

Dr. Jan B Armstrong, Pastor for First Presbyterian San Diego Transition



Jan was born and raised in New Zealand. At the age of 10 his family emigrated to the USA, settling in Newport Beach, California. There Jan graduated at the age of 16 from Newport Harbor High School. Supporting himself full-time through university he worked for North American Rockwell's Autonetics division and Lawrys Corporation. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1972, from California State University at Fullerton in Communications with a specialty in Journalism, Radio, TV and Film Production. Earning his masters of divinity degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1975 and was ordained in 1976. He earned his Doctorate at San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1994.

He has served at:

University Presbyterian in Berkeley, CA
Interim: First Methodist Church, Fairfield, CA
First Presbyterian Church, San Mateo, CA
Community Presbyterian, Incline Village, NV
Interim: Union Presbyterian, Los Altos, CA
Interim: Trinity Presbyterian, San Carlos, CA.
Coastal Christian Church (Presbyterian), Grover Beach, CA.
Executive Presbyter of the Santa Barbara Presbytery
Transitional Pastor, Church of the Valley, Apple Valley, CA
Transitional Pastor, Lampstand Presbyterian, Decatur, IL

He is an accomplished wilderness skier and enjoys surfing. His wife of 41 years, Debbie, is a self-described dedicated homemaker who is enjoying her first three grand-children, Brennan, Rutherford and Fiona. She enjoys reading, walking, swimming, leading bible studies and spending time with her family. Debbie and Jan have two sons. Elder son, Alan, has an MDiv from Fuller and has worked in churches. Younger son, David, teaches computational statistics at University of California, Irvine.