

Biography of Nancy Copass Tiederman

I graduated from Seattle's Queen Anne and Stanford University. Bill Tiederman and I married and began a family of 3 children. I was ordained deacon in 1982, and worked as a hospital chaplain in Indianapolis. Bishop Jones asked me to assist the chaplain at Purdue University, and with an MDiv with honors in hand, I was ordained priest in 1991. Next I became chaplain at our Episcopal Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Bill moved to Florida, I followed and became vicar of an African American church, St. Mary's, which we restored and remodeled. I was called to become Chaplain to faculty and students at the University of Florida. We restored and remodeled the student center, the student apartments and the historic Chapel of the Incarnation. I traveled to Celtic holy sites in Ireland with the Community of Christian Meditators and Buddhists including the Dali Lama to pray for peace in Northern Ireland.

As Bill prepared to retire, we decided to return to Washington State, and I accepted the call to become rector of St. David's, Friday Harbor. For the third time, I helped a community repair and renovate their worship space. At 68 I retired, and Bill and I went on pilgrimage with 2 Scottish American friends to Celtic Christian sites in Scotland, England and Wales. – Nancy Copass Tiederman