

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Personal Information:**

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Title: The Rev. Very Dr.

Sex: Male

Date of Birth: March 3, 1961

Place of Birth: Mbalomah, Kolahun District, Lofa County

Place of Origin: Lofa County

Nationality: LIBERIAN

Profession: Clergyman and lecturer

Marital Status: Married with three children

Ordination: ordained Deacon, December 30, 1987 and made Priest February 5, 1989 of the Episcopal Church of Liberia, made Canon September 30, 2013 and installed and inducted as Dean of Trinity Cathedral, The Episcopal Church of Liberia, January 22, 2017

Hobbies: Reading, walking and socializing with friends and Church members

Have a passion for, experience in, and expertise in biblical hermeneutics, biblical languages of Hebrew and Greek, 16<sup>th</sup> Century Reformation, and Church History (I once taught a course in missiology)

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### **Educational Background:**

1999-2004, University of Gloucestershire, UK, PhD in theology (biblical studies—Old Testament)

1996-1998, Middlesex University with Oak Hill Theological College, London, UK, MA

1995-1996, Middlesex University with Oak Hill Theological College, London, UK, BA

1984-1989, Cuttington University College, B.A.Th

1980-1983, St. Martins High School, Gbarnga, Bong County, High School Diploma and WAEC Certificate

1978-1979, Gboveh Junior High School, Gbarnga, Bong County, Jr. High education

1976-1977, N.V. Massaquoi Elementary School, elementary education

**Job Experience:**

January 22, 2017 to present, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, The Episcopal Church of Liberia, 33 Broad Street, Monrovia, Liberia, former dean of the School of Theology and chairman of the Thesis Committee of the Cuttington Graduate School & Professional Studies, Sinkor Old Road, Monrovia, up July 2017 and a part-time lecturer at Seth C. Edwards Memorial Theological Institute, B.W. Harris School building, Broad Street, Monrovia, Liberia; and a Board member of Antoinette Tubman Cheshire Home for the physically and mentally challenged

**Job Responsibilities**

**Dean:** as dean my primary responsibility is to be the chief administer of the Cathedral parish. This means that I lead and supervise the day to day running of the Cathedral with the support of the Executive Committee of the Cathedral Chapter (EXCOM, this is an elected body to assist the Dean run the Cathedral) and the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia who is also the rector of the Cathedral. I am responsible for carving and sharing with Executive Committee a vision for the Cathedral and inviting the EXCOM to own it and help me implement it for betterment of the Cathedral. The Cathedral is to set the pace for worship, administration, pastoral care, unity, teachings and Episcopal life in general. The dean is charged with the responsibility of leading all these multifaceted dimensions of parish worship, mission and governance, and to represent the Bishop and the Cathedral where he/she is indisposed or gives any of this responsibility to the Dean.

**Rector:** as senior priest in charge of the parish of St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Camp Johnson Road, I had the ultimate responsibility, along with the Vestry (an elected lay, administrative body), for conducting the affairs of the Church in the broad areas of the life, worship, mission and governance of the parish. This includes preparing and leading worship Services, meetings of Vestry and parish, preaching and teaching, visiting and counseling parishioners in time of celebration and sorrow, planning and executing the short and long term needs of the Church, representing the parish at official functions, and writing and presenting annual reports of the Church'

**Dean of the College of Theology** of the Cuttinton University Gradual School I ran the day to day operations of the School under the leadership of the Vice President for the Gradual School.

This involved guiding lecturers and students of the college in registration, planning and teaching courses of the School, planning and executing the short and long term needs of the School, representing it at official meetings and functions, and writing and presenting annual reports of the School.

**Chairman of Thesis Committee:** I ensured that the thesis proposals and theses were written and defended in accordance with policies and standard of the university. This meant working closely with the deans of the various Schools and all those involved with the thesis process to make sure we did what was expected and required.

**Part-time Lecturer:** a part-time lecture prepared course syllabus and taught one to two courses per semester.

1997-1999, Priest-In-Charge, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Monrovia, Liberia and as part-time lecturer at Seth C. Edwards Memorial Theological Institute, B.W. Harris School building, Broad Street, Monrovia, Liberia and Gbarnga School of Theology, United Methodist University Ashmun Street, Monrovia, Liberia

**Job Responsibilities:** I served in this capacity for twelve years, from 2004 to 2017. As priest in charge of the parish I had the ultimate responsibility, along with the Vestry (an elected lay, administrative body), for conducting the affairs of the Church in the broad areas of the life, worship, mission and governance of the parish. This included preparing and leading worship Services, meetings of Vestry and parish, preaching and teaching visiting, counseling parishioners in time of celebration and sorrow, planning and executing the short and long term needs of the Church, representing the parish at official meetings and functions, and writing and presenting annual reports of the Church.

1991-1995, a missionary priest on secondment to the Anglican Diocese of Gambia, under pastoral leadership of the then Rt. Rev. Solomon Tilewa Ethelbert Willie Johnson, serving as Assistant priest of St. Mary Cathedral, Banjul, Youth Coordinator of the Anglican Diocese of Gambia and Warden of the Diocesan School of Evangelism with the responsibilities of providing pastoral care for the Cathedral, the youths of the Diocese and supervising the training of ordinands (those preparing to be priests), layreaders, evangelists and catechists of the Diocese, and Priest-In-Charge of St. Paul's, Fajara from 1993-1995.

**Job Responsibilities:** assisted Bishop S. Tilewa Johnson to conduct the operations of the Cathedral in the broad areas of the life, worship, mission and governance of the Cathedral. When the Bishop travelled he often left me in charge of the Cathedral and the Diocese and I had the responsibility of representing the Diocese at ecumenical and national occasions.

As Youth Coordinator I supervised the running of youth programs of the Diocese, planned and executed the short and long term need of the youths of the Diocese.

As Warden of the School of Evangelism: I ran the day to day operations of the school under the leadership of the Bishop of the Diocese. This involves guiding lecturers and students of the school in registration, planning and teaching courses of the school in the areas of evangelism, lay reading (including conducting worship Services and preaching in the absence of a priest), planning and executing the short and long term needs of the school, representing the school at official meetings and functions, and writing and presenting annual reports of the school.

1987-1991, Deacon and later Curate of Trinity Cathedral, Broad Street, Monrovia, Liberia with additional responsibilities to supervise youth work of the Cathedral.

**Responsibilities:** assisted the Dean (Fr. Emmanuel W. Johnson) and Curate (Fr. Budu H. Shannon) to conduct the operations of the Cathedral in the broad areas of the life, worship, mission and governance of the Cathedral and was particularly charged with the responsibility of supervising youth ministry of the Cathedral. As Curate I was next to the Dean in running the Cathedral.

I do have a passion for preaching, counseling and learning and imparting theological knowledge to others. I do walk regularly as a form of exercise for physical fitness.

#### **REFERENCES:**

**Prof. Dr. Saaim W. Naame**

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