

THE REV. MARIA W. E. TJELTVEIT
124 South Madison Street
Allentown, PA 18102
484-619-5431 revmariat@gmail.com

EXPERIENCE

St. John's Episcopal Church, Palmerton, Pennsylvania

LONG-TERM SUPPLY PRIEST, Part-time, November 2021-present.

Working with three small Episcopal churches in Carbon County to see how they can work together.

The Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Allentown, Pennsylvania

RECTOR, September 1999–January 2021.

Led 250-member congregation in the West End of Allentown. Initiated Refugee Community Center.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Harrington Park, New Jersey

RECTOR, July 1994–June 1998.

Rector of 100-member suburban congregation.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES, 1988-1994

Oversaw extensive outreach ministry in a 1000-member congregation.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Charleston, West Virginia

ASSISTANT RECTOR, 1986–1988

Primary responsibility for Outreach and Young Adult ministry in a 500-member parish.

Highland Educational Project, Northfork, West Virginia

VOLUNTEER FOR MISSION 1982-1983

Full-time volunteer working with Senior Citizens in a rural coal mining area.

Philadelphia Geriatric Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

RESEARCH INTERVIEWER, 1981-1982

Interviewed women for a study, *Women, Work, and Care of the Aged, Mental Health Effects*.

NATIONAL CHURCH, DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Current: Co-Chair, Moravian-Episcopal Coordinating Committee and Racial Reconciliation Working Group, 2012-present; Board Secretary, Allentown School District Foundation, 2020-present; Coordinator/Facilitator for Full Communion *Sacred Ground*, 2021-present; Board member, Episcopal Urban Caucus, 2022-present; Volunteer with refugees, Bethany Christian Services, 2021-present; Meals On Wheels volunteer, 2020-present.

Past: Member, Moravian-Episcopal Theological Dialogue; Board Member, Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers; Deputy for General Convention, 2022; Diocesan Canon for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, 2006-2020; Member, Bishop Search Committee, Diocesan Council; Chair of Homeless Supportive Services Support Committee, Lehigh Conference of Churches; President of PTSA for William Allen High School; Chair of the board of Carpenter's Shelter (largest shelter in Northern Virginia); Alumni member of the Board of Trustees, Berkeley Divinity School.

EDUCATION

Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Master of Divinity, Cum Laude, 1986.

Swarthmore College, Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Philosophy, 1981.

Personal: Retired. Married to Dr. Alan Tjeltveit. Two children in their early 20's. Enjoy running, reading, gardening, knitting, and cooking.