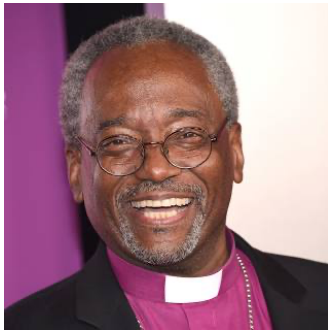


## Meet Michael Curry



The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry is presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church. At the church's 78th General Convention in June 2015, he was elected to a nine-year term in this role and installed in November of that year; he serves as The Episcopal Church's chief pastor, spokesperson, president and chief executive officer.

Throughout his ministry, Bishop Curry has been a prophetic leader, particularly in the areas of racial reconciliation, climate change, evangelism, immigration policy, and marriage equality. The animating vision and message of his ministry is Jesus of Nazareth and his way of radical, sacrificial love, and he regularly reminds Episcopalians they are “the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.”

Bishop Curry was ordained a priest in 1978 and served parishes in North Carolina, Ohio, and Maryland until his 2000 election as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. He graduated with high honors from Hobart and William Smith Colleges and earned his Master of Divinity degree at Yale University.

Bishop Curry is the author of five books and a regular guest on national and international media outlets.

Selecting Bishop Curry's 2020 book, *Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*, was easy – the more it was mentioned in our gatherings, the more obvious it became that we should read and discuss it. It fits well into our cycle reading a variety of books whose themes seem to intersect. We will find that *Love Is the Way* is both delightfully, personally casual and at the same time thought provokingly serious. It will be a good opportunity to revisit some of the themes that have captured us in earlier books including prayer, love of neighbor, and social justice.

*“Perfect love casts out all fear’ (1 John 4.18). In this beautiful and moving book, Bishop Michael Curry reflects on the nature of God’s love and the reflection of that love in human lives. Drawing on his own life and experiences he shows us that, time and again, when love is threatened by circumstances—be it poverty, racism, violence, injustice or the abuse of power—that same love has the power to shine through. Two thousand years ago Jesus called together a small band of*

*disciples to follow him in preaching the good news of God's love. The movement we now know as the Church started off simply as 'the way.' Bishop Michael is convinced that, just as then, love and the message of love has the power to transform our world."—The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.*