

The Rev. Dr. Bill Carroll

EDUCATION

2026 (expected)	Certificate in Ignatian Spiritual Direction, Loyola University Chicago
2005	Ph.D., Christian Theology, The University of Chicago Divinity School
2002	Certificate in Anglican Studies, The University of the South
1996	M.Div., The University of Chicago Divinity School
1992	A.B., Philosophy, Harvard University

ORDINATION

2002	Sacred Order of Deacons, Diocese of Upper South Carolina, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia, SC
2004	Sacred Order of Priests, Diocese of Upper South Carolina, at the Chapel of the Apostles, Sewanee, TN

EMPLOYMENT

2019-Present—Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church in Longview, Texas

I arrived 11 months prior to Covid-19 lockdown in a historic, county-seat parish. The Vestry and I have worked with focus groups and parish-wide forums to craft a shared Christ-centered vision, which we revisit and adjust on an annual basis at a leadership retreat. The Endowment Board and I have worked to establish best practices, including an annual audit, professional bookkeeping, and a comprehensive investment policy. We grew our principal from \$3.9M to \$6.7M through prudent management and approved real estate transactions, keeping to a 4% draw while expanding available income. We used the additional income to call an Associate Rector and Youth and Children's Minister. Vestry leadership now includes new arrivals with established parishioners. We are growing and getting younger.

2016-2019—Canon for Clergy Transitions and Congregational Life, Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma

I was the Bishop's chief liaison to clergy, lay leaders, and congregations to communicate our vision for building up the Body of Christ in Oklahoma, especially in times of transition, conflict, or crisis. My core responsibilities included all clergy transitions and the ordination process. I was the intake officer for cases of alleged clergy misconduct.

2012-2016—Rector, Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Shawnee, Oklahoma

I served a healthy, growing parish in the Diocese of Oklahoma. We initiated a Vacation Bible School that grew to 70 children and 20 volunteers. We helped double a successful Wednesday night program that came to see up to 60 people in attendance, two-thirds of them youth and children. We added a popular candlelight Compline liturgy with youth musicians and singers. Before I joined the Bishop's staff, we planned for a building expansion to accommodate growing ministries and secured \$1.3M in pledges during the silent phase of a capital campaign, which has now been completed.

2006-2012—Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio and Chaplain to Ohio University

We focused on revitalizing our campus ministry, using an asset-based development model. We worked with an intentional community of young adults who were growing organic food to feed the hungry. Our midweek Eucharist at their farm was followed by a community meal that grew to see 25 people in attendance, as many as 50 in warmer months. There was a broader group of several hundred students and others who volunteered at the farm to learn about sustainable agriculture and the connection between food and faith.

We secured a grant from the General Convention budget and several other grants, totaling about \$90,000, to support the ministry of these young adult leaders.

2003-2006—Visiting Professor of Systematic Theology/Junior Fellow in Systematic Theology, The University of the South

I taught seminarians the required year-long sequence in systematic theology. I taught electives on the authority and interpretation of Scripture, the resurrection of Jesus, missiology, twentieth-century theological method, and many topics in Christian spirituality.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, DIOCESE, AND THE WIDER CHURCH

1. Diocese of Texas

Board Member and Member of the Finance Committee of the Episcopal Health Foundation. This foundation was formed in 2013 with the proceeds of the sale (over \$1 billion) of our hospital system in Houston. Our work includes research, grants, programs, and advocacy throughout the diocese, with a focus on non-medical drivers of health.

Member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Dean of the Northeast Convocation.

2. Diocese of Oklahoma

Deputy to the 2018 General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

Associate Dean of the Oklahoma Iona School for Ministry. I taught Christian theology and ethics, as well as preaching and polity, to all our candidates for the diaconate and bi-vocational priesthood from 2012-2018.

Member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, including two years as President.

Board Member and President, Family Promise of Shawnee.

Executive Committee Member, Bridges out of Poverty, Pottawatomie County.

Member, Examining Chaplains for the priesthood and the diaconate.

3. Diocese of Southern Ohio

Member of the Commission on Ministry and Chair of the Examining Chaplains for the vocational diaconate.

Board Member for Rural Action, a membership-based sustainable development organization.

Board Member and President for the Athens AIDS Task Force. Among other things, we successfully renewed major federal grants to support indigent patients living with HIV/AIDS in Appalachian Ohio.

Chair of the University Interfaith Association, an umbrella organization for groups working in campus ministry at Ohio University.