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Will you by your prayers and witness help this child grow into the full stature of Christ?
I will, with God's help.

St. Crispin's Summer Camp, Wewoka, OK | Interim Camp Director May – July 2026

St. Crispin's is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma and the only openly affirming camp in the state.

- Provided overall leadership and supervision for the diocesan summer camp program.
- Trained, supervised, and evaluated summer staff, including counselors, CITs, coordinators, dean teams, and volunteers.
- Oversaw staff training with an emphasis on leadership development, safety, and community-building.
- Partnered with clergy, deans, and volunteers to plan and implement meaningful camp experiences.
- Ensured compliance with all policies, safety standards, and best practices, including Safe Church and American Camp Association guidelines.
- Collaborated with St. Crispin's center leadership on scheduling, logistics, and program coordination.
- Oversaw online registration, communication with families, and scholarship coordination.

Blue Devils Performing Arts | Ethics Consultant 2018 – Present

The Blue Devils are an award-winning Drum and Bugle Corps headquartered in Concord, CA

- Work with the board to develop training curriculum to prevent sexual harassment and misconduct for corps members and staff.
- Lead in-person sessions for corps members and staff, including Q&A sessions, problem solving, intervention training, and structures for reporting misconduct.
- Assist the director when handling behavior complaints, including interviews and disciplinary decisions.

Episcopal Diocese of California | Associate for Faith Formation Jun 2016 – Feb 2026

The Episcopal Diocese of California serves Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties.

- Communicated and developed individual relationships with youth ministers around the diocese; encouraged and developed relationships between youth ministers and congregations leading to cooperative deanery ministries
- Assisted summer camps at The Bishop's Ranch and St. Dorothy's Rest with marketing, staff training and chaplaincy
- Coordinated, planned, and ran area youth events for 25-200 people, including Harry Potter Day, diocesan youth pilgrimages, and overnights in Grace Cathedral
- Coordinated worship services, including diocesan confirmations, in Grace Cathedral for 50-1500 people
- Encouraged, enabled, and coordinated attendance at the annual Forma Conference and the triennial Episcopal Youth Event.
- Adopted the Episcopal Church's Model Polices to be consistent with California law and diocesan canons
- Adapted and lead in-person Safe Church trainings around the diocese
- Managed the LiveScan fingerprint background check system for volunteers and employees
- Served as an Intake Officer for Clergy misconduct cases
- Assisted when needed in pastoral care of individuals, congregations, and clergy in distress

Episcopal Church General Convention Task Force to Develop Safe Church Training | Member 2018 – 2022

- Worked with a team of clergy and lay professionals, including camp directors and staff, to develop updated safe church training to better meet the needs of modern ministry
- Liaised with Praesidium Inc on website logistics and distribution.
- Met with youth ministers and camp staff across the country to discuss local needs and adapt trainings to fit local contexts, focusing on camp peculiarities like overnights and shared bathrooms.

Episcopal Church Youth Ministry Council of Advice | Volunteer Member 2017 – 2023

- Worked directly with the staff from the denominational office to support youth ministries across the country, plan regional and national youth events, and debate and form church-wide policy.
- Served as Leadership Assistant at the 2017 Episcopal Youth Event held in Edmond, OK and was on the Design Team for the 2023 Event held in College Park, MD. EYE is a four-day nation-wide event for high school aged youth. Both events hosted 750-1200 youth and adult chaperones.

General Convention Children's Program | Director 2012, 2015, 2018, 2022

General Convention is the governing body of the Episcopal Church that meets every three years. The Children's Program provides care and programming for children who accompany deputies, Bishops, and other attendees.

- Spent the year prior to each event gathering and selecting a team to assist, writing curriculum, arranging field trips, managing all aspects of registration, setting and working within a budget, and liaising with the host hotel about our needs for the space.
- Directed day-to-day operations of the program, including meals, snacks, supplies, space cleaning, volunteer schedules, and paid staff.
- Communicated daily with parents and guardians of the children and teen volunteers regarding scheduling and child welfare.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ross, CA | Youth & Family Minister Jul 2013 – Aug 2016

- Developed, wrote, and implemented Sunday School Curriculum
- Planned, organized, and led youth confirmation program
- Planned and led summer trips for youth
- Organized, planned, and assisted with the Family Service
- Managed Sunday morning paid nursery care

Church of the Heavenly Rest, NY, NY | Director of Children & Family Ministries Dec 2005 – Jul 2013

- Developed, wrote, and implemented Sunday School Curriculum
- Scheduled and trained Sunday School Teachers
- Convened and incorporated feedback from Christian Education Committee
- Led a service trip for students and parents
- Organized, scheduled, and trained youth acolytes
- Managed Sunday morning paid nursery care
- With the Music Director, co-lead the Christmas Pageant. Increased participation from 70 children to over 120.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, DeSoto, TX | Director of Youth Ministry June 2022 – November 2005

- Wrote and led a weekday bible study for middle and high school students
- Planned and led mission trips
- Planned and led seasonal events
- Served on the Diocese of Dallas Youth Council, working with youth and other ministers to plan and run weekend events like New Beginnings and Happening and summer camps at the Cathedral and at a rented camp in Gilmer, TX.

Education

University of North Texas, Denton, Tx | Bachelor of Arts 2002
Major: Political Science, Minor: Religious Studies

Publications

These Are Our Bodies: Talking Faith & Sexuality at Church & Home – High School 2017
co-authored with Samantha Clare (nee Haycock)