

## Biography

**The Rev. Dr. V. P. Travis, Jr.** is an ordained priest with the Anglican Mission in The Americas and licensed to serve as the Vicar at Holy Cross Anglican Church.

Brett grew up Baptist in Southern, Ohio and graduated from Wheelersburg H.S. in 1971. Wanting to serve his country during the Vietnam crisis, he postponed college and joined the Air Force. During that time he took leave and married his high school sweetheart in 1972. After Vietnam War, Brett was discharged in 1974 and entered the University of Kentucky ROTC program and graduated with a Psychology and Respiratory Therapy degree in 1977. While a practitioner, he joined the Army Reserves as a Medical Service Corp Officer and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated in 1988. He pastored churches from 1983 in Frankfort and Burgin, Kentucky prior to entering the US Military in 1989 as an Army Chaplain.

An avid student of Church history, the Lord continued to lead Fr. Travis back to the historic roots of Christianity during a short tour in Sinop, Turkey. Serving with a Greek Orthodox priest for a year, I was introduced to the authentic Christian roots of our faith during my travels across Asia Minor. I traveled in the foot steps our first fathers of the faith: St. John, St. Mark, St. Paul Barnabus and Epaphraditis. It was here I was able to see of Constantine in Istanbul, of the seven churches and church at Crete. The Patmos vision came to me that year. To say the least, I believe in the Creeds, the councils and now understand that we are still in the fight to when souls for Christ. The sacraments are just that! A grace given to us by our Father in heaven in which I now more than ever believes comes in this ancient worship of the Holy Eucharist. This perpetual remembrance gives life and salvation to all those who believe and are baptized.

Yes, a spiritual journey from a Baptist to an Orthodox Anglican. Why, because our completeness is known through Father Jesus Christ best worshipped through the Liturgy a re-enactment of his living spirit in us everyday. Enough for now!

### **Chaplaincy Career:**

Fr. Travis is a retired Army Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel with twenty four years active military service to his country. Since entering the chaplaincy he has served in many pastoral positions throughout the world. In 2001 Brett was assigned as the Command Chaplain for United States Special Operations Command and Deputy Command Chaplain, USCENTCOM for General Tommy Franks. He had deployments to Qatar, Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2003 Brett was assigned to Heidelberg, Germany as the ASG Chaplain. Then 2004 was assigned by the Army Chief of Chaplains to serve as the International Command Chaplain for North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Casteau, Belgium responsible to the Secretary of Defense for Host Nation Support activities and religious support for 29 Nations and their respective chaplains. His last assignment was the Deputy Command Chaplain and Senior Clinician at Madigan Army Medical Center. While assigned at MAMC for twenty eight months, Brett developed the first Army wide "Spiritual Reset" program for Soldiers returning from combat with Post Traumatic Stress syndrome and Traumatic Brain Injuries. These teams consisted of clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, clinical chaplains and social workers. His highest awards were the Legion of Merit; Defense Meritorious service Medal; five Meritorious Service Medals; Iraq Expeditionary Medal; Order of St. Barbara Medal and Order of the Silver Spurr. Fr. Brett retired 1 June 2008.

**Ministerial Education:**

Doctor of Ministry Degree in Pastoral Theology emphasis in Marriage/Family Ministry and Missions; Graduated 1995: Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

Masters of Divinity Degree with emphasis Preaching, Pastoral Care and Counseling; Graduated 1988; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

Masters in Counseling with emphasis in Mental Health and Pastoral Psychotherapy; Graduated 2002; Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

University of Kentucky degree in Psychology and Respiratory Therapy; Graduated 1977; Lexington, KY;

**Post Graduate Work:**

Gottman Institute, Seattle, WA

Forensic Interviewing and evaluation Child Sexual Abuse

Adult Dispute Resolution (ADR) Certification

Fr. Travis and his wife Pam live in Knoxville, Tennessee. Pam is an RN and training to be a parish nurse for Holy Cross Anglican Church. They have two daughters: Misty and Erin Travis. Both are graduates of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus. Misty is married to Matthew Rankin a great son in law and they have two boys; Jeffery and Broden. Misty is due to deliver our newest Anglican on 14 October to be named Liam Travis Rankin. The newest potential UT quarterback in the future.