

**The Rev. Canon Gene Robinson**  
**Episcopal Search Process, Diocese of New Hampshire**

**SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE**

**Pastoral Care**

- care of clergy and their families is a part of Doug’s episcopacy which he has generously allowed me to share in; that care has ranged from sitting with one priest soon after receiving his cancer diagnosis, to being with another priest and his wife after they had to have their son arrested; from con-celebrating Christmas eve “midnight mass” with one young rector and his family at his bedside just before his untimely death, to helping one of our rectors make the decision to take a less demanding position in order to save her family life
- congregations need pastoral care too; sometimes it’s helping resolve a conflict, or offering support and advice to wardens during a crisis or clergy search process, sometimes simply being present for an important celebration in the life of a congregation, or being with a congregation as it moves to a new building and presiding over the grieving and de-consecration of the sacred space they had shared for so many years
- pastoral care of those who have been abused by the sexual misconduct of clergy
- I’d also like to think I have offered pastoral care and friendship to Doug and Sue Theuner

**Teaching**

- initiating, writing, and teaching *Fresh Start*, with its 26 teaching modules for clergy and congregations in transition, on leadership development, parish life, conflict resolution, mutual ministry reviews, etc.
- designing and leading retreats for some 15 years at Sign of the Dove Retreat Center, Temple, NH
- leading the Living Into Our Baptism program, with its reflection on the baptismal covenant
- answering requests from many of our congregations to lead Lenten programs, retreats, vestry conferences and gatherings of various kinds
- co-authored two curricula for youth and an adult education resource on HIV/AIDS

**Ministry with and to children and youth**

- provincial youth ministries coordinator/national consultant; co-creator of Episcopal Youth Event
- designed and led retreats for youth groups, confirmation classes, intergenerational groups
- co-directed/owned a summer camp for girls, aged 7-14; directed camp with companion diocese

**Congregational Development**

- Mutual Ministry Reviews with clergy, wardens and vestries – often including extensive parish feedback
- leadership development, restructure, new member ministry, parish planning, envisioning the future
- facilitating the resolution of conflict, especially between clergy and vestry/congregation

**Stewardship and Evangelism**

- parish stewardship consultant/speaker/workshop leader; teaching the tithe
- staff consultant to the Advance Fund for the 90’s diocesan capital fund campaign
- work with vestries/committees on parish growth – how to do it and how it will change the parish

**Ecumenical and interfaith work**

- representing the Bishop/Diocese at ecumenical/interfaith events and meetings
- sabbatical spent in Israel and Palestine, with Jews, Christians and Muslims

**Leadership in outreach and social justice**

- led diocese’s partnership with the NH Community Loan Fund for affordable housing
- Board member on NH Endowment for Health, working for health care access for the uninsured
- founding member of Concord Outright, a support group for gay/lesbian/questioning teens
- anti-racism work at the diocesan, provincial and national levels

**Administration, including responsibility for personnel and finance**

- as Canon to the Ordinary, shared overall management of diocesan staff, program, finances
- owned and directed ACA accredited, for-profit, summer camp for girls and horse farm