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Significant events that have shaped my spiritual journey include baptism at the age of 2 months by my grandfather, an Episcopal Priest in the Diocese of Colorado, the death of my Father at the age of 7 years, and confirmation at the age of 12 when I experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. I was raised in a loving family of faith at home and at Church. My parents were among eight originators of St Philip and St James, Denver.



During my teens and twenties, I married, gave birth to two beautiful children, raised a family, and volunteered in the community and in the Church. In my thirties and forties, I became a single parent and a grandparent of two while going to college and exploring a career. Then, in my fifties and sixties, I remarried, became a clergy spouse, and adventured into a blended family. Now, in my seventies, I am expecting the arrival of a great-grandchild and enjoying a solo journey with God and others to serve, reflect, and write.

My passion to explore the thin places between physical reality and spiritual certainty started at an early age. This quest led me to wonder about different spiritual perspectives and cultural worldviews. I ventured into wholistic health studies and mystical experiences only to return to my roots in Christianity to complete a certification in Spiritual Direction and a doctorate in Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care with emphasis on stress disorders and pain management.

Today, I reflect on my membership in the Episcopal Church as a lay person. I served on staff as a Bookkeeper for the Diocese of Colorado, an Administrative Assistant at St Luke's, Denver, Director of Christian Formation at St Luke's, Ft. Collins, Music Director at St Alban's, Windsor and at St Paul's, Steamboat Springs. I taught Sunday School and facilitated workshops, quiet days, and retreats. I established healing ministries and children ministries in several Churches.

Currently, I serve as Chaplain of Northwest Colorado Health's Hospice Program and have a private practice in Pneumasomatic Care™, integrating Spirit and body ... health and faith. My recently published book, Faith Listening, offers a practical approach to discerning God's Presence and connecting with God in the reality of daily life.

It is an honor to serve as Chaplain for the Search Committee. May God bless us all with wisdom, compassion, and courage to listen and follow God's call for a rector of St. Paul's.