

# ROBERT L. GRIFFITH, JR.

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## ORDINATION & EDUCATION

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<u>Ordained Transition Deacon</u> , Diocese of Ohio Ordination as Priest expected in December 2005	2005
<u>Master of Divinity</u> General Theological Seminary, New York City, New York	2005
<u>Master of Education: Higher Education Administration and Student Development</u> Kent State University, Kent, Ohio	1994
<u>Bachelor of Science in Education: Comprehensive Social Studies</u> Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio	1984

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

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<u>St. Paul's Episcopal Church: Intern &amp; Transitional Deacon</u> Brooklyn, New York	2003 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Transition Deacon in a pastoral-size, diverse, and urban parish with a strong liturgical focus and growing lay-centered congregation</li><li>▪ Gaining experience preaching during Sunday Eucharistic services</li><li>▪ Assist in liturgical duties including Master of Ceremonies, "Sub-deacon," Eucharistic Minister, Acolyte, Crucifer, and Officiant for said Evening Prayer</li><li>▪ Instructor for Christian Education and a substitute Sunday School teacher</li></ul>	
<u>General Theological Seminary: Seminarian &amp; Intern</u> New York, New York	2002 - 2005
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Serve the seminary community as a student representative to the Board of Trustees and served as a student committee member for the Association of Theological Schools GTS Accreditation Study</li><li>▪ Successfully serve the worshipping community as an Eucharistic Minister, Acolyte, Reader, Crucifer, Thurifer and Officiant for Morning Prayer</li><li>▪ Provide technology support for students, faculty, and staff</li></ul>	
<u>Church of the Ascension: Intern</u> New York, New York	Summer 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engaged in a summer internship with this program-size, urban parish</li><li>• Preached weekly short, extemporaneous sermons for early Sunday Eucharist</li><li>• Assisted at the altar for early and primary Sunday morning services</li><li>• Coordinated summer evening adult education and fellowship forum</li></ul>	
<u>Episcopal Diocese of Ohio: Various positions and responsibilities</u> Cleveland, Ohio	1994 - 2002
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Faithfully served St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Akron, Ohio – a robust, corporate-sized, and suburban parish with strong music and programmatic emphases as a Eucharistic Minister and adult-education facilitator/instructor</li><li>▪ Created and maintained first diocesan Web-site</li></ul>	

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- Served as chair and member of the diocesan College Work Committee
- Represented the Episcopal Church as a member of the Board of Directors for the ecumenical Campus Ministry Organization at Kent State University

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries: Founding Director and Associate Staff 1984 – 1988, 1990 – 1992  
Universities in Ohio and Europe

- Served in various roles in this inter-denominational student ministry – founded and directed the ministry at Bowling Green State University, served as associate staff for Kent State University and European campus ministries
- Created and facilitated student leadership development programs and new educational programming from local to international settings
- Successfully planned and implemented student conferences, retreats, and activities for U.S. and European ministries
- Expertly led students in spiritual-formation and small-group discipleship
- Trained and directed street-theater teams for U.S. and European missions
- In Europe, coordinated visiting American college-student evangelism teams and provided instruction for cultural awareness and transition issues
- Preached for local student meetings and international evangelistic efforts
- Prepared and coordinated effective fund raising and membership campaigns

Dayspring Assembly of God: Youth Group Leader 1985 - 1987  
Bowling Green, Ohio

- Participated in a thriving, regional church in the Evangelical/Pentecostal tradition by developing a dynamic junior and senior high youth ministry
- Created and led mid-week youth fellowship and discipleship programs
- Coordinated student involvement in sectional and state youth activities, conventions, and missions fund raising efforts
- Ministered to youth detained in the county Juvenile Detention Center

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Kent State University: Program Officer & Technology Administrator 1994 - 2001  
Kent, Ohio

- Successfully developed and managed all technology needs for Undergraduate Studies, a new academic unit
- Managed a staff of professional, graduate assistant, and student employees
- Developed and taught curriculum for hardware, software, and Internet use
- Webmaster and creator of the Undergraduate Studies Web-presence
- Taught University Orientation courses designed to help new Freshmen transition into the university environment and college coursework
- Coordinated a new comprehensive academic advising center
- Extensive experience supervising the student programming board with a budget of \$200,000 for educational and entertainment programs
- Involved in career counseling, résumé writing, and job search programming with the Career Counseling Center

Villa Angela/St. Joseph High School: Teacher 1988 - 1989  
Cleveland, Ohio

- Taught upper level students in American Government & Computer Science
- Redesigned computer science curriculum; elected Teacher of the Year