

Meet our new Associate Pastor



The Reverend Dr. Rhonda O'Reilly has been serving as a pastor in the Cincinnati area for the past 15 years. For years, she has considered Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church to be one of her "church homes." Rhonda has attended worship here often and has met many of the staff and congregation.

Rhonda received her Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary (Chicago) in 1996, and her Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary (Atlanta) in 2003. Since that time she has continually engaged in continuing education. Most recently, Rhonda completed a third unit of training in Clinical Pastoral Education in 2011

Rhonda has served as Associate Pastor at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian (Glendale) and Interim Pastor at Reading/Lockland Presbyterian Church. In December 2011, she finished a Chaplain internship at a local retirement community. There, she applied her considerable gifts in Pastoral Care by counseling and comforting residents and their families as they faced the questions and challenges of aging, illness and end-of-life.

Rhonda's special gifts and organizational talents have also been sought after and valued. She was a commissioner to the 217th General Assembly of Presbyterian Church USA in Birmingham in 2007. More recently, Rhonda was Co-Moderator of the Cincinnati Presbytery's Committee on Ministry from 2006 to 2010, where she shared the position with LP Jones.

Spirituality has always been a special interest for Reverend O'Reilly and she focused her doctoral work in that area. But, Rhonda shared with your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee that her faith journey and God's voice have led her to be specifically called to service in the area of Pastoral Care.

Jim, Rhonda's husband of 31 years, died in 2010; she has two grown and married stepchildren living in California and Chicago. She resides in Pleasant Ridge, where she enjoys photography, gardening, reading and her cocker spaniel, Frodo.