



CURRICULUM VITAE

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“Faithful ministry, scholarship, peacebuilding, and service across cultures.”

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Compassionate and experienced Anglican priest, rector, chaplain, educator, researcher, and community leader with more than twenty-three years of ministry experience in Nigeria and the United States. Demonstrated strengths in pastoral care, preaching, spiritual formation, hospital and community chaplaincy, crisis intervention, grief support, multicultural ministry, church administration, leadership development, conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and public speaking. Advanced academic preparation in Church History, Theology, Religion, and Strategic Peace and Conflict Resolution, complemented by Clinical Pastoral Education in New York. International ministry and mission exposure includes Cameroon, Ghana, Canada, Kenya, the United Kingdom, Nigeria, South Africa, and the United States.

PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name	David Chimezie Nwanekpe
Date of Birth	18 May 1983
Nationality / Status	Nigerian; U.S. Permanent Resident
Location	Bronx, New York, USA
Languages	English and Igbo; working knowledge of French

CORE COMPETENCIES

• Pastoral Care & Counseling	• Hospital & Community Chaplaincy	• Crisis Intervention
• Bereavement & Grief Support	• Spiritual Assessment	• Conflict Resolution & Mediation
• Multicultural & Immigrant Ministry	• Public Speaking & Preaching	• Interfaith Collaboration
• Leadership & Team Building	• Church Administration	• Youth & Family Ministry
• Trauma-Informed Care	• Ethical & Confidential Care	• Retreat & Conference Facilitation

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2026	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Church History <i>Wesley University, Ondo, Nigeria</i> Thesis: "Faith Amid Extraction: A Church Historical Reconstruction of the Anglican Church's Engagement with the Environmental and Community Crisis in Oil-Producing Izombe, Imo State."	
In view	Doctor of Philosophy in Strategic Peace & Conflict Resolution <i>Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria</i> Current doctoral programme.	
2025	Master of Arts (M.A.) in Strategic Peace & Conflict Resolution <i>Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria</i> Advanced study in conflict analysis, mediation, peacebuilding, and social cohesion.	
2024	Master of Theology (M.Th.) <i>Ajayi Crowther Graduate Theological Seminary / Ajayi Crowther University, Nigeria</i> Advanced theological study and ministerial formation.	
2014	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Religion <i>University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria</i> Second Class Lower Division.	
2012/2023	Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) <i>Trinity Theological College, Umuahia, Nigeria</i> Theological and pastoral formation.	
2011	Diploma in Theology (Dip.Th.) <i>Trinity Theological College, Umuahia, Nigeria</i> Diploma-level theological training.	

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL FORMATION

Clinical Pastoral Education - Unit I Completed

Maimonides Medical Center | Brooklyn, New York | 2025

- Provided spiritual and emotional care to patients and families in clinical settings.
- Participated in interdisciplinary care discussions, pastoral reflection, verbatim review, and supervised formation.
- Supported patients and families facing illness, grief, fear, uncertainty, and emotional distress.

Clinical Pastoral Education Residency / Advanced Formation

NewYork-Presbyterian / Westchester Behavioral Health Center | New York | 2025-2026

- Engaged in supervised clinical ministry, seminars, spiritual assessment, interfaith care, and professional chaplaincy formation.
- Participated in educational activities associated with Weill Cornell, Columbia, and Westchester Behavioral Health Center.

ECCLESIASTICAL LEADERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS

- Rector, Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit, Bronx, New York - 1 September 2019 to Present
- Rector, Emmanuel Anglican Church, Long Island, New York - 2025 to Present
- Bishop's Emissary to North America, Diocese on the Niger - appointed 2025
- Chaplain, Council of Knights and Ladies, Church of Nigeria North American Mission (CONNAM) - 2023 to Present
- Archdeacon in North America under Anglican diocesan structures in the United States
- Former Canon of St. Mary Magdalene, Oguta, Nigeria
- Ordained Anglican Priest, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- Retreatant, conference speaker, preacher, moderator, mentor, and pastoral counselor

PROFESSIONAL AND MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Rector / Senior Priest

Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit | Bronx, New York | 2019 - Present

- Provide spiritual leadership and pastoral care to a multicultural congregation in New York City.
- Lead worship, sacramental ministry, preaching, Bible study, prayer meetings, retreats, youth ministry, harvest programmes, and community outreach.
- Offer counseling, crisis support, home and hospital visitation, grief care, immigration-related pastoral support, and family ministry.
- Coordinate church administration, volunteer leadership, committees, strategic planning, and ministry development.
- Build partnerships with clergy, community organizations, immigrant families, and faith-based leaders.

