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### EDUCATION

**Doctor of Ministry**, The School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, TN, 2010. Summa cum laude.

**Master of Divinity**, The School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, TN, 2005. Summa cum laude.

\* 2003 Woods Leadership Award recipient.

**Bachelor of Arts**, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 1984. Magna cum laude.

**Associate of Arts**, The County College of Morris, Dover, NJ, 1978.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**Co-Founder, [Partnership for ReNEWal](#), Shelby, NC**

**Current: 1 year**

Facilitating new ways of being church, this partnership with Martin Darby represents decades of experience and the powerful dynamic of rector/CEO, ordained/lay, female/male. We work collaboratively with parishes, dioceses, committees, and individuals, building servant leadership and providing individualized church growth strategies which are grounded in Episcopal theology, Scripture, and tradition.

**Director of Development, [Play It Forward Scholarship](#), Atlanta, GA**

**Current: 2 years**

Founding co-director of a non-profit start-up which provides music lessons for talented, dedicated young musicians: "Making musicians who make a better world."

**[VMSherer Consulting, LLC](#), Church & Business Marketing & Communications**

**Current: 2 years**

Capitalizing on 25 years of marketing and communications in the business world, I now offer this expertise to churches and other non-profits: establish/improve communications delivery and online presence; logo and literature design; develop business plans; demographic, program/market research and evaluation; budgeting; multi-media advertising.

**Rector, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Shelby, NC**

**6.5 years**

I was called to this wounded congregation to go with them to the depths of their pain and walk with them into healing; to reconcile them with their bishop, diocese and deanery; re-establish sound financial practices, to redirect their attention from their own wounds to the wounds of the world God calls them to serve and to empower, encourage and provide resources for them to develop ministries and missions to do that; to re-invigorate and deepen them spiritually using disciplines of prayer and practice, individually and as a community; to strengthen their Episcopal identity and BCP worship, encourage them to witness as Episcopalians in this Bible Belt locale; train them in lay/ordained leadership for the church; preach, teach, administer the sacraments, provide pastoral care and liturgical leadership.

**Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cadillac, MI**

**2 years**

Proclaiming the Good News, preaching and administering the sacraments, providing pastoral care and liturgical leadership in cooperation with the worshipping congregation; building the kingdom of God by working with the congregation to discern and live out a call to mission and ministry locally, regionally, and globally; empowering the congregation by helping to identify and nurture their individual and communal gifts and passions.

**Adjunct Professor of Psychology, Baker College, Cadillac, MI**

**1 year**

**Curate, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Joseph, MI**

**1.5 years**

**Executive Director, The Haven, Shelter for Battered Women, Inc., Valdosta, GA**

**6 years**

**Founding Director, South Alabama Blackbelt Regional Abuse Haven, Selma, AL**

**2 years**

**Director of Marketing & Public Relations, Greenleaf Center, Inc., Valdosta, GA**

**2 years**

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### **TRAINING & SOUL STRETCHING**

**Appreciative Leadership for Transformation**, by the Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle; 06/2017

**The Art of Listening**: by Dr. Elizabeth Reis, SSJ, listening to resolve conflicts and create belonging; 05/2017.

**Daring Greatly for Clergy**: by Revs. Cyndi Banks and Karla Woggon, based on work by Brené Brown; 01/2017.

**Interim Training**: Appreciative Inquiry based training for interim ministry, by The Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle; 01/2017.

**Train the Trainer**, The Community Resiliency Model, Trauma Resource Institute, by Elaine Miller-Karas, LCSW; 01/ 2017

**The Community Resiliency Model** of the Trauma Resource Institute, by the WNC Resiliency Collaborative; observer, 02/2016; participant, 08/2015

**Beyond Words**, An Icon Writing Retreat, Transformations Spirituality Center, Kalamazoo, MI; 02/2015

**To Dwell in the House of Possibility: The Sacramental Vision of Emily Dickinson**; St. Mary's Conference Center, Sewanee, TN; 02/2015

**Do Justice, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly in a 21st Century World**, by The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori; 04/2014

**Clergy Coaching**, by the (late) Rev. Will Thompson, 10/2006

### **MINISTRY INITIATIVES**

**Divine Branches, Abiding Confidently, Living Our Divine Purpose**: Women's Spirituality Workshop Keynote, Laurel Ridge Conference Center, Laurel Springs, NC; 06/2017.

**The Feminine Nature of God and Why That Matters**: Women's Spirituality Workshop Keynote, Tigg's Pond, Zirconia, NC; 09/2016.

**Beautiful Authority Conference** Planner/Presenter, Mt. Olivet Conference Center, MN; 06/2012; Planner, Valle Crucis Conference Center, NC; 05/2013; Planner, Kanuga Conference Center, NC; 09/2016;

**PRIDE Picnic**, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Shelby, NC; 08/2015

**The Shepherd's Table** feeding ministry: Church of the Redeemer, Shelby, 02/2010

**The Via Media Rosary** (published: <http://www.valorimsherer.com/via-media-rosary.html>)

**Note**: other teachings/initiatives can be found on my website: [www.valorimsherer.com](http://www.valorimsherer.com)

### **INTENTIONAL CONNECTIONS**

Christian Ministers Association, Shelby, NC (2009-present); Women Pastors Alliance, Shelby, NC (2010-present);

Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Team (DVSART); Church representative, Shelby, NC (2009-16); Cross Cultural Gathering (anti-racism group), Shelby, NC (2014-16); Abuse Prevention Council volunteer, Shelby, NC (2009-16); Member, Board of Directors, Safe Shelter, Benton Harbor, MI (2005-09).

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Priest in good standing, Diocese of Western NC; Ordination Date: September 7, 2005; Married to Steven T. Sherer April 16, 1988; Three grown children; Health: Excellent, non-smoker, no medications.

### **REFERENCES:**

1. **The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin**, Diocese of Western North Carolina, Email: [bishopjose@diocesewnc.org](mailto:bishopjose@diocesewnc.org)
2. **The Rev. Augusta Anne Anderson**, Canon to the Ordinary, Dio WNC: [canonaugusta@diocesewnc.org](mailto:canonaugusta@diocesewnc.org)
3. **Dr. Elizabeth Reis**, SSJ, 3427 Gull Road, Nazareth, MI, 49074 (doesn't use email).
4. **The Rev. Deacon Pam Bright**, Shelby, NC. Email: [deac2006@yahoo.com](mailto:deac2006@yahoo.com)
5. **The Rev. Shawn Griffith**, Rector, St. Mark's, Gastonia, NC, Email: [slg@smarksgastonia.org](mailto:slg@smarksgastonia.org)
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