

Rev Canon LAVERNE JACOBS

a member of Bkejwanong Territory (Walpole Island First Nation). served at All Saints Church. Windsor and St. Mary's Church. Walkerville and ordained a priest in May 1975. served as priest/pastor at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church and the Walpole Island United Church. later Rector of Christ Church Forest and St. John's Kettle Point.

In 1987 he became the Coordinator. Native Ministries at the General Synod office in Toronto. supporting and enabling the work of The Anglican Church of Canada with Indigenous peoples and the Council for Native Ministries. As coordinator he had the opportunity to foster relations and visit with other Indigenous peoples in New Zealand. Australia. China. Korea. and United States among others.

In 2002 he returned to Toronto assuming a similar position with the United Church of Canada as Coordinator Aboriginal Ministries and fostering the development of the Aboriginal Ministries Circle.

Nationally. Laverne serves on the Primates Commission on Doctrine of Discovery. Reconciliation and Justice: Vision Keepers (Primates Council of Indigenous Elders and Your): and IHOB Leadership Circle (Indigenous Bishops and experienced Indigenous leaders who provide guidance and direction to the Indigenous portfolio of the Anglican Church of Canada.)

Rev MARK LOYAL

a member of the Six Nations Reserve belonging to both the Seneca and Mohawk Nations. Mark was ordained as a deacon in the Anglican Church. Diocese of Huron in May of 1993 and ordained a priest in December of 1993.

Mark began his ministry in 1993 as the minister at the Anglican Parish of Six Nations Reserve. In 1998. Mark moved to the Diocese of Calgary and served as Priest on the Kanai Reserve located south of Calgary. In 2001. Mark was appointed as the Associate Priest at St. Peter's Anglican Church. Calgary. In 2004. Mark moved to St. Andrew's in Calgary as Priest. Mark expanded his experience of Ministry in 2011 by moving to Red Lake in Northwestern Ontario. in the Diocese of Keewatin and had a shared ministry with the Anglican and United Churches. Mark returned to Windsor. Ontario in 2015 to be the Rector at St. John's. Sandwich. Life does come full circle and after almost 25 years of ministry. Mark returned to native ministry on Walpole Island First Nation and in 2017 became the Rector at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church and Minister at Walpole Island United Church.

Bryan Loucks

Bryan Loucks (Wassayshikung). Waubshayshii- Marten Clan, Anishinaabe Nation member Hiawatha First Nation lives at Walpole Island First Nation. He is a grandfather, great grandfather and an active member of Three Fires Midewiwin Lodge. At this time he facilitates a community/culture based program for adults with the assistance of community resource people and elders at Walpole Island.

Bryan has an undergraduate degree in Psychology, a M.Ed. and doctoral studies in Adult Education with a focus on cultural revitalization, Indigenous learning and decolonization. He has taught and served many First Nations organizations, Universities, colleges and communities throughout Ontario and Canada as a researcher, planner, facilitator and teacher.

"Without gratefulness there can be no happiness"

Myrna Kicknosway

Myrna Kicknosway is a Bodwatatomi/ Odawa Anishinaabe Kwe of the Loon Clan. She originates from these lands and waters that are part of the Bkejwanong Territories. She resides at Walpole Island upstream from Detroit/Windsor on the St. Clair River. She is a grandmother, great- grandmother and a member of Three Fires Midewiwin Lodge. She has worked professionally and voluntarily in the fields of Education, Counselling, Economic/ Employment planning, Federal Corrections, Environment Activism and Community Development.

"My Life Journeys and my personal learning and healing are providing me with an ever-expanding appreciation/gratefulness for who I am and the knowledge and wisdom of the ancestors who walked on this creation before me. Helping others is my life purpose opening endless possibilities / opportunities for resiliency, compassion, joy and forgiveness."