Rector / Priest-in-Charge

Emmanuel Anglican Church | Long Island, New York | 2025 - Present

- Provide pastoral oversight, preaching, sacramental ministry, congregation development, and community engagement.

Chaplain, Council of Knights and Ladies

Church of Nigeria North American Mission (CONNAM) | North America | 2023 - Present

- Provide spiritual guidance, pastoral counseling, prayer support, and mentorship to knights, ladies, clergy, and families across North America.
- Organize retreats, leadership conferences, formation programmes, and discussions on faith, ethics, service, and community responsibility.

Clergy / Priest / Church Teacher

Various Anglican Parishes | Nigeria and the United States | 2003 - Present

- Served at St. Christopher's, Onitsha; St. Mary's, Igboke; Emmanuel, Onono; St. Paul, Uba-Agwa; St. Paul, Ndionymaobi; St. Michael, Ubudi-Agwa; Uka Ndi Igbo, Bronx; Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit, Bronx; and Emmanuel Anglican Church, Long Island.
- Carried out preaching, teaching, pastoral care, youth mentorship, family ministry, hospital and home visitation, conflict mediation, parish administration, evangelism, and sacramental ministry.

SELECTED PREACHING, RETREATS, AND CONFERENCES

- Retreatant and conference facilitator for clergy, laity, knights, and church leaders in Nigeria and North America.
- Preacher at the Collation and Installation Service for Archdeacons and Canons, All Saints' Cathedral, Onitsha - September 2024.
- Retreat Chaplain and speaker at national CONNAM Knights programmes in the United States.

- Panelist, moderator, and speaker at Anglican, peacebuilding, leadership, and community-development events.
- International speaker and mission minister with engagements in Africa, Europe, Canada, and the United States.

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY AND MISSION ENGAGEMENTS

Cameroon - Douala - Ministerial and mission engagement; birthplace and continuing connection to Christian ministry in Central Africa.

Ghana - Koforidua Diocese - Anglican mission and ministry engagement in the Diocese of Koforidua.

South Africa - Johannesburg - Mission and cross-cultural ministry exposure.

Canada - Toronto - Ministerial visit and Anglican fellowship, 25-26 April 2026.

Kenya - Invited international preaching and mission ministry in an Anglican diocese, August 2026.

United Kingdom - Manchester - Invited ministry in the Anglican Diocese in Europe, July 2026.

Nigeria - Extensive parish ministry, diocesan leadership, retreats, conferences, preaching, academic study, and participation in the General Synod of the Church of Nigeria.

United States - Parish rectorship, immigrant ministry, chaplaincy, CPE, pastoral counseling, retreats, and leadership across New York and North America.

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SCHOLARLY WORK

- Church History and African Anglicanism
- Environmental justice, extractive industries, and Christian social responsibility
- Faith, community crisis, and the historical witness of the Church in oil-producing communities
- Strategic peacebuilding, conflict analysis, mediation, and social cohesion
- Migrant churches, Nigerian-led Anglican congregations, and immigrant support systems in North America
- Pastoral theology, chaplaincy, grief care, spiritual assessment, and multicultural ministry
- Faith, Priesthood, and Society: Reflections on Anglican Theology and Ministry Practice
- Ph.D. thesis: "Faith Amid Extraction: A Church Historical Reconstruction of the Anglican Church's Engagement with the Environmental and Community Crisis in Oil-Producing Izombe, Imo State."

AWARDS, HONOURS, AND RECOGNITION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Church History - Wesley University, Ondo, 2026
- Honorary Doctorate in Theology (Honoris Causa) - New York, 2024
- Education recognition from the University on the Niger, 2024
- Commendations and recognitions for ministry, retreat leadership, pastoral service, and Anglican mission in Nigeria and North America
- Recognition by ecclesiastical leaders including the Primate of All Nigeria and diocesan bishops for service and leadership

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Pastoral care, counseling, spiritual direction, grief support, and crisis intervention
- Preaching, liturgical leadership, Bible teaching, sacramental ministry, and retreat facilitation
- Conflict mediation, peacebuilding, strategic analysis, negotiation, and advocacy
- Church administration, strategic planning, programme coordination, and team leadership
- Interfaith collaboration, multicultural ministry, immigrant support, and community outreach
- Academic research, theological writing, public speaking, mentoring, and curriculum development
- Computer literacy, digital communication, social media ministry, and faith-based content development

AFFILIATIONS

- Anglican Priest - Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- Church of Nigeria North American Mission (CONNAM)
- Council of Knights and Ladies, CONNAM - Chaplain
- Diocese on the Niger - Bishop's Emissary to North America
- Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit, Bronx, New York - Rector
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REFERENCES

Available upon request.

ACADEMIC AND MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIO



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