

# Lieutenant Commander (Retired) The Rev'd Canon Jeannine B. Friesen

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## Employment History

### *Incumbent Priest*

St Columba Anglican Church, Tofino, BC

2025-present

- growing a church with a significant number of young families
- welcoming newcomers from other denominations or no religious affiliation
- lead worship, preach, provide pastoral care, administration
- oversee the provision of Sunday coverage when needed

### *Priest in Charge*

2022-2024

Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, BC

- led the Cathedral during transition
- supervised a staff of eight people
- chaired many committees including Parish Council, Dean & Wardens
- oversaw hiring of new staff
- assisted the parish to identify priorities as they prepared to hire a new Dean

### *Priest in Charge*

2021-2022

St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church, Royal Oak

St George's Anglican Church, Cadboro Bay

- led churches in transition
- St George's - during COVID restrictions, services and meetings were on Zoom

### *Canadian Armed Forces Chaplain*

2009-2019

Department of National Defence (DND)

- led a team of Chaplains as the Senior Fleet Chaplain, CANFLTPAC
- advised unit Commanding Officers concerning moral and spiritual concerns
- counselled forces members in times of illness, death, family crises, etc.
- sailed with HMCS PROTECTEUR, OTTAWA, and CALGARY
- Staff Officer to the Canadian Army Chaplain

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY -CONT'D

***Interim Priest*** 2005-2007  
St John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Cold Lake, AB

***Interim Priest*** 2002-2005  
Double "A" Anglican Parish, Medicine Hat/Redcliff, AB

***Employment prior to 2002 available upon request***

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

***Event Organizer*** Current  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood in the ACC

- secured grants from the ACC and the Anglican Foundation
- overseeing distribution of bursaries and funds for speakers

***Secretary, Board of Directors*** 2024-present  
The Victoria Multifaith Society

- involved in organizing multifaith Listening Circles in response to the Gaza/Israel conflict

## EDUCATION

***Certificate in Photography*** 2024-2025  
The Photography Institute of Canada

***Interim Ministry Certificate*** 2021  
The Interim Ministry Network

***Numerous courses through DND during my service as a Chaplain. Courses included Harassment Coordinator training and Conflict Management.***

***Management Studies Certificate*** 1990-1993  
Seneca College, CFB Baden Campus, Germany

***Master of Divinity*** 1982-1985  
Trinity College, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

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## EDUCATION - CONT'D

*Bachelor of Arts (Minor in Sociology)*

1978-1981

Queen's University, Kingston, ON

## ORDINATION DATES

Deacon: 16 June 1985 (Ordained by The Rt Rev'd, Allan Read)

St George's Cathedral, Kingston, ON

Priest: 20 April 1986 (Ordained by The Rt Rev'd Allan Read)

St Peter's Anglican Church, Brockville, ON

## AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

- Promoted to Lieutenant Commander, August 2016
- Chaplain General's coin and Commander HMCS PROTECTEUR coin for work after the ship's Engine Room fire in 2014
- Commander RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific International Naval Exercise) Commendation, 2014
- Appointed a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter, Diocese of BC, by The Rt Rev'd Logan McMenamie, 2014