

Nicholas W. Fennig has been Director of Music at Grace Epiphany Church in the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia since September of 2008. Nick is both a “cradle” Episcopalian and a lifelong student of music. He grew up in Indianapolis, where he attended an Episcopal grade school and sang for a decade with the Christ Church Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, serving as Head Chorister under Dr. Frederick Burgomaster. He continued his choral activities while he began his study of the organ, first studying organ with Mary Ellen Burgomaster, then Ted Gibboney and Hyeon Jeong. He graduated in 2004 with a B.M. in Organ Performance and Church Music from Northwestern University, studying with Douglas Cleveland and Richard Webster. He continued his music studies with John Walker at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Nick has been intern, organ scholar, organist and choirmaster at six churches, most recently with Patrick Allen as Intern in Church Music at Grace Church in New York, as Organist & Choirmaster at Memorial Episcopal Church, Baltimore, and as Interim Organist & Music Director at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion in Philadelphia. Currently enrolled in the post-baccalaureate program in Pre-Health Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Nick intends to pursue a medical degree, specializing in geriatric medicine. He holds a full-time job with the U.S. Census Bureau working on the 2010 Census and also is co-chair for UPenn’s “Queer Christian Fellowship,” a student group that represents GLBT Christians. Nick enjoys singing counter-tenor, and is a member of “Ancient Voices,” the early music vocal ensemble at UPenn.

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