



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT

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Topic: Challenging Violence; Suffering/Grief and End of Life Issues

Speaker: Molly James

Parish/Organization: Episcopal Church in Connecticut staff



The Rev. Molly F. James holds a PhD in Theology from the University of Exeter (UK). She holds a Master's of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Tufts University. She was ordained by the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen in 2005. She has served as a hospital chaplain and a parish priest and currently serves on the Bishops' Staff for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut as the Dean of Formation. Molly has also been involved in the diocesan witness to challenge violence and assists in maintaining a website of resources on violence (<http://www.challengingviolence.org/>) that came to the diocese in the wake of the Sandy Hook shootings. She is also a member of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and its working group on gun violence. She is an adjunct professor at Hartford Seminary and the University of St. Joseph, focusing on ethics and pastoral care. Her doctoral research focused on suffering and grief. Her work, *With Joyful Acceptance*,

Maybe was published in 2013 by Wipf and Stock. In addition to her work in CT, Molly serves on the Standing Commission for Ministry Development of the Episcopal Church and is a board member for The Young Clergy Women Project (an ecumenical organization of clergy women under 40). Molly and her husband Reade (a mechanical engineer) have two children.

Presentation Length: approximately 60 minutes (can be adjusted)

Availability: weekdays: Tuesdays to Fridays, including some evenings; some Saturdays and Sundays

Geographic limitations: Anywhere in CT.

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