

**Bradley Pace**  
**Bio for the Diocese of West Missouri**

My name is Bradley Pace, and I am deeply honored to be a part of the Diocese of West Missouri's discernment to find your next Bishop. Since 2013, I have served as the Rector of St. John's in Lafayette, Indiana. Before that, I served churches in Youngstown, Ohio and in Wheaton, Illinois. I studied philosophy at Berea College in Kentucky, the University of Arkansas, and the University of Illinois where I received a Ph.D. in 2006. During graduate school, I discerned a call to ordained ministry and attended seminary at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. I was ordained to the diaconate and the priesthood in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago in 2008.

I always wanted to be a philosopher or a theologian. But after sixteen years of ordained ministry, I realized that at my core, I am a pastor. That is true whether I'm serving the people of my parish, unhoused people in St. John's neighborhood, or organizing around racial justice in Greater Lafayette. I am particularly interested in building relationships and connecting people with one another. In my ministry, I love mentoring new clergy, leading adult formation classes, and engaging with the needs of my local community. In the Diocese, I have served in a number of ways including recently as a member of the Global Missions Commission's partnership with the Diocese of Brasília, as a member of the Racial Justice and Education Team, as the Chair of the Examining Chaplains, and as Vice-President of the Waycross Camp and Conference Center board.

My wife Katie Elder and I have been married for twenty-six years. We are the proud parents of three teenage children: Isaiah, Clay, and Jude. When I find time, I unwind by hiking and kayaking, collecting baseball cards and attending games, and reading theology.