

Shawn believes the Church's best days are ahead, and he's spent his ministry walking with communities who are ready to grow into them. Christ transformed Shawn's life in high school through mercy and compassion shown to him as a rebellious teen, and his calling is shaped by a heart for people, a belief in the power of presence, and a hope-filled vision for what the Church can become.

Shawn began ministry in a Pentecostal tradition and served fifteen years in bi-vocational roles before being confirmed in The Episcopal Church. Jesus transformed him again during these fifteen years. He discovered what it means to truly know and love all of God's people, as he journeyed alongside students who were coming out, who answered a call to the ordained ministry, who started families and careers of their own, or who simply discovered the all-too-familiar struggle with the harsh realities of illness and death in this life.

Since then, his leadership has spanned civic life, parish ministry, and diocesan leadership. He has been blessed to serve within both a large, wealthy diocese and a small diocese with limited resources. Those opportunities have given Shawn experience working with some of the largest churches in The Episcopal Church, as well as those who are missions, small but thriving in the poorest and most underserved communities; each preaching the good news, serving their neighbors, making a place of belonging for every single person. He has learned along the way that we are all one body seeking Jesus in our midst.

He knows the work ahead will be hard, but that it is not as complicated as we tend to make it. Shawn dreams of being called to be a leader with fellow sojourners who are not afraid to take risks, who will build places of belonging for all of God's people, who will love fiercely, and who will lean into the possibilities that Jesus has in store. Shawn feels called to be a fellow laborer, working a field that is ripe for harvest. He wants to help lead communities to Jesus, the Bread of Life, knowing that when we place anything in Jesus' hands, He can take even meager rations and multiply them into abundance.

Shawn was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is a home cook who loves spicy food and someone who finds joy in restoring sacred spaces. Whether it's laying tile, painting houses, or landscaping, Shawn enjoys working with his hands in his spare time. He and his wife, Miriam, have been married for 27 years; together, they are raising three children and share their lives with their faithful boxer dog, Argos.