



The Rev. Jay R. Lawlor
Nominee for Clergy General Convention Deputy

The Rev. Jay R. Lawlor is Rector of St. Luke's Church in Kalamazoo and a member of the diocesan Standing Committee. Fr. Lawlor was raised in Massachusetts where he attended Stonehill College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics. After graduation from college he attended the University of Connecticut where he earned a Master of Arts in Economics. Fr. Lawlor then worked as an economist for an economic consulting firm and later as a researcher in sustainable international development at the Center for International Development at Harvard University. In the fall of 1999 he enrolled in seminary at Episcopal Divinity School and graduated with his Master of Divinity degree in 2002 and was ordained that June. Fr. Lawlor was active in introducing the Millennium Development Goals within the Episcopal Church and has continued teaching about and advocating for the MDGs throughout the Church. Prior to coming to St. Luke's, Fr. Lawlor served congregations in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. He has been active on numerous diocesan committees, served on the Presiding Bishop's Global Reconciliation Forum planning group for the 74th General Convention, and also helped author Resolution D006 – on the Millennium Development Goals – which was passed by convention. Fr. Lawlor is married to Angela (Dotson) Lawlor and they have an 8 year old son, Nathaniel, whom they adopted from China in 2006.