

Chad Slater Biography

Chad Slater came to the Episcopal Church as a teenager, having been raised as an Evangelical. He worked as an energy sector consultant for nearly a decade before entering seminary and is now rector of Christ Church in Bluefield, West Virginia. Chad is Ecumenical Officer, representative to the West Virginia Council of Churches, and serves on the Standing Committee. Chad was a founding member of the Appalachian Interfaith Alliance, a group that seeks to promote religious tolerance and respect between people of all faiths in central Appalachia. Issues of ecumenism and support for the church's role to "respect the dignity of every human being" are extremely important to Chad. Evangelism, especially among youth and those hurt or otherwise disrespected by faith communities in the past, is another ministry focus for him. Chad and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Benjamin and Emma, and a faithful dog, Toby.

the Rev. Chadwick M. Slater

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Ministry Statement:

I serve a risen Savior. I am called to empower the people of God to boldly proclaim the Good News so that all might come to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Education:

- Bachelor of Arts (cum laude), History and Political Science, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, West Virginia, 2004.
- Master of Divinity, Bexley Hall, Columbus, Ohio, 2013.

Secular Work History:

- Independent Consultant for the Energy Sector (2004 – 2013)
 - Managed projects for corporate clients
 - Established training and information collection protocols for clients
 - Advised clients on title, lease, and regulatory issues

Ecclesiastical Work History

- Rector of Christ Church, Bluefield, West Virginia (2013 – present)
 - Initiated overhaul of parish accounting and asset management
 - Oversaw \$500,000 renovation of church facilities
 - Helped establish ecumenical Sunday School program
 - Introduced successful evangelism campaign

Diocesan Responsibilities

- Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese of West Virginia (2014 – present)
- Member of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia (2015 – present)
- Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia (2016 – present)
- Representative to the West Virginia Council of Church (2014 – present)
- Deputy to 2018 General Convention from the Diocese of West Virginia
- McDowell County Episcopal Ministries (facilitator)

Community Involvement

- Greater Bluefield Ministerial Association (President 2016 – present)
- Appalachian Interfaith Alliance (member)
- Bluefield Preservation Society
- Bluefield Rotary Club (Rotary International)
- Southern Jackson County Community Association (Board Member 2008-2011)