

# The Rev. Zachary C.K. Nyein

## SELECT EXPERIENCE

### **Senior Associate Rector & Pastor of Imagine Worship, St. Bart's, New York City (2022 - Present)**

Senior clergy leader in complex, 1,200-member urban parish with multiple campus partners, including a restaurant, pool, gym, school, and pantry. Oversee Newcomers, Outreach, Parish Life, Children, and Youth. Highlights:

- **Founded and now lead Imagine Worship NYC**, a Thursday night Eucharistic community (avg. 65 weekly) expanding generational and cultural diversity within a 1,200-member parish. Secured \$25K Calvin Institute of Christian Worship grant; transitioned ministry from pilot to established, staffed initiative (2025). Direct creative vision, recruitment, payroll, logistics, communications, and pastoral care for this growing congregation.
- **Launched Faith in Action Team and Migrant Welcome Team**; organized first parish pop-up immigration legal clinic in partnership with Diocese of NY, New York Legal Assistance Group, and St. Ives' Episcopal Lawyers Guild. Organize aid, advocacy, activism, and educational programs, such as Sacred Ground and Pride Month speakers.
- **Revitalized Children, Youth & Family ministries** post-pandemic in collaboration with choristers and camps.
- **Liaison to Crossroads Community Services** (501c3 founded at St. Bart's), connecting volunteers to parish and serving on the board of organization providing 5K meals weekly in partnership with Coalition for the Homeless.
- **Clergy lead for Growth, Diversification, and Digital Trends** in 2022–2025 Strategic Plan.
- **Led parish-wide newcomer integration strategy**; 38 confirmations in 2025 (largest class since 2007).
- **Direct 200-person small group network, St. Bart's Connects** (18 groups; 30 lay leaders).
- **Oversaw implementation of new church database system and app** to strengthen engagement and tracking, working closely with communications and stewardship departments to create clear on ramps to participation.
- **Hiring and supervising two full-time staff**, in addition to seminarians and part-time staff; manage program budgets across multiple departments; collaborate with Rector, Vestry, and COO on annual planning.
- **Served as interim supervisor** during COO transitions to Preschool, Summer Camp, and Athletic Rentals staff.
- **Regularly preach at principal Sunday services** and lead baptisms, weddings, and funerals in large, urban context.

### **Associate Rector, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia (2018 - 2022)**

Senior clergy leader in urban, 3,000-member parish. Oversaw Communications, Community Engagement, and Children & Youth Formation. Highlights:

- **Recruited and supervised five full-time staff**, volunteer teams, and seminarians across multiple departments.
- **Led parish-wide communications rebrand** and award-winning website launch and new operational protocols.
- **Designed comprehensive formation plan** for 500+ members under 18; partnering with strategic consultants; planned and led youth pilgrimage to Cape Town, South Africa.
- **Directed digital ministry pivot during COVID** (livestream, Zoom formation, online confirmation).
- **Member of senior leadership team executing 2018–2021 strategic plan.**
- **Regular preaching, sacramental, and pastoral care** responsibilities across the dynamic and lively parish.

### **Associate Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee (2016 - 2018)**

Primary clergy leader during turbulent Rector transition at mid-sized congregation; responsible for overall parish operations for nine months following abrupt departure of interim clergy.

### **Chapel Minister, Marquand Chapel at Yale Divinity, New Haven, Connecticut (2015 - 2016)**

Worked with a collaborative ecumenical team, together with the Dean of Chapel, to plan and execute services each drawing from the more than two dozen Christian denominations and traditions represented at the divinity school.

## **Intern, PCUSA 1001 Worshipping Communities, Los Angeles, California (2015)**

Worked as a summer intern with the Northland Village Church and experienced an immersion course in church planting, missional leadership through the Presbyterian Church USA's church planting and fresh expressions initiatives.

## **Founding Chaplain and Missioner, Project Canterbury College Ministry (2011 - 2013)**

Founding Chaplain and Missioner, charged by the Bishop of East Tennessee with planting and pioneering a new congregation at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. Partnered with local parishes to support growth and renewal.

## **Youth Ministry Intern, St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville Tennessee (2007 - 2011)**

Active in all areas of youth ministry at large, affluent, downtown congregation.

## **SELECT SERMONS, ARTICLES, & MEDIA**

See [zacknye.in.org](http://zacknye.in.org)

## **SELECT COMMUNITY, CHURCHWIDE, & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

**Chaplain**, FORMA Christian Formation Conference (2026) | **Dean Search Committee Member**, The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York (2025) | **Bass**, Grace Church Choral Society of New York (2025-Present) | **Worship Design Chair**, Love Always General Convention Revival (2024) | **Planning Group**, Lead with Love Capital Campaign for the Presiding Bishop's Office with CCS Fundraising (2023) | **Chaplain**, Kanuga Formation Conference with Pádraig Ó Tuama (2023) | **Board of Trustees (Governance Chair)**, Kanuga (2020-Present) | **Board of Directors**, Crossroads Community Services (2022 - Present) | **Board of Directors**, The Episcopal Evangelism Society (2019-25) | **Bass**, Atlanta Master Chorale (2019-21) | **Member**, Task Force for Liturgical & Prayer Book Revision, The Episcopal Church (2018-21) | **Team Leader**, ReviveATL (2020) | **Member**, Advisory Group for Church Planting, The Episcopal Church (2015-18) | **Board of Directors**, Chattanooga Metropolitan Ministries (2017-18) | **Co-President**, Yale Divinity School LGBTQIA+ Coalition (2015-16) | **Board of Directors**, Grace Point Camp (2012-13) | **Cluster Facilitator**, "LeaderShape" Conference, The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga (2012) | **Bishop Search Committee Member**, Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee (2011) | **Founding Director**, Wesley House Community Children's Choir, Knoxville, TN (2009-11)

## **SELECT HONORS & AWARDS**

**Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant**, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship (2024) | **Award of Excellence: A New Website for All Saints' Atlanta**, Episcopal Communicators (2022) | **Thomas Philips Award for Exceptional Achievement in Liturgy**, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale (2016) | **Two Brothers Fellowship for Biblical Studies in Jerusalem**, Yale Divinity School (2016) | **Preaching Excellence Program Participant**, Episcopal Preaching Foundation (2015) | **Evangelism for the 21st Century Grant**, The Episcopal Evangelism Society (2014)

## **EDUCATION**

**Master of Divinity (with Diploma in Anglican Studies and Certificate in Sacred Music)**, Yale Divinity School, Berkeley Episcopal Divinity School at Yale, and Yale Institute of Sacred Music, New Haven, Connecticut (2016)  
**Bachelor of Music**, Music Education (Choral Emphasis), Chancellor's Honors Program, summa cum laude, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee (2011)

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Learning From London Course**, Bexley Seabury Episcopal Seminary (2024) | **Trinity Church Wall Street Leadership Fellow** (2022) | **LEAD Atlanta Cohort** (2020) | **HBX CORE "Credential of Readiness,"** Harvard Business School (2017)