

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Bang



Pastor (Charlie) and Mrs. (Deborah) Bang arrive in Virginia in August after having lived and served in Western New York for almost 30 years. Pastor Bang was Senior Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Mrs. Bang was Chair of the Fine Arts Department at Canisius High School.

After graduating from Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY (Charlie) and the University of Oregon at Eugene (Debby) they were married in 1976 in Berkeley, California where Dr. Bang attended graduate school at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union. Pastor Bang served St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Walnut Creek and Ebenezer Lutheran Church in San Francisco before coming to New York. Prior to coming to Holy Trinity, Pastor Bang served at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Liverpool. Debby holds a Masters Degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo State College.

The Bangs have two grown daughters. Katie, a graduate of the College of Human Ecology and the Sloan School of Management at Cornell University, lives in Fayetteville, New York and works for Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical. Sarah finished her undergraduate degree in Geo Physics at the University of Chicago and is a doctoral candidate in atmospheric science at the University of Utah at Salt Lake City, specializing in severe weather.

The Bangs have purchased a home in Hampton and eagerly anticipate moving into the community and serving and worshipping at Gloria Dei Church where Pastor Bang will serve as Senior Pastor of Gloria Dei and Headmaster at Gloria Dei School.

Dr. Bang's wider church activities have included ministry to the elderly, church retreat and outdoor camp ministry, foundation work, the YMCA and United Way among others. A former member of the Buffalo Board of Education, Deborah is committed to education and enjoys working with youth. She has been President of Upstate New York Women of the ELCA.