

## Learn More About Gayle Fisher-Stewart

The Rev. Dr. Gayle Fisher-Stewart is founder of the Center for the Study of Faith in Justice (CSFJ), based at Calvary Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., where she serves as associate rector. The CSFJ provides safe space for the discussion of issues that center on the intersection of faith and justice.



Before her ordination to the priesthood, Fisher-Stewart spent 20 years working as a police officer for the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department, retiring in 1992 with the rank of captain. She joined the department in 1972, four years after riots destroyed parts of the city following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. At the time African-Americans made up 70 percent of the people living in the nation's capital, while the police department was overwhelmingly white. Fisher-Stewart's decision to join the police force baffled friends and family. The department had a bad reputation, she said, and "my friends weren't happy because some of them had had negative interactions with police here in D.C."

She is the recipient of the 2016 Episcopal Evangelism Society Director's Award and in 2017 received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from New York's Colgate University.