

# THE REV. JENNIFER BASKERVILLE - BURROWS

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Ordained Deacon, June 11, 1997, Diocese of Central New York  
Ordained Priest, February 7, 1998, Diocese of Central New York

## EXPERIENCE

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### **Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, Chicago, IL January 2012 - Present**

#### *Director of Networking*

- Serves on the bishop's executive team with strategic and budgetary oversight of resource development, communications and community engagement.
- Preaches, teaches, and assists in worship maintaining a visitation schedule to connect with the 126 congregations in the Diocese of Chicago.
- Fosters relationships and engagement in domestic and global ministries including civic affairs, ecumenical and interfaith relationships, global mission, anti-gun violence advocacy, racial reconciliation, and peace and justice efforts.
- Communicates a coherent diocesan vision, narrative and identity using digital and print media and a robust social media presence.
- Raises financial and temporal resources in support of annual diocesan budget and capital campaigns including coordination of successful \$9MM campaign for the renovation of diocesan center and restoration of funds for mission vitality grants.
- Supports clergy and lay leaders in their local contexts in the areas of leadership development, stewardship, capital campaigns, websites and social media, and effective outreach ministry.
- Directly supervises on-site staff and dispersed consultant team of eight.

### **Church Pension Group CREDO Faculty, 2014- Present**

#### *Spirituality Faculty*

- Plans worship services and opportunities for spiritual care for 8-day CREDO wellness conferences for clergy. Leads plenary sessions on spiritual identity and discernment, and offers spiritual direction and pastoral counseling to participants.

### **Grace Episcopal Church, Syracuse, NY July 2004 - January 2012**

#### *Rector (half-time)*

- Provided pastoral, spiritual, and administrative leadership for a revitalizing, multicultural, family-sized, urban congregation with an annual budget of \$140,000.
- Directed capital campaign to repair and restore sanctuary. Goal met and project completed November 2009.
- Supervised part-time staff that included secretary, sexton, musical leadership and program director for Grace House.
- Provided liturgical leadership and coordination for worship that included weekly Eucharist, evening prayer and compline, Afro-Taize contemplative prayer services among other liturgical celebrations
- Presided over growth in Sunday attendance (from 55 in 2004 to 80 in 2012).

### **Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY July 2004 - January 2012**

#### *Episcopal Chaplain (half-time)*

- Pastoral and spiritual leader for Episcopal students, faculty and staff and those of other faiths on the Syracuse University campus. Co-led interfaith mission trip to Holy Land.
- Supervised campus peer ministers and student organ scholar and youth mentor programs connected to Grace Episcopal Church.

**Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, CA August 2002 - July 2004**

*Director of Alumni/ae and Church Relations*

- Formulated and implemented programs to strengthen relationships between CDSP and its alumni/ae including alum events, assistance with deployment, and pastoral support.
- Built and maintained relationships with churches in Province VIII by meeting with clergy, vestries and congregations to connect them with seminary resources and relay their ministry needs back to the seminary.
- Preached and presided regularly in the seminary chapel and congregations across Province VIII.
- Raised \$500,000 annually from churches and alumni/ae in support of CDSP.
- Served as deployment officer for CDSP and worked with students on vocational discernment issues.

**All Saints' Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA September 2002 - July 2004**

*Pastoral Associate (Non-stipendiary)*

- Shared in the ministries of liturgical leadership, preaching, teaching and pastoral care.

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Morristown, NJ April 1999 - August 2002**

*Associate for Christian Formation*

- Coordinated, evaluated, and developed new programs for spiritual nurture for all ages including adult Bible studies, adult inquirer's classes, retreats and quiet days, small groups, and a Church School with registration of over 160 young people in corporate-sized parish.
- Supervised paid Church School Coordinator, nursery staff, and 24 volunteer teachers and youth leaders.
- Facilitated Baptismal preparation for adults and infants.
- Shared fully in the ministries of liturgical leadership, preaching, teaching, and pastoral care.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Endicott, NY June 1997 - April 1999**

*Assistant Rector*

- Directed programs and trained leaders for youth, young adult, and young family ministries, Christian education for all ages, and community outreach in program parish with average attendance of 150.
- Provided Episcopal presence at Binghamton University.
- Led worship and shared in the ministries of preaching, teaching, and pastoral care.

**Religious Property Preservation Consultant, September 1994 - 2004**

*Clients Included*

- St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Morristown, NJ. Wrote and coordinated \$500,000 matching grant proposal to the New Jersey Historic Trust as part of St. Peter's 2002 Capital Campaign
- Choconut Lake Cemetery Association. Developed master plan for the restoration of the Church of the Holy Spirit at Choconut Lake, PA. Restoration completed May 2001.
- Zion Episcopal Church, Windsor, NY. Handicap accessibility plan for historic church building.

## EDUCATION

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**Church Divinity School of the Pacific**, Berkeley, CA, M.Div., May 1997  
**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY, M.A. Historic Preservation Planning, May 1994  
**Smith College**, Northampton, MA, A.B. May 1988. Architecture major, Urban Studies minor

## CHURCH-WIDE EXPERIENCE

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Vice President, Board, The Archives of The Episcopal Church, 2009 - Present  
Member, Board, Episcopal Service Corps, 2012 - Present  
Facilitator, *Fierce Conversations* (communication training for leaders), 2013 - Present  
Deputy to General Convention, 2006, 2009, 2015  
Member, Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church 2009 - 2012  
Member, Council of Advice to the President of the House of Deputies, 2006 - 2009  
Chaplain, House of Deputies, General Convention, June 2006  
Member, Evangelical Education Society Board of Directors, 2003 - 2009  
Member, CREDO Institute Inc. Advisory Committee, 2004 - 2008

## DIOCESAN CHURCH EXPERIENCE

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### CENTRAL NEW YORK

Diocesan Board, Member, 2005 - 2008  
Commission on Ministry Committee—Clergy Continuing Education, 2006 - 2009  
College and Young Adult Committee (CAYAC), 1997 - 1999  
Co-founded and provided clerical leadership to new initiative for college and young adult ministries throughout the diocese.  
Historic Preservation, September 1997 - April 1999  
Served on committee of advice to the Bishop on preserving and maintaining the historic churches in the diocese. Oversaw National Register nomination process for eligible church properties.

### NEWARK

Ward J. Herbert Fund Board, September 1999 - September 2001  
Provided grants for capital improvements to churches in the diocese of Newark.

## AUTHOR

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“Structural Change in the Diocese of Chicago” in What We Shall Become: The Future and Structure of The Episcopal Church, Church Publishing, 2013

“Lemon Love” in Bread, Body, Spirit. Skylight Paths, 2008.

“What to do with the Building” in Ending with Hope. Alban Institute, May 2002.

“To Be Young, Priested and Black: Raising Up the NeXt Generation of Black Clergy” in Gathering the NeXt Generation, Morehouse, 2000.

Cookin’ in the ‘Cuse. Blog focused on organic, sustainable food, May 2005 - 2011  
<http://jbbsyracuse.typepad.com>

Writer and Contributing Editor, Edible Finger Lakes magazine, 2008 - 2012

**References are available upon request.**