

The Reverend Canon Lawrence B. Weeks

The Rev Canon Lawrence Biddle Weeks will retire as rector of Trinity Church and St. Peter's Church in Portland at the end of September. Together with his family, Larry arrived at Trinity in 2002, after having served as Regional Missioner for the Episcopal Church in the Casa Grande Valley of Arizona.

A native Texan and son of an Episcopal priest, Larry received his A.B. from Harvard, J.D. from the University of Arizona, and M. Div. from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. While living in Arizona, he was a legal aid lawyer representing indigent persons, and he taught clinical law at Arizona State University College of Law. Eventually he was called to the ministry and was ordained in 1996 at Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix.

Soon after his arrival at Trinity Portland, a burgeoning Sudanese congregation grew, first worshiping as a part of Trinity and later forming its own church, All Saints, which held its services at Trinity. Larry nurtured this extraordinary group of immigrants and formed close ties with the Sudanese community, counting their leaders among his dear friends.

Larry established an outdoor sunrise service on Easter, something he readily admitted was more comfortable weather-wise during his days in Arizona. He was also instrumental in creating Ashes to Go in Portland, and on each Ash Wednesday he and other clergy stand in Monument Square imposing ashes to grateful passers-by.

In 2011 Larry added St. Peter's to his responsibilities as he was appointed Priest in Charge for that parish. On December 4, 2016, he was installed as Canon Missioner of the Cathedral. He lives with his wife Marcy in Portland, and they have two sons, Will and Elliott.