

St. Matthew Church Biography: The Rev. Hilary and Susan Njoroge
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We are blessed to have Fr. Hilary and Susan Njoroge as part of our St. Matthew Episcopal Church family.

Hilary was born in Kiambu, Kenya, and lived there 59 years. In 1977, he felt his calling to serve the Lord. In 1984, he joined the church as catechist. He was ordained as a Deacon in March of 1988. Later that year, in November, he was ordained as a priest. He came to the United States in 2019 as a result of an order in Kenya, sending him to the United States to preach. He was sent to the Diocese of Olympia, Washington.

Susan was born in Na'kuru, Kenya, and lived there all of her life prior to coming to the United States.

Their love story is one of divine intervention. Both Hilary and Susan love serving God. Tragically, they both lost their spouses while in Kenya. Even more coincidental, they each have three children from their first marriages.

But wait, there is more! They did not know each other until they arrived in the United States. They met on February 28, 2019, in Tacoma, Washington, enjoyed a short courtship, and married in October of 2019. During this time, they started attending St. Matthew. They have enjoyed getting to know the parish family and feel very blessed.

Hilary has a great concern for the church as a whole, specifically, the Episcopal Church. The pandemic hit the church community very hard. Attendance at St. Matthew, like others, has shrunk from 60 (both 8 am service and 10 am service) to about 20. Reasons differ: some people have moved, some are now in nursing care, some have died, some have had complete reassessments of their faith, some have had differences of opinions, and some are still grappling with moving forward and how to gather in public again.

Hilary truly believes more can be done to bring people to the Lord. This is a time when we need Jesus, guidance, faith, hope, and love more than ever before.

Fr. Hilary's greatest joy is bringing peoples' lives to Christ.