



The Rev. Kris Veldheer is doing her field placement at Mediator as part of transferring her clergy status into the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan. Currently residing near Mediator in Union Pier, Kris was born in Zeeland, MI and was raised in the Holland/Grand Rapids area. She was raised in the Reformed Church in America, attending Hope College with a BA in Political Science and Western Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree. In 1988, Kris was licensed and ordained into the Reformed Church in America. Originally intending to be a hospital chaplain, she found her call to ministry as a theological librarian when she took a job as an

administrator at the Burke Library of Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York in 1993 and was recruited into librarianship by an Episcopal priest. Kris went on from there to complete a degree in library science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison before serving at the Graduate Theological Union Library in Berkeley, CA from 1998-2012. She also completed a master's degree in education, focusing on educational technology in 2009 from San Jose State University. From 2014-2017, Kris worked for the library at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, GA, transitioning the seminary across learning management systems and integrating the library. From 2017 on, she has been the director of the Paul Bechtold Library at the Catholic Theological Union in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. Kris is currently completing a D.Min. degree at CTU focusing on knowledge injustice in theological libraries, which she hopes to finish in 2023.

In her free time, Kris likes to spend time with her spouse Jen. She also likes to cook, bake, take long walks with their dogs, watch TV, and try out new wineries and breweries around Southwest Michigan.

Once her field placement is complete, Kris is open to serving the Diocese in whatever way she can as an Episcopal priest.