

Bio for Suzanne (Sue) Redfern-Campbell

I've been attending St. Michael's for about five years. I took the Newcomers' Class on Zoom during the COVID shutdown, and renewed my baptismal vows with Bishop Hunn a year or so later. Two ministries originally drew me here: a grief support group that helped me after my husband died, and the church's immigration ministries, which echoed my own interests and commitments. My first volunteering here was with The Landing; now that the city has taken over St. Michael's work with asylum seekers, I'm exploring other ways to work toward immigration justice.

On Sundays at 11:15, you'll find me singing alto in the Chancel Choir. I also co-lead Morning Prayer on-line once a week, and regularly attend the Thursday morning Eucharistic service. I've enjoyed several book studies offered through Adult Formation; right now I'm in one of the groups studying Barbara Holmes' *Crisis Contemplation*.

God is full of surprises, and my spiritual journey is full of zigs and zags. A map of it would include the beloved Methodist Church of my childhood and youth, a mostly unchurched period as a young adult, a return to church at age 30 - and the experience of a call to ministry! In April, I'll celebrate the 40th anniversary of my ordination, which took place at King's Chapel in Boston, a Unitarian Christian congregation with historic Anglican roots.

Since ordination, my call has taken me to many parts of North America. I consider my most fruitful years of ministry to have been the last 15, when I served churches in transition as an intentional interim. During that time, I developed interests in governance, church size, and family systems theory, and a general fascination with what makes churches tick. I loved helping them move toward greater health and a deeper sense of mission.

Over all those years of ministry, I found myself feeling increasingly drawn to the Episcopal church, finding in it a deep source of spiritual support and nourishment. This attraction finally led me to seek and receive Episcopal confirmation in 2004. Given this, perhaps it was inevitable, once I moved to Albuquerque, that sooner or later I'd land at St. Michael's! It's a joy to be here, and I hope that serving on the Vestry can be one of my ways of giving back.