

The Rev. Dr. Robert Moses
Diocesan Board
Clerical Order

I currently serve as priest-in-charge at Christ the King Episcopal Church in Lakeland, Florida. My early formation was in the Roman Catholic tradition. After graduating with a degree in economics and international affairs from Florida State University, I entered into seminary training for ordination in the Roman Catholic Church and was ordained to the sacred order of deacons (1998) and the sacred order of priests (1999) in the Diocese of Orlando and began fulltime ministry as a parish priest at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Santa Fe Catholic High School in Lakeland. I left ministry as a Roman priest in 2003. After leaving the Roman Catholic Church, I met and married Nancy Murphy Brink. We were both received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Hugo Pina-Lopez in 2004 at St. David's Episcopal Church, Lakeland.

I returned to active ministry in 2005 as chaplain and religion teacher at All Saints' Academy in Winter Haven and as director of faith formation at Saint David's. In 2008, on the Feast of the Visitation, the Rt. Rev. John W. Howe officially accepted my sacred orders from the Roman Catholic Church and received me as a priest in the Episcopal Church. That year, I took the position of assistant at Saint David's, a post I held until 2012. After the rector resigned, I was made priest-in-charge and, eventually, rector. While at Saint David's, I matriculated as a doctoral candidate at Virginia Theological Seminary, from which I graduated in 2014, with a doctoral thesis titled "Storytelling as a Precursor to Evangelism." In 2018, when Saint David's made the sad but necessary decision to close, I helped to usher the church into a successful merger with Saint Stephen's, where I had been serving as assisting priest until 2023.

I participate in several multicultural, ecumenical, and interfaith groups that engage in meaningful community-building and the oft-challenging work of peacemaking, justice-seeking, and mercy. I have past and present relationships with the Campaign for Fair Food, the Peace Alliance, PEACE, and Polk Pride, among others. I currently sit on the Continuum of Care Governance Board (part of the Polk County Homeless Coalition). Within the Diocese of Central Florida, I serve on the board for Camp Wingmann and on the Diocesan Disciplinary Board.

My wife Nancy works for the Early Learning Coalition of Polk County. We have two children: Emma and John.