

## **The Rev. Stephen V. Schneider to be named Rector Emeritus**

Grace Memorial Episcopal Church will bestow the title of ***Rector Emeritus*** to **The Rev. Stephen V. Schneider** on Sunday, November 24, 2024. The celebration and bestowal will take place at the 10:00 am service. There is a reception to follow. Please call the church office with questions at 503-287-0418. Grace Memorial Episcopal church is located at 1535 N.E. 17th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97232.

He served as the fifth Rector at Grace Memorial Episcopal Church in Portland, Oregon from 1994 – 2014. Along with preaching and teaching he led Grace through a sustained time of growth and revitalization which resulted in a range of new ministries in the arts, faith formation and education, social action and service, and global outreach. He also established two non-profit affiliates of the parish—Grace Memorial Episcopal Church Foundation and Grace Institute, sponsor of the widely acclaimed Grace Art Camp.

Before coming to Grace as Rector, Stephen was Canon Residentiary at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (now the Parish of St. John the Baptist) in Portland. Prior to his ordination he was Associate Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Director of the Center for Urban Education (CUE).

He served the Diocese of Oregon for many years as the Ecumenical Officer. He has been Dean of the Portland Metro East Convocation of Episcopal Churches, an elected diocesan member of the Chapter of Trinity Cathedral, and a diocesan Examining Chaplain.

Over the years Stephen has provided leadership to the city in a variety of ways. He has been president of the boards of Pioneer Courthouse Square, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Burnside Projects/Transition Projects, and the St. Andrew Legal Clinic as well as a member of the boards of Oregon Episcopal School, the City Club of Portland, and Holladay Park Plaza. He has served on civic committees concerned with school closures, affordable housing, cable television policy, and parks.

After retiring from Grace, Stephen established City & Spire to explore that intersection where the journey of faith meets the life of cities and to develop resources for understanding and engaging urban life. Stephen is currently an Associate Priest at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon.

He holds a M. Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and has a Certificate in Anglican Studies from The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church. His undergraduate degree is from Wheaton College (Illinois).

He was ordained by The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Ladehoff as a deacon in 1989 and as a priest in 1990.

Stephen has lived in Portland, Oregon since 1970 with his wife Ann Lee Herzog Schneider, now deceased. They have two married daughters Kimberly (John) Branam and Lindsay (Troy) MacLarty and two grandchildren, Cecilia and Elliott Branam.