

The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church
Honorary Chair, Episcopal Relief & Development Board of Directors

THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL BRUCE CURRY was installed as the 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church on November 1, 2015. He was elected on June 27 at the Church's General Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Bishop Curry is the 27th Presiding Bishop, Primate, and Chief Pastor of The Episcopal Church. He also serves as President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Most recently, he served as the 11th Bishop of North Carolina. Bishop Curry is a graduate of Hobart College and received his Master of Divinity degree in 1978 from Yale University Divinity School. He has also pursued additional studies at The College of Preachers, Princeton Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University, the Ecumenical Institute at St. Mary's Seminary, and the Institute of Christian Jewish Studies.

Bishop Curry was ordained to the priesthood in December 1978, at St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem, North Carolina and began his ministry as deacon-in-charge at St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in 1978 and was rector there from 1979-1982. He next accepted a call as rector at St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights, Ohio, where he served from 1982-1988. In 1988, he became rector of St. James', Baltimore, Maryland, which he served until his election as bishop.

In his three parish ministries in North Carolina, Ohio, and Maryland, Bishop Curry had extensive involvement in Crisis Control Ministry, founding of ecumenical summer day camps for children, preaching missions, the Absalom Jones initiative, creation of networks of family day care providers, creation of educational centers, and the brokering of millions of dollars of investment in inner city neighborhoods. He inspired a \$2.5-million restoration of the St. James' church building after a fire. The St. James' After School Academy was designated a Jubilee Ministry by Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning.

Previously, Bishop Curry was Chair of Episcopal Relief & Development's Board of Directors before transitioning to its Honorary Chair in November 2015. He has served on the boards of a large number of organizations and was a member of the Commission on Ministry in each of the three dioceses where he has served. Bishop Curry has a national preaching and teaching ministry, having been featured on The Protestant Hour and as a frequent speaker at conferences around the country. He has received honorary degrees from the University of the South at Sewanee, Virginia Theological Seminary and Yale.

He is married to the former Sharon Clement, and they have two daughters, Rachel and Elizabeth.