

Rev. Katherine Kinnamon lives in the city of St. Louis with Edward, her cat. She is a member of Compton Heights CC and member of an interfaith dialogue group through Interfaith Partnership of St. Louis. Born in Amarillo, TX, she began her life as a "cradle roll" baby at Amarillo CC. Her family moved to Calif. in mid-50s. There, her parents joined Mt.View CC, where her grandmother and uncle were also members. That community of faith was where Katherine was taught, nurtured, baptized and experienced church life and fellowship in class, vbs, youth groups and church camp. But the congregation split over a pastor and power issues in the 60's which led Katherine to join Cupertino Union Church, (just down the street), during high school and then to join FCC, San Jose as a college student and young adult. Both congregations claimed her as timothy when she made the decision to move toward Christian ministry.



She took her BS degree from San Jose State University in the mid-70s and began work as a recreation therapist for adults with a variety of physical, mental and emotional challenges. She also worked as a community organizer during that time. In 1977 she finally moved on the tug she had been experiencing and moved to Chicago, Il., to live and Disciples House and her begin studies at the Univ. of Chicago Divinity School. She received her MA and M.Div. degrees there and was approved for ordination by the Disciples of Christ Illinois/Wisconsin Region. She was ordained at Downers Grove Christian Church in July 1980.

Katherine has served the Church in California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, New York Missouri and in Geneva, Switzerland. Her ministry has included serving as a local pastor, college minister, interim director of a council of churches, and over the past 10 years as an interim pastor.

She has served on the Boards of the John Knox Centre in Geneva, the Disciples' Christian Church Foundation and the former Christian Homes of Kentucky. She served for several years on the Kentucky's Regional Committee on Ministry.

Past publications include as author or editor of No Longer Strangers (WCC), Diakonia (WCC), Thankful Praise (Chalice), Every Day We Will Bless You (Chalice).

She has been a member of our Mid-America Regional Commission on the Order of Ministry since 2014 and has served as chairperson for the past two years. Her goal as a member of Christ's Church, wherever that takes her, is to be of use. She was raised seeing the kind of servant leadership her parents lived out, in the Church and their community, and hopes to grow into the same kind of servant.

Katherine loves being outdoors, is an avid walker and hiker. 2019 found her hiking in Colorado's Rocky Mt. National Park, the red mountains of northern New Mexico, beaches and redwoods of California. She also loves just walking in the neighborhood.

She has two daughters: Anna is a graduate of Transylvania U and runs lead on the human resources department of a national infrastructure company in Kansas City. She and her spouse, Mark, have three children. Katherine is "Naani" to Amala, Esha and Marcus. Luckily the road to Kansas City is a short one. Her daughter, Leah, lives in St. Louis, is a graduate of UMSL and IT auditor for a Clayton accounting firm. Leah travels all over the U.S. seeing her firm's clients, so time with her in town is a rare treat and, with Anna, the three are great friends. Looking back over nearly 70 years of life, Katherine focuses on two things: her life with her family, nuclear and extended, and her life as a member and servant of Christ's body, the Church.