



THE VERY REVEREND RICHARD LAWSON

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EXPERIENCE

Dean & Rector, Saint John's Cathedral, Denver, CO

2017-present

- Shepherd 2200 members
- Lead 16 full-time staff including 3 full-time priests & 1 full-time deacon
- Increased diversity of staff
- Created new full-time youth minister position
- Created new full-time deacon for community partnerships position
- Expanded lay leadership
- Completed with lay leadership a \$12 million dollar capital campaign
- Secured \$325,000 in grants to reimagine campus

Rector, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church & School, Memphis, TN

2010-2017

- Shepherded approximately 1100 members in Midtown Memphis
- Led 10 full-time staff including 3 full-time priests
- Led school chapel for 600 Preschool-8th grade students
- Increased diversity of staff for parish and school chapel
- Expanded lay leadership
- Completed capital campaign for nave renovation and addition of antiphonal organ

Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, Decatur, AL

2004-2010

- Shepherded a transition-sized downtown parish
- Expanded Christian formation through *Godly Play* and *EfM*
- Completed capital campaign
- Worked closely with two nonprofits in the Episcopal Center on parish grounds

Curate, St. John's Episcopal Church, Decatur, AL

2001-2004

PUBLICATIONS

- “Too Deep for Words Alone: principles for liturgical and Prayer Book revision,” *Anglican Theological Review*, November 2021
- “This unusual moment in history gives us time to learn something new or remember something forgotten,” *Colorado Sun*, April 8, 2020
- “Three Sketches of Symbols and Sacraments: An Appreciation of Martyn Percy’s Perspective and Tone,” in *Reasonable Radical: Reading the Writings of Martyn Percy*, edited by Ian Markham and Joshua Daniel, 2018
- “Mysticism and Pragmatism in Modern Religious Architecture,” *Anglican Theological Review*, Spring 2017
- “Gregory of Nyssa’s *Homilies on the Song of Songs*: Is the Erotic Left Behind?,” *Sewanee Theological Review*, Christmas 2010

DIOCESAN SERVICE

- Summer Camp Chaplain at Cathedral Ridge (Episcopal Camp in Colorado), 2017-2024
- Member of Bishop & Council in the Diocese of West Tennessee, 2014-2016
- General Convention Deputy, Diocese of West Tennessee, 2015
- Cofounder & chaplain for Annual Father/Son Retreat at Camp McDowell, 2006-2009
- Summer camp chaplain at Camp McDowell, 2001-2004
- Member of Investment Committee, Strategic Visioning Committee, Board of Examining Chaplains, & Bishop Suffragan Search Committee in the Diocese of Alabama

ORDINATION

Ordained Deacon at Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Guntersville, AL, 2001

Ordained Priest at the Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, AL, 2001

EDUCATION

Master of Sacred Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN, 2009

Master of Divinity, The General Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 2001

Bachelor of Arts, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, 1997

PERSONAL

I am married to Katherine Lawson, and we are the proud parents of two adult children, Adaline and Evans.