

**Former Assistant Pastors of Our Church**  
**Rev. Dr. John Skelly**  
**(Served 1975 to 1981)**



Rev. Dr. John Skelly was ordained at Bayside June 1975. He was a New York State native. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from University of Virginia, and a Doctorate of Ministry from Union Theological Seminary.

Prior to coming to Bayside, Rev. Skelly spent time ministering needs of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and at the Norfolk Presbytery (now called Presbytery of Eastern Virginia) working in their campus ministry.

At Bayside, Pastor Skelly was responsible for the educational program, worked closely with the Strengthening and Commitment Committees (what we now call Ministries), and preached two services per month. In an article appearing in the Ledger Star (dated 9/11/76) it was noted that while serving here with Pastor Hutcheson, both were committed to the goal of administering to the total life of the community by the involvement of the congregation in as much of the community as possible.

John left Bayside sometime around February, 1981 to accept a call at a church in North Carolina.

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