

The Reverend Deacon Mary Sanders is executive director of Community Lutheran Partners and an ordained minister of word and service in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Prior to her experience with CLP, she was an inspector with WVDEP's Environmental Enforcement. Her duties included emergency spill response and complaint investigation as well as inspecting various facilities.

Mary grew up in Tucker County WV and Garrett County MD. She attended WVU, where she earned a degree in Geology. She holds a Masters in Ministerial Leadership specializing in theology, environmental theology and rural church. While she has an affinity for all of Appalachia, she counts her self as extremely fortunate that her work has been and remains focused on WV and Garrett County.

Mary has an extensive extended family she tells outrageous stories about. Her significant other of 14 years, Paul, was acquired at a gas station. She lives on her family farm in Garrett County with two dogs, two cats and an abundance of wild animals the dogs can't be bothered to bark at. She enjoys reading, fiber arts, yard work and seed catalogs.