

UPDATED BIO FOR REV. RICHARD WINELAND

Rev. Richard Wineland grew up in the Allegheny Mountains of Central Pennsylvania, near the railroad city of Altoona. He studied at Penn State University and Goshen College in Indiana, graduating with honors with a bachelor's degree in Music. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Mennonite Theological Seminary in Indiana in 1993 and is celebrating 26 years in ordained ministry this year. Richard served as a Mennonite and Lutheran pastor for 10 years prior to becoming an Episcopal priest, leading Mennonite and Lutheran congregations in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Tennessee, and has also served Episcopal parishes in Indiana and Tennessee. He was the founding Executive Director of the Community Music School of Goshen College, in Indiana, in 2000.

He is an accomplished singer and musician, a published composer, and has performed at the Grand Ole Opry House and on national television. Richard has for several seasons been a member of the Nashville Symphony Chorus. He has also had success as a writer, with articles published in both academic journals and denomination-wide publications over the course of his ministry. Father Wineland has been active in a variety of social justice organization, currently including serving on the National Executive Committee of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the Leadership Team of the Nashville Branch of the NAACP. He embraces Bill W's observation that "there are many paths to recovery."

Rev. Wineland serves at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, Tennessee, and also oversees the recovery ministry at St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel at Vanderbilt University. He is married to Lee Armstrong, a musician, poet and registered nurse at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Together they have seven adult children, scattered from Texas to Indiana. The Winelands live in southeast Nashville.