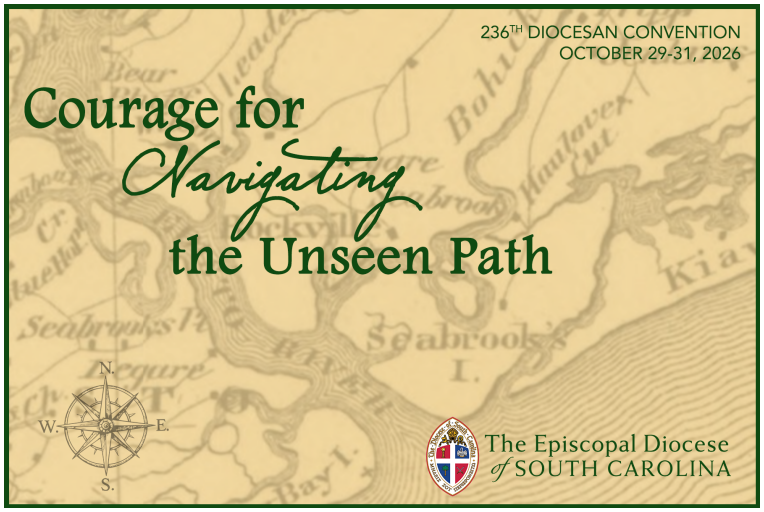


Other Special Guests at Convention

The Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia served parishes of all sizes for over 19 years before her election in March 2023 as the eighth bishop suffragan of Armed Forces and Federal Ministries of The Episcopal Church. She is a dynamic and innovative leader with extensive experience in church growth, pastoral care, and community engagement. She also has extensive experience collaborating and developing interfaith relationships and events to foster understanding and awareness.

Ritonia served in the U.S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve for 17 years. Ritonia served as a member of the Chaplain Selection Committee for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries (AFFM) for seven years and provided spiritual direction, pastoral care, and other support to AFFM chaplains. She was a member of the annual training staff for AFFM, serving as a spiritual director, trained facilitator, and chaplain mentor. Ritonia has also served as a Veterans Affairs (VA) Healthcare Systems chaplain intern, VA volunteer chaplain, and Marine Corps League chaplain. She is an award recipient from the Howard County American Legion Chapter for community veteran support.

She is a highly skilled liturgist and has served the wider church in positions of leadership, including as chair of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut Commission on Liturgy and Music, chair of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia Committee for South Africa Partnerships, and Episcopal Diocese of Washington Commission on Ministry. Ritonia is a Lilly Foundation Preaching Fellow, a graduate of the Lilly Foundation Thriving in Ministry Program, holds a Certificate in Conflict Transformation from The Lombard Peace Institute, and a Certificate in Disaster Chaplaincy. She is a graduate of New England Conservatory of Music (B.A.), Webster University (M.A.), Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. (M.Div.) and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. Bishop Ritonia's spiritual practice is grounded in the Daily Office, the daily

practice of the Ignatian Examen, monthly spiritual direction, and an annual spiritual retreat. A mother and grandmother, Bishop Ritonia lives in Maryland with her husband and their dogs. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, reading, making music, kayaking, and swimming.

The Rev. Canon C. K. Robertson, Ph.D., has served for many years as Canon to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church as well as Distinguished Visiting Professor at General Theological Seminary. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the development board of Durham University, Chuck previously served on the governing board of the National Council of Churches USA, and was vice president of the board of the Anglican Theological Review and guest editor of several ATR issues, as well as General Editor of Peter Lang Publishing's "Studies in Episcopal & Anglican Theology" series. He holds honorary doctorates and canonships from several institutions, and has authored or edited over a dozen books and many journal articles. Chuck has represented the Presiding Bishop's office on our capital campaign committee.

Emily L. Moore, Ed.D. and **J. Herman Blake**, **Ph.D.** are husband-and wife professors, scholars, administrators and teachers providing leadership and service to higher education, foundations, local communities, corporations and civic organizations. They established Scholars for Educational Excellence and Diversity, Inc. (1996-2020) dedicated to the principle that the creative combination of excellence and diversity will lead to unlimited heights. They analyzed, evaluated, and guided institutions, community organizations and foundations toward their goals, achievements and higher levels of performance. Moore served as President and Blake as Vice-President.

Dr. Moore is Professor Emerita, Iowa State University. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from George Williams College in Illinois, an MA from Washington University in St. Louis, and an EdD in Health Education Administration from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Moore has served a wide range of institutions including Associate Dean, Medical University of South Carolina; Vice President, Dillard University, New Orleans; Vice President and Dean of Faculty, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN; Director of Health Education, Metropolitan Hospital, Detroit; Coordinator for Health Education, Detroit Hypertension Control Program.

Her research included health education intervention in HIV/AIDS in South Carolina and Zimbabwe, Africa. She was invited to present her research at the University of Hong Kong, China. She presented at the XIV International AIDS Conference, Barcelona, Spain and the

XV AIDS Conference, Bangkok, Thailand. She is a member of the 1994 class of the Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. She was an American Council on Education Fellow in 1989-1990. In 2006 she received the Iowa State University Faculty Award for International Achievement.

Dr. Blake is Professor Emeritus at Medical University of South Carolina, Iowa State University and University of California Santa Cruz. He holds a BA from New York University, and an MA and PhD from the University of California Berkeley. In 1966 Dr. Blake was appointed to the founding faculty of the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) where he served as Professor of Sociology. He was Founding Provost of Oakes College (UCSC) from 1972-1984.He has served a range of institutions: President, Tougaloo College, MS; Eugene M. Lang Visiting Professor, Swarthmore College, PA; Vice Chancellor Undergraduate Education, Indiana University Purdue University, IN; Inaugural Humanities Scholar in Residence, Medical University of South Carolina; Founding Commissioner, Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida; Inaugural Executive Director, Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission.

Six universities have awarded him honorary degrees. In 2021 the American Sociological Association awarded him their Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology. Dr. Moore and Dr. Blake are retired but jointly and independently continue their research, publications and service to communities.

Grace Church Cathedral parishioners **Jack Case** and **Chris Tindal** are facilitating the beach labyrinth liturgy on Friday morning of convention. Jack is a Veriditas-certified advanced labyrinth facilitator whose ministry is to create and hold space on this ancient archetype so that soul seekers may walk into a deeper connection and relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Chris brings his heart, intuition, and engineering expertise to every labyrinth he designs and creates. He assists Jack in holding space on the labyrinth and in life. To learn more about labyrinths, meet Jack on The Path at www.labyrinthtraveler.com.