

Delea and Tuck Bowerfind

Delea was raised in Florence Alabama where her dad was an agricultural economist with TVA and her mom taught special ed. Delea moved to Cleveland OH with her daughter Tiffany in 1991 to earn an MSW from CWRU. They met Tuck at his home parish, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in the summer after his ordination. After eight years in Cleveland, and three more children – George, Dorothy, and Elizabeth – the Bowerfinds moved to St. Mary's, Barnstable MA and then to St. Luke's, Alexandria VA. In September 2019 we accepted the call to Grace Lexington and started on the First Sunday of Advent.

At Grace, the memorials to many young people who died in some form of sacrificial service, military, civil rights, humanitarian inspire us. The beauty and power of their faithful service and witness made through their lives in a spirit of love for God and God's people.

Delea was raised in a deeply religious family in a Baptist tradition. She was confirmed in the Episcopal Church at the same time as our eldest, Tiffany. Delea has had a life long commitment to the poor, children, and the dying. She brings people comfort and assurance and courage grounded in a deep knowledge of how social systems shape many of the conditions and fortunes of our lives. Here in Rockbridge County she works with Rockbridge Area Hospice as Director of Integrated Care.

Tuck was raised in the Episcopal Church. His grandfather was Bishop of Ohio and worked to integrate the church and bring racial reconciliation until his death in 1969. Tuck has worked throughout his ministry to continue to work for Martin Luther King's vision of the Beloved Community through cooperative interfaith and ecumenical organizing rooted personal relationships that respect the dignity of every person.