

Tom Phillips
Standing Committee, Clergy Order

Tom Phillips serves as the priest of Church of the Incarnation, in Oviedo. Tom is a lifetime Episcopalian, whose father and grandfather were both priests. His love for Anglicanism and his entrepreneurial creativity have combined to create a culture at Incarnation that is reaching and developing the next generation of Episcopalians. Having led a parish that has more than doubled in the past four years, and also has returned to unaided parish status, he would like to support continued initiatives for renewal across the diocese. He believes that the diocese is an outstanding example of health and strength for the Episcopal Church nationally, and he wants to help steward its flourishing in the years to come.

The good news of the gospel of grace in Jesus Christ is the heartbeat of Tom's ministry and it's the message he feels is most able to change hearts and grow churches. His hope is that the gospel would continue to be the unifying center of the diocese, bringing together parishes with diverse traditions and unique focuses.

Through Tom's involvement with the missions organization Youth With a Mission, he has developed a passion for evangelism and youth/young adult ministry. He knows that healthy churches are outward focused.

In 2006 Tom founded the Bible school Emmaus Ministries. Emmaus has conducted classes across the diocese. He also teaches in the ICS training program. His love for Scripture drives his preaching, and he hopes to see the diocese continue to develop and recruit biblically proficient leaders.