

The Rev. Valerie Webster

Pastor Valerie serves half-time as an interim priest/pastor at All Saints in Big Sky, a shared ministry of the Episcopal and ELCA Lutheran churches. She also serves as a part-time staff chaplain at Bozeman Deaconess Health Services, a faculty member in Diocese of Montana's School for Deacons (years 1 & 2, "Anglican Spirituality," and year 3 "Diaconal Ministry Formation Program), and as a Spiritual Director in private practice. The Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese of Montana, she is currently President Elect for MAC (Montana Association of Christians).

Pastor Valerie brings a wealth of varied experiences to the School for Deacons. Raised on the east coast, Pr. Valerie is a graduate of St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, currently serving on the Cook Scholarship Board of Trustees for worthy Montana scholars, and a graduate of Middlebury College (BA in English, minor in Education). A former preparatory school English teacher, dormitory head, and coach, Valerie has raised three children with her husband of 29 years. Pr. Valerie completed a hybrid theological education – Diocese of Montana's Ministry Formation Program and The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest – before being ordained to the transitional diaconate in 2005 and to the priesthood in 2006. Pr. Valerie served at St. James Episcopal Church, Bozeman, from 2005-2010, completing her tenure as Assistant Rector. 2010-2012 she completed certification as a Spiritual Director and four units of Clinical Pastoral Education in three settings: a hospital, a residential treatment center, and a hospice. Pr. Valerie has a passion for ecumenical ministry: she has facilitated Women's Ecumenical Bible Study of Gallatin Valley (WEBS), which has offered programming to an average of 30-40 women for 10 week sessions since 2005, and as a Spiritual Director has offered ecumenical retreats.