

Brief Biography of the Rev. Katherine Culpepper

Katherine "Cully" Culpepper became a member of Lake Michigan Presbytery 1996. During her time in the Presbytery, she has served on the Mission, Witness and Stewardship Committee, the Committee on Representation, Leadership Team, Shepherding Team and Staff Services. She was ordained in 1985 and has also been a member of Grace Presbytery in Texas and Chicago Presbytery. She served on Grace Presbytery's Christian Education Committee, Camp Board and the Committee on Ministry. In Chicago Presbytery she served on the Camp Long Range Planning Task Force. Pastoral roles in the local church have included service as an associate pastor, interim associate pastor, interim pastor and interim head of staff. Cully has completed both weeks of interim ministry training and has been involved with intentional interim ministry since 1990. Prior to that she served five years as Associate Pastor for St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Dallas, TX.

Cully also owned and operated a bed and breakfast, worked as an instructional assistant in the Glenn school, as a parent educator in Saugatuck Public Schools and as the Tasting Room and Retail Manager for McIntosh Winery. In the past 15 years, she has often worked in multiple part time positions. She currently serves as Interim Camp Director for the Presbytery of Chicago's Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, MI and will continue to do so until the end of August 2011. She is a graduate of Maryville College (BA) and Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv).

Cully describes her leadership style to be multi-dimensional: "Listening. Questioning. Discerning. Suggesting. Collaborating. Coaching. Evaluating. Encouraging. And sometimes, just waiting. . ."