



## Welcome to our new Rector!

The Rev. Duane J. Nettles has served as Rector of the Free Church of the Annunciation–Episcopal in New Orleans since 2014 and Vicar of Mount Olivet Episcopal Church, also in New Orleans, since 2016.

Duane feels called to help create a welcoming and diverse church. His gifts lie in listening and helping people discern God's call in their lives and equipping them to carry out that work through preaching, teaching and pastoral care. Duane is passionate about connecting the congregation to the community.

Prior to serving as Rector, Duane was Parish Administrator at Annunciation Church and Executive Director of the Annunciation Mission, a non-profit established



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by Annunciation to respond to the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. Annunciation housed more than 17,750 volunteers who rebuilt 111 homes in Broadmoor and contributed approximately \$13.5 million in volunteer labor to New Orleans families.

Duane received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Tulane University and his Master of Divinity degree from Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin. He is pursuing an Advanced Degree at the School of Theology, University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He was ordained in 2014.

Duane first became acquainted with Grace and Holy Trinity during the spring of 2016 and 2017 when he met the dental team during its mission trips to Belize. In part, this led him to contact the Discernment Committee when the opening for a new Rector was posted.

