

The Rev. Jacob Smith and Melina Smith

The Reverend Jacob Smith is the Rector of the Parish of Calvary-St. George's in Manhattan. Jake was born on the Navajo Reservation and was raised in Yuma, Arizona. He graduated from the University of Arizona in 2000 with a BA in History, with an emphasis in Near Eastern Studies. He received his M. Div from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in May, 2006. Jacob was ordained to the diaconate on June 3, 2006 in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, and ordained a presbyter at Calvary Church on December 3, 2006 by the Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor. He "married up" in 2001 to his wonderful wife Melina Luna Smith and has two wonderful children Sophia 10 and Henry 8. Jacob has served at Calvary-St. George's for twelve years in various roles. He is the Dean of the lower-Manhattan clericus and is a trustee of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City. Jacob enjoys running and swimming and his favorite television show is Breaking Bad.

Melina has a B.A. from the University of Arizona in Sociology and earned a Masters of Education from Northern Arizona University in Counseling and Human Relations. She began her work as a social worker on the reservation of the Cocopah Tribe, then continued working with families as a Behavior Therapist in Pittsburgh. After arriving in New York City, Melina worked for the Children's Aid Society. Mel has created original Sunday School content that integrates creativity in light of our freedom experienced through the Gospel. She is also a gifted florist and her work has been featured in various publications including Domino Magazine.