

## **THE REV. RICHARD A. BURNETT**

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In September 1997, the Rev. Richard A. Burnett became the twenty-fourth rector of Trinity Episcopal Church on Capitol Square in Columbus, Ohio. He came to Columbus from St. James, New York, where he was rector of historic St. James Church from 1990 to 1997. Previously, he served at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, White Plains, New York, and was a Volunteer for Mission with the Philippine Episcopal Church in the early 1980s.

Born in New York City and raised in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, he holds an AB degree in English from Dickinson College and a Master of Divinity from Yale University Divinity School (Berkeley Divinity School at Yale). He was ordained deacon in the Diocese of Washington on June 11, 1983 and was ordained priest at St. Bartholomew's, White Plains on December 17, 1983. His emphasis in ministry has been in the areas of church and society, economic justice, congregational development, and ecumenical and interreligious relations.

At Trinity, Capitol Square, Dick leads a vibrant downtown congregation committed to spiritual formation, public ministry and worship reflective of a diverse congregation. Currently, he is a member of the National Advisory Committee for Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, and the board of trustees of the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes. He convenes the Public Policy and Social Justice Committee in Southern Ohio, and works closely with the Episcopal Public Policy Network nationally and in Ohio. He recently completed two terms on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

A clergy deputy from Southern Ohio to the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention (2009) of the Episcopal Church and the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Convention (2000), Dick was a member of the General Convention Legislative Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. Since 2001, he has served as dean of the Columbus Deanery (a network of 18 Episcopal congregations in and around Ohio's capital city). Trinity Church and the other congregations in the Columbus Deanery welcomed the Episcopal Church's 75<sup>th</sup> General Convention when it met in Columbus in June 2006, and Trinity hosted the House of Bishop's election of the 26<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, then.

Dick is married to Katharine Frisch Burnett, a nurse practitioner with Planned Parenthood. They have three grown children.

