



## Clergy and Lay Ministers Serving during Transition

### CLERGY

#### **Bio: The Rev. Charles Fischer**

The Rev. Charles L. Fischer III, a native of New Jersey and a lifelong Episcopalian, is currently serving as the Vice President for Seminary Advancement for the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Rev. Fischer received his undergraduate degree in finance from Morehouse College. After several years of working in New York City, he returned to his alma mater, serving as the Associate Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Programs. He continued his studies at the Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) in Alexandria, VA, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. Rev. Fischer is a fellow of the Black Theology and Leadership Institute at Princeton Theological Seminary. He has also studied at Wesley Theological Seminary, Howard University Divinity School, Columbia Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Bexley Seabury, and the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University.

Rev. Fischer has served parishes in the Diocese of Atlanta, the Diocese of Maryland, and the Diocese of Washington. He also served as the Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Development & Special Assistant to the President at Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, NC.

Rev. Fischer was proudly inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. International College of Ministers and Laity at Morehouse College in April 2012. He is also an inaugural member of The Martin Luther King Jr. International College of Pastoral Leadership. Rev. Fischer has served on the Board of Trustees for the Holy Innocents Episcopal School in Atlanta, GA, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center Regional Health Board, as well as the Alumni Association Executive Committee for the Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA.

## **Bio: The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler recently retired as Rector of St. Peter's in Brentwood. In addition to working as a supply priest, he is also the Chaplain for the County prison system. He brings an interesting background to his work as a priest.

Canon Jay is well known in Pittsburgh for leading the J&L Steelworkers in a series of protests in the 1980's when their health benefits denied and their pensions threatened. The steelworkers' protests culminated in several U.S. Congressional "Pension Reform" bills and a U.S. Supreme Court decision in their favor.

Canon Jay is also one of the region's foremost experts in addiction and recovery. He co-founded the Oasis Recovery Center, opened a "Serenity House" for women in need of housing, and renovated a home in Carrick that is used to provide job training and housing for people in recovery.

Dr. Geisler earned a Doctorate in Ministry from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Biblical Studies (Summa Cum Laude) from the Roman Catholic Pontifical College Josephinum.

## **Bio and Message from the Rev. Carol Henley**

"Dear Friends at St. Andrew's,

"I look forward to being your supply priest during your time in transition. I'm not a stranger to St. Andrew's, as I have been with you at various times in the past. But for newer St. Andreans, here is my background in a nutshell:

"I graduated from General Theological Seminary in New York City in 1982, and was ordained priest in 1983. I've served in parishes in Beverly Hills, CA; Madison, NJ; Winston-Salem, NC; and Pittsburgh, PA. I am currently retired and spend most of my time taking classes at the Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Pittsburgh, playing my harp, and watercolor painting. I am also singing again (post pandemic) with the Balkan Babes. If you don't know about the Balkan Babes, just ask me!

"God bless you and see you all soon, Carol"

## **Bio: The Rev. Regis Smolko**

Please see ["Fr. Regis Reflects on His Priesthood"](#)

## LAY MINISTERS

### **Bio: Dr. Michelle Domeisen**

Dr. Michelle Keane Domeisen is a Senior Vice President with Colliers, an international commercial real estate firm. Selected as one of Pennsylvania's 50 Best Women in Business, she is the Chair of St. Margaret Foundation and a Board member of the University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association. Past appointments include Chair of the Pitt Katz Business School Alumni, Vice Chair of the Rebecca Residence Foundation, Board member of Rebecca Residence and of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and Trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Domeisen holds a BA and MBA from the University of Pittsburgh and a MA and Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She was the seminarian for four years at Trinity Cathedral under Rev. Dr. Canon Catherine Brall and served as a Chaplain under Rev. Dr. Charles Starr at Shadyside Hospital. Michelle currently serves on the Vestry at Saint Andrew's. She is also a Penn State Master Gardener and a contributing gardening author for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

### **Bio: Jodie Moore, M. Div.**

A native of St. Louis, Jodie Moore began her career as an interior designer and project manager. In the late 1980's, hearing a call to ministry, she channeled her entrepreneurial spirit into the fight for urban education and social justice. She founded the Larimer Avenue Youth Club, a street ministry working with at-risk youth in some of Pittsburgh's most distressed neighborhoods. Concurrently, she studied for her Master of Divinity at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In 2016 she received PTS's Distinguished Alumna Award for Excellence in Mission.

Jodie recruited the Rev. Tom Johnson to work with her youth club, and they founded and ran a summer school for at-risk teens. This provided a testing ground for educational ideas that Jodie and Rev. Johnson used in establishing The Neighborhood Academy, a faith-based independent, college-prep middle and high school for Pittsburgh's low-income youth that opened in Garfield in 2001 and is now located on a 7.8-acre campus in Stanton Heights.

Professionally, Jodie continues to create interiors for a few long-standing clients. In addition to being a Lay Minister, Church School Coordinator, Lay Reader, and Chaliceist at St. Andrew's, she also volunteers with The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, the Garden Club of Allegheny County/Environment Committee, and the Women's Committee of the Carnegie Museum of Art. She was inducted by the Governor as a Distinguished Daughter of PA in 2016.

**Bio: Dr. Wes Rohrer**

Wes Rohrer retired as Associate Professor Emeritus from the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health, after 40 years as academic administrator, scholar, teacher, and student mentor in the areas of organization theory & behavior, leadership, health care administration, and health policy. Throughout his adult life, Wes had considered a religious vocation but decided that various forms of lay ministry were his real calling. After completing his MBA and Doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, Wes earned a Master of Arts in Religion degree from the (former) Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge PA.

Having been an active lay leader in the Roman Catholic Church much of his adult life, Wes became a member of St. Andrew's in 2004/2005. He has served on the Vestry several times and has been the Parish Treasurer. He has also been licensed as a Chalicist, as a member of the lay visiting Eucharistic team, and recently licensed as a lay minister and preacher.