

About Bo Chapman

Edward (Bo) Carter Chapman was born January 24, 1949, in New Rochelle, NY, and raised in Bronxville, NY. His home church was [Christ Church, Bronxville](#), where family clergy friends included George Barrett and Lloyd Patterson, noted homilists, and where he sang in the boy choir.

He graduated in 1970 from Washington and Lee University with a degree in American History, having taken myriad religion courses with Dr. Lewis Hodges and Marshall Fishwick. He graduated from the [Episcopal Theological School](#) in 1973 with a degree in Social Ethics, having served all his field-work time at [St. John's Church, Sandwich, MA](#), with the Rev. John Thomas, whom he called the best parish priest he had ever known.

In 1971, he married Mary Ann Guthrie Gerwig of Baltimore, a life-long member of [the Church of the Redeemer](#), Baltimore, and [St. Paul's School for Girls](#) class of 1967.

After seminary, they moved to St. Simon's Island, GA, where Bo was the curate of [Christ Church, Frederica](#), under the Rev. Dr. Junius Jeffries Martin, an outstanding scholar and preacher. He and Mary Ann did summer camps and conferences at [Honey Creek](#), the Diocese of Georgia's center. He was impressed by the series of speakers for clergy whom the diocese regularly sponsored.

He was then called as rector to [Christ Church, Marion, VA](#), in the [Diocese of Southwestern Virginia](#). He again became involved with the camp and conference center, [Hemlock Haven](#), located in town. He chaired and served on its board of directors, helping run youth and canoeing adventure camps. He and Mary Ann also became involved with diocesan work and programs for clergy and families. Bo was very committed to, and enthusiastic about, the ministries that could be nourished by the environment and hospitality of camp and conference centers.

In 1985 Bo and Mary Ann came to the [Episcopal Diocese of Maryland](#) when he was called as rector to [Emmanuel Parish, Cumberland, MD](#), where he served until his sudden death in 2014. He became involved in diocesan work and the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland's camp and conference center, [Claggett Center](#), as a chaplain and leader for summer youth camps.

Bo became a member of the Claggett Board. He was very invested in the ministry of Claggett and excited as it began its renovation and rejuvenation through its capital campaign in the 2000s. Bo and Mary Ann helped design and gave the St. Thomas a Becket Chapel in the former barn silo, as a memorial to her brother, John R. Gerwig III.

Bo had been saddened to learn of the passing of the [College of Preachers](#) that for years had met in Washington, D.C. To him, those talks, like [Kellogg Lectures](#) in Mass., were amazing opportunities for education and enlightenment. He shared that disappointment with [Bishop Robert W. Ilhoff](#) and they had a common vision for a reprieve: Claggett. Its location and accommodations would be ideal. Along with Lee Tidball and others, they formed a plan and sought support, and were met with enthusiasm for the blossoming idea. Bo was so pleased at the envisioning of a long and happy tradition of excellence.

The diocese and Claggett are carrying on that vision today through the Chapman Dialogues.