

The Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton
14th Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland

The Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton was elected bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland in 2008. Previously he served as Canon Pastor of Washington National Cathedral and Director of the Cathedral Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage.



Born and raised in Washington, DC, Bishop Sutton graduated from Hope College (Holland, MI), attended Western Theological Seminary earning his Master of Divinity in 1981 and was ordained in the Reformed Church in America. Bishop Sutton has been a frequent and sought-after leader of retreats and conferences on non-violence, reconciliation, the environment, and the practice of Centering Prayer.

He served as pastor of an inner-city congregation for five years, then leaving for graduate studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. Bishop Sutton taught homiletics and liturgics New Brunswick Theological Seminary (New Brunswick, NJ) and Vanderbilt University Divinity School (Nashville, TN).

He later joined the Episcopal Church and completed Anglican studies at the University of the South, School of Theology (Sewanee, TN) in 1993. Bishop Sutton has served on the staff of the Diocese of New Jersey; adjunct professor of preaching at the General Theological Seminary (New York City); vicar of St. Michael's Church in (Trenton, NJ); priest-in-charge of St. Margaret's and St. Mary's parishes (Washington, DC); and associate rector for mission and spirituality at St. Columba's Church (Washington, DC). He founded Contemplative Outreach of Metropolitan Washington (COMW), an ecumenical network committed to the practice of Centering Prayer. In addition to publishing articles about prayer, spirituality and homiletics, he's one of the contributors to the book, *The Diversity of Centering Prayer*.

He serves on the board of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, is one of the founders of the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, helped to organize Bishops United Against Gun Violence and is a member of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

Bishop Sutton is married to Sonya Subbayya Sutton, an internationally-recognized church music director. They have four adult children and stepchildren.