

# WHITE MEMORIAL — PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

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**CATE CHURCH NORMAN**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR  
PASTORAL CARE

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## BIOGRAPHY

Cate Church Norman is a native North Carolinian who grew up in Lexington and Raleigh. She went to Martin Middle School and Athens Drive High School and began to feel called to ministry as a teenager. Her call was nurtured in youth group at Edenton Street United Methodist Church and later at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, both in Raleigh. Cate attended North Carolina State University where she majored in English-Writing and Editing and minored in Religion. It is also where she met her college sweetheart Bart Norman.

After college, Cate and Bart married and moved to New Jersey where they both attended Princeton Theological Seminary. During seminary, Cate worked as an intern at First Presbyterian Houston, a large PC(USA) congregation, and as a hospital chaplain in Edison, New Jersey. Upon graduating from seminary in 1999, Bart began law school at UNC and Cate was ordained and began her career in ministry at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church in Durham serving as a generalist Associate Pastor where she worked with new members and visitors, Christian education and spiritual development, and the mission committee and Diaconate. She also supervised the youth program and began a young adults ministry. At TAPC, and in all of the calls that would follow over the years, Cate led worship and retreats, preached, taught and offered pastoral care.

After moving to Cary, Cate served as Associate Pastor for Congregational Life at the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian in Cary. At the Kirk she was responsible for small group ministry, ministry to visitors and new members, member involvement and fellowship. After six years at the Kirk, Cate felt called to explore areas that would deepen and enhance her pastoral ministry. She completed her certification in Spiritual Direction from the Haden Institute in Hendersonville, North Carolina and later served as a staff member at the Haden Institute, and she began a ministry called Deeper Well Ministries. Through Deeper Well, she offered spiritual direction, led many retreats and workshops, and consulted with pastors and leadership from churches and non-profits. In addition to her spiritual direction relationships, some highlights from Cate's work with Deeper Well were leading a pilgrimage to Scotland for high school students from Westminster Presbyterian in Durham and leading a workshop last year on contemplative practice and enriching your spiritual life at the Montreat Women's Connection Conference.

Cate has also served as Board Chair of Duke Campus Ministry and co-led trips with UNC and Raleigh's Presbyterian Campus Ministries to Haiti, Belize, Los Angeles and West Virginia. She has served as a member of the leadership team at Raleigh Youth Mission and a volunteer yoga teacher at Reality Ministries in Durham. She has been a Stephen Minister and has served on the Missions Committee and Campus Ministry Committee of New Hope Presbytery. She currently serves on the New Hope Presbytery Committee for Preparation on Ministry.

During the 2016-17 school year, Cate served as Interim Campus Minister at Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM) in Raleigh, working with students from NCSU, Meredith, William Peace, and Wake Tech. At PCM Cate mentored and equipped students, evaluated and managed the ministry, partnered with churches to resource the ministry and led worship, retreats and programs.

Cate and her family also have continued their relationship with the Kirk over the years. Currently, she serves as a Parish Associate offering pastoral care and helping with worship when needed. In that role she has served as a leader with the youth program and this year taught a young adult Sunday School class.



Cate and Bart have been married for 22 years and have two sons, Eli who is 15 years old and a rising sophomore at Saint David's School and Sam who is 13 years old and a rising eighth grader at Dillard Drive Middle School. Bart has been a lawyer at Smith Anderson in Raleigh since 2002 and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) and he's a past Board Member of Transitions LifeCare.

When Cate is not working you might find her walking or spending time in nature, reading (especially poetry) or practicing yoga. Cate loves to travel and to go see live music shows.

### **CATE'S PERSPECTIVE**

"I'm called to serve a caring, vibrant and authentic congregational community that seeks to love God and neighbors whole-heartedly and openly. I'm called to be with people who work to pursue justice, mercy and a humble walk with God. I want us to be together in ordinary times, extraordinary times and difficult times of life. I'm called to a setting where people can wrestle with difficult issues of life and faith and where people grow, learn and use their individual gifts.

Throughout my career, I've been blessed to have worked with a wide range of ages – children, youth and all ages of adults. Most recently, I've enjoyed the opportunity to work with college students, but I'm excited to return to congregational ministry because I believe I'm called to be in a place that engages people of all ages—a place that nurtures children and youth, integrates young adults, and provides a place of community worship, service and care for adults of all ages.

I want to be in a place where I can offer pastoral care. I love being with people on their journeys in all the ups and downs and stages of life. I'm passionate about making sure people feel cared for by their church community, especially during difficult times. I have seen and experienced what a difference it makes to have pastors and a community who love and support you when you need it most, and I'm looking forward to being a pastor who offers this kind of love and support."

I've always known what a healthy and vibrant congregation White Memorial is. The search committee and pastoral staff are an amazing representation of the congregation. They are full of grace, hospitality, kindness and professionalism. I'm really excited (and so is my family) about partnering in the ministry of Jesus Christ with you.

### **FROM CATE'S STATEMENT OF FAITH**

"I believe we are not alone. God accompanies us on our journey and gives us the gift of community, especially the Church. The Church is the body of Christ commissioned by our Lord Jesus Christ, made up of ordinary people doing extraordinary work. The Church is modeled after Jesus' radical love for and ministry to the world and is sustained and empowered by the Holy Spirit. As Christ's body, we are called to proclaim God's good news of salvation, to participate in God's reconciling work in the world, and to demonstrate God's love, peace and justice in the world."

## Perspectives from the Search Committee:

“I am so excited for our congregation to meet Cate! Her enthusiasm and energy, combined with her approachability and spiritual depth, make her a natural for our pastoral care position. I’m grateful to God for leading WMPC and Cate to each other.” - Erin Duffy

“Cate brings energy, ideas, and a broad range of training and work experiences to the role of APPC. It is as if all of her past experiences have been preparing her for this role in our church.” - Anne Ramsay

“Cate is an ideas person who likes to work collaboratively and has a wealth of experience providing training, pastoral care and spiritual direction. These qualities plus her passion for pastoral care, energy and enthusiasm will make her a blessing to our congregation.” - Phil Lambert

“Cate is the “home run” our committee was looking for. She has a compassionate, loving heart that centers on serving her congregation. Cate’s sermons are sound and inspirational and clearly reflect the strength of her reformed beliefs. Her ideas and vision for Pastoral Care indicate her zeal for providing care on an individual basis as well as on a group level. Her deep commitment to the Lord, coupled with her love for people will continue to enrich the spiritual growth of WMPC.” - Jim Hancock

“Cate’s background and multi-faceted experience made her a real standout, even in a pool full of exceptional candidates. She’ll be a true blessing for our congregation.” - Bill Barnett

## MEMBERS OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Erin Duffy, Chair	Melinda Fox
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