

A Short Bio from Trinity's new Rector, Rev. E Wayne Rollins:

I was born and raised outside Charleston, West Virginia, and attended a non-denominational fundamentalist church until the middle of my college years. I hold a BS degree in Education, and have been certified to teach Music in grades K-12. I hold a Master of Music Degree in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College. A highlight of my time there was singing in a choir of 200+ in the first choral performance on a Live from Lincoln Center presentation of Giuseppe Verdi's *Requiem*.

I have served as Organist/Choirmaster/Music Director in Presbyterian, United Methodist, Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches. I have also taught music courses on the college level, including two classes each quarter in a maximum security prison in southern Ohio.

Subsequent study in the Fine Arts followed. Then after a few years of discernment, I obtained the Master of Divinity Degree from The Methodist Theological School of Ohio. I was ordained a Deacon in the West Virginia Conference, but left after a few years. I explain that time as taking a long hike in boots that don't fit.

After a few years of trying anything but churchwork, including sales and as a licensed social worker, I returned to the Episcopal church in Charleston, singing in the choir and sometimes playing the organ. I began exploring ordination there, resulting in ordination to the diaconate and priesthood in 2004.

I've served Episcopal parishes in West Virginia, Maine, Ohio, Michigan, and Delaware. I also served four years as Pastor in an Evangelical Lutheran congregation in southern Ohio after a year-long Clinical Pastoral Education residency in a nearby medical center.

I look forward to working in ministry in northwest Connecticut, and making new friends as we spread the Good News of Christ Jesus together.