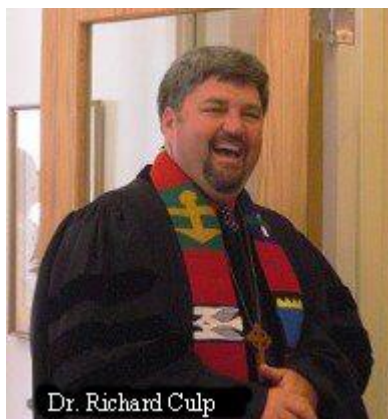


OUR PNC RECOMMENDS DR. RICHARD CULP



"I am excited to return to Denton. During my visit with the PNC I knew Saint Andrew was a special place. It really hit me during our tour of the church, walking through the sanctuary, the choir rooms, the children's chapel: when Michael showed me that wonderful space and the list of all the volunteers willing to help lead that ministry, I knew I wanted to be a part of that energy. I wanted to be in ministry with the people of Saint Andrew."
- Richard Culp, July 2016

PNC REFLECTIONS ABOUT RICHARD

"Richard has the experience and maturity to lead Saint Andrew, and yet bring fresh ideas. He values the many roles of women in leadership." – Betty Alford

"Every single member of the Pastor Nominating Committee is drawn to Richard. He seems to resonate well with a variety of age groups." – Michael Ball

"When I heard Richard preach I was so impressed. Saint Andrew is so blessed to have this dynamic minister 'coming home'." – Lynn Carrico

"Richard has a warmth and presence that comes across even over a video conference. His personality puts people at ease. He is very approachable. He has a natural gift of leadership." – Mike Barnett

"Richard has a lot of experience working with youth and I think his energy will help continue to grow our youth ministry at Saint Andrew." – Rachel Odei

"Richard is intellectual and funny; enthusiastic and vibrant. He has vision to help our church grow; we are lucky to have him come to St. Andrew!" – Lauren Patton

"Richard's humor is infectious, His energy, joy and spiritual depth meets Saint Andrew at the perfect time to drive our mission forward." – Jonathon Fite

Qualities we all admire: Strong call to preaching and worship, believes music is core to worship experience, demonstrates leadership in pastoral care, values role of church's mission work, respects the role of pastor in staff leadership, values connectional nature of Presbyterians, exceptional ability in communicating with and respecting all members of the congregation, active involvement with children and youth, demonstrates skill in consensus building, experience in fund raising.

THE FAMILY OF DR. RICHARD CULP



Leslie is an **Aggie**, who graduated from Texas A&M in 1988; a **dentist**, who has practiced in Texas, KY, and OH since graduating from the UT Dental Branch in 1992; a **Texan**, who was born and raised in Corsicana, TX; a **Volunteer**, with several organizations including the Troy Skating Club, CISV, and the Miami County Dental Clinic, which she helped start and open in 2008 to serve under-insured dental needs in Miami County.

Caitlin (pictured below on the left) is a recent **Graduate**, having graduated Summa Cum Laude from **Queens University** in May, 2016, with a double-major in Human Services and Spanish; a **CISV leader**, who took a delegation of 11 yr. olds to Poland in July, 2016 (CISV is a peacemaking organization); **Employed** by a political campaign for the fall in NC, after which she hopes to work for a non-profit in Washington, DC

Noelle (pictured right) is an **Aggie**, and begins her Junior year at Texas A&M this fall, where she majors in Applied Mathematics with a minor in Economics; Recruiting **chair** for the



Royals, a woman's philanthropy organization at A&M with a mission to develop strong women leaders through service, commitment, and integrity; Serves on the Science Dean's **Advisory Board**; Plans to work as a consultant and **Certified Actuary** when she graduates.

Rachel (pictured center) is soon to be a **Rebel**, who graduated from Troy High School in May, 2016, and will be a Freshman at **Ole Miss** this fall. She will be in the **Croft Institute of International Studies**, where she will also study French and study abroad. Rachel has traveled with CISV to Austria, Vancouver, Spain, Portugal and France; Has been a **figure skater** since she was four, and was involved in **student government**, **swim team**, and several other organizations in high school.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Doctor of Ministry, Austin Theological Seminary
- Master of Divinity, Austin Theological Seminary
- Bachelor of Arts, Trinity University, San Antonio
- Pastor-First Presbyterian Church, Troy, Ohio (17 years)
- Pastor-First Presbyterian, Sterling, Kentucky (6 years)
- Intern Associate Pastor, Pasadena, TX (2 years)

Some key milestones in Richard's ministry include the development of a long-term ministry vision for a downtown church. Richard led multiple capital campaigns including one to renovate an old Post Office to house a volunteer medical clinic. He served as keynote speaker at workshops for Ruling Elders and is known for pastoral care. Richard considers it a privilege to be invited into holy moments with people, having buried someone he baptized; he has married someone twice; traveled along the medical journey with people and their loved ones, some multiple times.

Richard has served in many Presbytery leadership roles including Moderator of the Presbytery, Board of Trustees President, and Commissioner of the Administrative Commission dealing with churches leaving PCUSA. Richard is a past president of the Austin Theological Seminary alumni board and has served on several community outreach boards including the Dorothy Love Retirement Center, Lincoln community center, the United Way of Miami County and the Troy Ministerial Association.

Richard's sermons can be downloaded at www.fpctroy.org. His blog, whatisrichardpreaching.blogspot.com has weekly comments before and after each sermon is preached.

RICHARD'S REPUTATION

"Saint Andrew could not possibly find a better candidate. He is not right or left. Richard will be an excellent leader and I want him on the board at Austin Seminary! Another PNC contacted me last week regarding Richard. You better move fast; he is a hot commodity." Ted Wardlaw, President Austin Seminary

STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe...

In one Triune God — the creator and sovereign of all creation

That God elects people for service and salvation (Book of Order, F-2.05) , call us to a covenant relationship, and remains faithful to us. Jesus invites us to know God as “Father,” even as we recognize the mystery of God that defies definition. God moves toward us and invites us into covenant relationship because God desires for ‘everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth’ (I Timothy 2:4)

That Jesus Christ was God incarnate,

who lived a sinless life, died for our sins, and was raised from the dead. He reached out to all people, including the poor and oppressed, and he calls us to do the same. In his sinless death and resurrection, death and sin have been overcome and eternal life awaits us.

That the Holy Spirit moves among us now,

making Scripture come alive for us and sustaining us in our present time. The Holy Spirit initiates changes as God’s will is revealed. We cannot confine the Spirit to our actions, but only can discern the Spirit’s guidance for us.

That God is revealed

in history, God’s inspired word of Scripture, the community of the church, and most supremely in the incarnation of Jesus Christ and the continuing work of the Holy Spirit.

That humans are made in God’s image,

but fall short of God’s glory. Our hope, therefore, is not in our works, but in God’s steadfast love and forgiveness.

That the church is the body of Christ,

called into being by Christ to carry the good news of the gospel to a world desperately seeking answers.

That baptism

unites us with Christ in both his death and resurrection, and baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace, even as it brings into the community of faith.

That the Lord’s Supper

invites us to discover the living Christ in our lives and our world. As we gather around our Lord’s Table, we commune with each other, those saints who have come before us and those who will follow us. Each time we come to the Table, we are reminded of God’s gracious love, the reconciliation that Christ offers us and the power of the Holy Spirit to make us new creations.

That nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 8: 39).