

Bio for Paula Engelhorn

The first time I walked into St. Alban's I felt at home. As if I had returned to a place I had always known. When John and I attended our first service I was so pleased because my two favorite prayers are included in each service- The Prayer of St. Francis and Aaron's ancient prayer. Then I saw the dogs, my favorite animal and they were allowed in church! We have two big boxers and we live in a very small seminary apartment. If you want to refresh your memory about just how special St. Alban's really is read the message from your rector on this web site, it is message filled with love and acceptance of all creatures great and small.

I have been many things in my long life, but all of them weave together and somehow fit into my rather late calling to the priesthood. I have been a high school art teacher, a graduate level art therapy teacher, a presenter at many national art therapy conferences, and for awhile I traveled the country giving workshops on art therapy. You see I wanted to be a "famous art therapist." But God had other plans and I found myself learning about Native American Spirituality. Giving up any ideas of success, fame or fortune I began to lead workshops based in Native American beliefs. I learned to walk a little more quietly on the earth and to view all life as sentient. I believe all creatures great and small are part of God's magnificent plan. I look forward to serving at St. Alban's and learning from each of you.

Many Blessings,
Paula Engelhorn