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Previously Fischer worked as associate vice president for institutional advancement and special assistant to the president at Saint Augustine’s University (Raleigh, N.C.); as director of alumni, annual fund, and church relations at Virginia Theological Seminary (Alexandria, Va.); and as associate director for alumni relations and annual giving programs at Morehouse College (Atlanta, Ga.). He also served as a parish priest for seven years at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Ga.) in addition to other associate and interim positions. Prior to enrolling in seminary, Fischer worked for JP Morgan Chase & Co. in global investment banking.

In further service to the church, Fischer served as theologian in residence for the Black Theology and Leadership Institute at Princeton Theological Seminary, dean of the Mid Atlanta Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, co-convener for the Cascade Ministries Fellowship, and founder of St. Paul’s Outreach Center. In service to the community, his volunteer work includes WellStar Atlanta Medical Center Regional Health Board, Holy Innocents Episcopal School Board of Trustees, and Virginia Theological Seminary Alumni Association Executive Committee.

Fischer is a graduate of Morehouse College (B.A.) and Virginia Theological Seminary (M.Div.). He was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. International College of Ministry and Laity at Morehouse College and an inaugural member of The Martin Luther King Jr. International College of Pastoral Leadership. Additionally, he completed the Canterbury Scholars Programme at Canterbury Cathedral, clinical pastoral education at Mary Washington Hospital, certificate in transitional ministry from Calvin Center, and is pursuing his certificate in non-profit management from Northwestern University.

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