living, #8 Lowest Cost of Business – Business Facilities Metro Rankings Issue July/Aug 2016
➤ #10 Best Cities for New College Grads 2016 – Zumper
➤ #1 Most Affordable Metro for Young Adults – CareerTrends
➤ OKC a Must-Visit Destination in 2016 – USA Today
➤ OKC is ranked as the metro area with the shortest commute – residents spend 20.7 minutes commuting on average – University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute

Housing
➤ OKC is #1 in most apartment space for the money – Forbes 2016
➤ OKC is #1 place in America for first-time homebuyers due to real estate value and stability of the market as contributing factors – March 15, 2016 SmartAsset
➤ OKC residents spend 26.4% less than the national average on housing costs – Greater OKC Chamber of Commerce
➤ Average cost single family home $123,525 – Greater OKC Chamber of Commerce

Medical
➤ Oklahoma City residents can find quality health care at 35 hospitals – Greater OKC Chamber of Commerce
OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY

Education
➤ Oklahoma’s Best High Schools – #1 Edmond North High School and #2 Edmond Memorial High School – US News and World Report
➤ 18 public and private colleges, and two comprehensive universities, in the OKC metro area.

Features
We have many unique communities/entertainment opportunities here in OKC that make it a wonderful place to call home:
➤ Adventure District – OKC Zoo and Botanical Garden, The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Science Museum Oklahoma
➤ Boathouse District – Official U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training site for rowing and Canoe/Kayak sports
➤ Central Business District – OKC Museum of Art, OKC Civic Center, OKC National Memorial & Museum, OKC Ballet, OKC Philharmonic
  - Myriad Botanical Gardens ranks in the top 10 best city parks in the U.S by USA Today. The outdoor grounds of the Botanical Gardens are free and open to the public. Situated in the heart of downtown, the 15-acre natural escape includes a children’s play area, off-leash dog park, splash fountain, restaurant and numerous paths for walking and jogging.
➤ Plaza District – Lyric Plaza Theatre
➤ Stockyards City – Oklahoma National Stockyards, world’s largest feeder & stocker cattle market
➤ Automobile Alley, Asian District, Bricktown Entertainment District, Film Row, Midtown, Paseo Arts District, Uptown 23rd, and Western Ave.
Oklahoma City Community

Features (continued)

We are big on sports including the OKC Thunder NBA basketball, OKC Dodgers Baseball, OKC Energy and Rayo OKC Soccer, OU and OSU college football, and much more.

Oklahoma City is a wonderful place to live. And our northwest corner of the metro offers all the best: a suburban setting with quick access to shopping, entertainment, sporting events, great schools and outdoor recreation!

The neighborhoods surrounding Church of the Resurrection are among the fastest growing in the metro and include single family homes of all sizes, retirement centers, and apartments.

We are adjacent to a successful vocational-technical school, just down the street from a high school, close to several elementary and middle schools, and are easily accessible from a wide range of neighborhoods.

For more information, visit: VisitOKC.com, GreaterOklahomaCity.com and OKCChamber.com
WHAT OUR PARISH OFFERS A NEW RECTOR

➤ Parishioners
  Willingness to work together
  Supportive, caring, loving
  Committed lay leadership
  Strong, compassionate community
  Generous, accepting, and friendly

➤ Location
  Tremendous growth demographics
  One of the fastest growing areas in the metro
  Variety of restaurants and retail stores nearby
  Ease of access to Kilpatrick Turnpike, which provides access to much of OKC

➤ Opportunity to grow in various directions
  Ready for formation, development, change, and eager to move forward

➤ Music

➤ Ministries

➤ Infinite opportunities
WHAT OUR PARISH SEeks IN A NEW RECTOR

The people of Resurrection want a compassionate, caring person that will lead us into the future with an open mind, community involvement and leadership.

➤ Nurture our spiritual growth
➤ Strong pastoral care
➤ Relevant Christ-based sermons
➤ Growth of members especially families with children
➤ Renewal of our youth groups and programs
➤ One who embraces enthusiasm, vibrancy, passion
➤ A visionary leader
➤ Embrace the visions and challenges of change
➤ Maximize the talents of the congregation to guide us in the right direction to achieve our 5 year goals
➤ Direct us to be a vital part of the community outreach programs
RESURRECTION IN 5 YEARS: A THRIVING SPIRITUAL CENTER

**Growth**

200-300 active members, more families with children and 2 services per week.

**Youth**

Vibrant and active youth program and Youth Service once a month.

**Music**

More contemporary music, larger choir and children’s choir.
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL