



# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

## Archdeacon Michael Kitt



Archdeacon Michael currently serves as a member of the Diocesan staff and chairs the Council on Deacons. He also serves as one of our Parish Deacons. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the Commission on Ministry and in 2021, was appointed to the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee where he was Chair of the Finance and Recruiting Committees.

Archdeacon Michael was ordained to the diaconate in February 2002 in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. He believes that his diaconal ministry began in the early-1980s when he first got involved in social justice work and years later, established a weekly soup kitchen ministry in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago, which lasted 30 years.

In the Diocese of Chicago, Michael served on the Deacons Formation Commission and for six years, chaired the Diocesan Commission on Global Mission which focused on the companion relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Mexico. He traveled to Mexico extensively over an eight-year period helping to establish several sustainable parish-based businesses and help build a water purification system in his sister parish's community. He served on the Cathedral Chapter of St. James in Chicago and as a Director of the Association for Episcopal Deacons. He served for three years as Chaplain of the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Northwestern University, retiring in June 2016. Archdeacon Michael also worked in community organizing advocating for affordable housing, accessible and equitable health care, and worker rights.

As a bi-vocational clergy, he served as CFO for the Delves Group, a consulting firm, retiring in December 2015 upon selling the practice. He continues to contract as a tax consultant with a firm in Chicago.

Michael and his wife Stephanie have been married for 40 years and are both lifelong Episcopalians. They moved to Venice from Park Ridge, Illinois in June 2017.