

## Journey to the Diaconate Updates from two members of the Cathedral of St. Luke!

Dear St. Luke's Vestry & Parish,

I am submitting my application for a Candidate to Holy Orders at the end of August and I wanted to report to you on where I am in my journey toward the Diaconate.

I will be finished with school by the end of September this year. I have begun my internship in the Diocese at St. Peter's Episcopal Church here in Portland, with The Rev. Tom Mousin. This internship will be for the school year. I will be preaching and assisting in liturgical duties, as well as helping St. Peter's invest themselves more fully into the community. I am very excited and though the pandemic has changed things I am looking forward to a wonderful year there. As the year continues I will let you know what I am doing there and will invite you to come hear me preach, as soon as I have a date.

Please know that I could do none of this without your prayers and support. You have been the backbone of my postulancy and I feel truly supported and ready to take this next step. You are in my prayers daily. Thank you all.

Carlisle E. Blind

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Hello, Fellow St. Lukans!

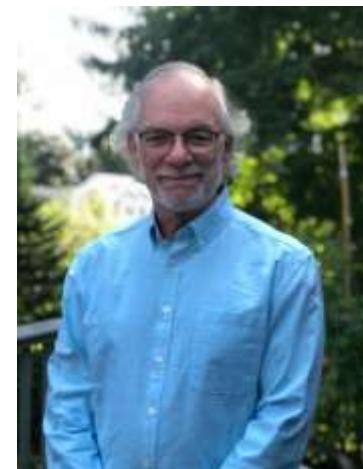
I am currently a postulant to the Diaconate, raised up by our congregation. I am deeply grateful for the support of this congregation and the experiences I have had in my time here.

I started coming to St. Luke's in 2006, after a long period away from church. I have been active in our church since the first day I came through the doors! I spent four years working in our youth program, then a term on the Vestry and two terms as Senior Warden. I began my journey to the Diaconate in 2016.

In 2019 I was recommended for postulancy by the Commission on Ministry, and I began the two-year Province I School for Deacons program in October of 2019. The program is run out of the Diocese Connecticut, and we have postulants from all the New England states. P1SFD has been a life changing and defining experience for me. It has deepened my understanding of our Christian faith, helped me to develop a working definition of what it means to be a 21<sup>st</sup> century Christian and helped me to deepen and define my relationship with God. I hope to share my journey more fully with you all in the future.



**Carlisle "Lisle" Blind**



**George Cooper**

In June, I began an internship at Christ Church, Norway, with Rev. Canon Nancy Moore. I am currently getting to know people and making connections there, within the congregation and the community. I expect to be committed to Christ Church into 2022. I am excited by this opportunity to start "doing the work" after a long period of preparation.

Thank you, again, for your support, and I look forward with anticipation to our continuing journey of faith!