

THE REV. KATE E. WESCH

MINISTRY STATEMENT

It is my life's joy to serve God and God's people in the church. I am particularly skilled and equipped in navigating the complexities of growing systems and draw heavily from congregational development resources.

EXPERIENCE

Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church; Essex, CT — 2021-Present

Leading a growing parish with a particular emphasis on forming disciples of Christ through the spiritual practices. Establishing church-wide structures and systems, especially financial, to stabilize the parish and increase effectiveness.

Rector, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church; Seattle, WA — 2017-2021

Served the parish following a very difficult six-year transition period. Reorganized the parish structures as it grew and implemented new software to track parishioners, events, communications, and finances. Used congregational development tools extensively to move the parish to a new place of health and vitality.

Senior Associate, Epiphany Parish, Seattle, WA — 2009-2017

Collaborative leadership with the rector and staff during a time of rapid growth, with responsibilities for regular preaching, liturgical planning and presiding, administration, teaching, small group and retreat leadership.

EDUCATION

Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX — Master of Divinity, 2006

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Visions Anti-Racism Workshop, 2023

Certificate in Non-Profit Management, University of Washington, 2021

College for Congregational Development, 2019

POSITIONS IN THE CHURCH

Trainer, College for Congregational Development, 2022-Present

Chair & Vice-Chair, Forward Movement Board, 2019-Present

Co-Convener, 3-Year Priest-in-Charge Cohort, ECCT, 2022-2023

Chair, Task Force to Revise the Parochial Report Finance Page, 2023

House of Deputies State of the Church Committee, 2019-2022

Deputy for the Diocese of Olympia, General Convention 2018

Commission on Ministry, Diocese of Olympia, 2008-2011