

# The Reverend Dr. Nina Ranadive Pooley

## Education

**The School of Theology, University of the South, 2009-2014**  
**2014 D.Min., Liturgy and Preaching for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**  
Thesis: *Responsive Rather than Emergent: Intentional Episcopal Liturgy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

**The School of Theology, University of the South, 1998-2004**  
**2004 M.Div.,** Freeman Merit Award 2002, SCOM Grant 2003

**The University of Virginia, Masters of Education, 1991**  
**The College of William and Mary, BA Religion, BA Psychology, 1987**

## Diocesan Experience

**Chair, Diocesan Finance Committee, Diocese of Maine, 2014 – Dec. 2017**  
**Diocesan Finance Committee, Diocese of Maine, 2007 – Feb. 2018.**  
Strategic Mission Support Grant Committee, 2014 – 2017  
Diocesan Council: Member Ex-Officio, Executive Committee, 2014 – Dec. 2017  
Bishop's Study Group on Mission Priorities 2009 – 2011  
Congregational development, with particular emphasis on vitality and viability  
Complete restructuring of congregational grants and diocesan programs;  
Development and implementation of New Initiative Grants program  
Transparent and responsible oversight of Diocesan Annual Budget of \$1.8m

**Clergy Day Planning Committee, Diocese of Maine, 2008 – 2014**  
Presenter: Creative Liturgy 2013, 2014; Church Architecture, Form and Function 2013  
Emerging Church Workshop 2010; Chrism Eucharist Preacher: 2008  
Host: Episcopal Preaching Foundation/William Brosend, Lauren Winner 2014  
Chaplain/Liturgist: Clergy Retreat: Parker Palmer /Circles of Trust 2010  
Clergy Retreat: Creation with Nancy Roth 2009

## Wider Church Experience

**Vice-Chair, Task Force for Liturgy & Prayer Book Revision, triennium 2018 - 2021**

**Deputy to General Convention 79, July 2018**  
**Legislative Committee on Churchwide Leadership; appointed Chaplain**

**Deputy to General Convention 78, July 2015**  
*D050 Authorizing "An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist" as a Principal Service*  
Co-authored resolution to allow liturgical change within the guidelines of the BCP 1979.

**Legislative Committee on Environmental Stewardship, Care of Creation, GC78**  
**Subcommittee co-chair for A030: Create Task Force on Climate Change**  
Co-chair of the subcommittee which created grant structure and provided \$650,000 for "green grants" available to parishes and diocese for the triennium; and created Regional Consultative Groups for Creation Care.

**Dublin Visioning Project, March 2006; Church Publishing, Church House Publishing**  
Participant in joint International visioning project

## Parish Experience

**Rector, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth ME, August 2007 - Present**  
Mission and ministry include: Creating an interfaith housing coalition to host asylum seekers in parishioners' homes when Portland's family shelter was overwhelmed. We have hosted 40 families, upwards of 150 people (primarily from Central Africa) since June 2016. A successful capital campaign of 1.145m and building project, in-house creation of three-year lectionary-based Sunday School curriculum and beginning the transition from pastoral to program in structure and function. Attracting increasing numbers of new members from un-churched backgrounds, our ministry is focused on formation of disciples through intentional liturgy, teaching, preaching, and outreach ministry across the generations. Suburban, thriving pastoral to program parish, known for collaborative leadership, creative liturgy, youth and family ministry, education, outstanding music, and ecumenical mission and ministry.

**Associate Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lookout Mt., TN, July 2004 - July 2007**  
Youth and Family Ministry: Oversaw four youth groups, weekly chapel services for the children of Good Shepherd School, weekly evening family services. Shared in liturgical duties (preaching, teaching, planning and overseeing worship, mentoring 58 acolytes, assisting lay ministers), pastoral care, staff support for 12-member staff, and day-to-day admin support. Suburban, corporate sized parish with Day School (1100+ members).

**Seminary Intern, Grace Church, Chattanooga, TN January 2004 - May 2004**  
Liturgical assistant Spring semester, pastoral sized parish, known for radical welcome.

**Seminary Intern, St. John the Baptist, Battle Creek, TN September 2002 - January 2004**  
Liturgical assistant at rural mission parish, 27 steadfastly faithful members (sponsoring parish)

**Episcopal School Experience (Ordained)**

**St. Paul's School for Boys, Associate Chaplain, 2006 – 2007, Old St. Paul's, Baltimore**  
Chaplain to students, staff and families of a non-residential preparatory school community. Full time teaching 6, 7, 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys, and Lower School and Middle School chapel services. Assisted as needed at affiliated parish, Old St. Paul's, Baltimore.

**Episcopal School Experience (Prior to Ordination)**

**University of the South, Athletic Trainer, 1998 – 2004**

**University of the South, Office of Admission, September 1998 to May 2000**

**St. George's School, Dorm Parent, Advisor, 1996 - 1998**

**St. Mark's School, Teacher, Athletic Trainer, Dorm Supervisor, Advisor, 1993 - 1996**

**Woodberry Forest School, Teacher, Athletic Trainer, 1992 – 1993**

Working in these para-church organizations, living in these communities on the threshold between the Episcopal Church and the secular world, has provided invaluable insights into the opportunities and challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century Church, and continues to inform my ministry.