

# The Rev. James C. Clarkson

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## Ordination

Priesthood, Diocese of  
Western North Carolina, August 9, 2017

Diaconate, Diocese of  
Western North Carolina, December 17, 2016

## Education

MDiv, Seminary of the Southwest  
Austin TX, 2017

BA, Warren Wilson College  
Asheville NC, 1995

## Service Activities

Dean, Hendersonville Deanery  
Diocese of WNC, 2019-present

Advisory Board Member  
Blue Ridge Service Corps, 2018-present

Representative to the Seminarian  
Leadership Conference in 2015 and 2016

Cathedral of All Souls Vestry, 2002-05  
Endowment Committee, 2009 - 2014  
Planned Giving Committee, 2012 - 2014

Capital Campaign Chair, 2011  
Usher 2000-2014

## Professional Development

Sabbath Life  
Western North Carolina Cohort, 2022

Barna Presents: The Future of the Hybrid  
Church Experience, 2021

Certification in the Prepare/Enrich  
premarital counseling program, 2020

Confederate Symbols and Episcopal  
Churches Workshop at the Roberson  
Project of the University of the South, 2019

Wake Forest School of Divinity Summer  
Institute: Food Justice, Faith, and the  
Ecological Imagination, 2018

## Professional Experience

### Calvary Episcopal Church, Fletcher, NC July 2017 – present

Progressive responsibility as Curate, Priest-In-Charge, and Rector

Planning and leading liturgy, including principal services,  
weekday Eucharists, and alternative liturgies

Primary responsibility for preaching and pastoral care

Design of chancel reorganization to bring altar closer to the  
congregation

Planning and implementation of live streamed services

Design and implementation of adult formation programs  
including Wednesday evening series during Advent, Lent, and at  
other times; quiet days; and online educational opportunities

Support of children and youth formation

Vestry leadership and development

Finance and budgetary oversight, including annual stewardship  
campaign

Design and leadership of a process to discern the removal of a  
set of Confederate memorials and repurpose elements into an  
outdoor contemplative space for healing and reconciliation

Planning and implementation of Capital Improvement Program,  
including construction of new building to house Food Pantry and  
other mission activities

Oversight of 20-acre campus including an active churchyard  
which is open to the public for burials with development of a  
long-range land use plan

Support of mission work, especially the Calvary Episcopal Church  
Food Pantry and Habitat for Humanity

Establishment of "The Lord's Acre" organic community garden to  
provide produce for Food Pantry clients

Collaboration on design, launch, and management of new church  
website and email newsletter

Create and manage partnerships with nonprofits working in early  
childhood education, food insecurity among older adults,  
immigrant economic development, and scouting

**St. George's Episcopal Church, Austin TX, Parish Intern, August 2015 – May 2017**

Participated in liturgy as acolyte, lay eucharistic minister, lector, and preacher  
Taught adult formation and confirmation classes  
Assisted with pastoral care

**Seton Medical Center Brackenridge, Austin TX, Chaplain Intern, June 2015 – August 2015**

Served as pastoral care giver to the patients and staff of an acute care unit  
Served as on-call chaplain for four network hospitals

**Seminary of the Southwest, Austin TX, Communications Assistant, June 2015 – May 2017**

Managed seminary Facebook and Twitter accounts  
Managed blog posts on seminary website and through email  
Assisted with other digital communications

**Wild Goose Festival, Hot Springs NC, Communications and Fundraising, April 2013 – December 2014**

Responsible for corporate sponsor identification, solicitation, and relationships  
Produced individual donor solicitation emails, social media communications, and direct mail  
Collaborated on website content  
Guided social media presence

**Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, Development Officer, March 2013 – July 2014**

Produced direct mail solicitations to support diocesan missional objectives  
Supported and consulted with parishes on stewardship activities  
Managed and tracked individual donor activity carried on by the bishop and diocesan staff  
Served as a resource for information and strategies related to planned giving

**MANNA FoodBank, Asheville NC, Director of Development, January 2011 – April 2013**

Overall responsibility for 2011-12 Contributed Income  
Coordinated direct mail campaign  
Collaborated on major and planned gift efforts  
Led upgrades process of website to include dynamic content, multi-user capabilities, and social media integration

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC, Asheville NC, Director of Development, October 2008 – Dec. 2010**

Responsible for all aspects of fund development program for an annual budget of \$550,000  
Relaunched website on WordPress platform and established social media accounts

**Sims & Steele Consulting, Asheville NC, Senior Consultant, September 2007 – September 2008**

Consulted on annual and capital campaigns ranging from \$30,000 to \$2.58 million  
Developed campaign plans and promotional materials

**Warren Wilson College, Asheville NC, July 2000 – September 2007**

Director of Development and Major Gifts, January 2005 – September 2007  
Director of the Annual Fund, July 2000 – January 2005

**Carolina Day School, Asheville NC, Instructor of Humanities and Speech, August 1999 – June 2000**

Taught 9th and 10th grade students  
Served as faculty sponsor of the yearbook, coached soccer and track

**Christ School, Arden NC, June 1995 – July 1999**

Instructor of History and English, August 1997 – July 1999  
Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs, June 1995 – July 1997