

## Nancy M. Paris



Nancy was invested in the Order of Saint John in 2017. She is a Chapter member, active in the Atlanta Region, and annually attends Investiture. The mission of the Order is of deep personal significance; her father succumbed to blindness as a result of his service in World War II. In 2011 she made a three-week pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza experiencing firsthand the needs and opportunities in the Middle East. Nancy and her husband, Paul Prebble, share two grown children, Lillian and Ely, and divide their time between Atlanta and Saint Simons Island, Georgia.

Nancy's career and volunteer service are dedicated to health and healing with a focus on reducing disparities in access and outcomes. She serves on the Boards of Directors of Saint Joseph's Health System (Past Chair), Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Georgia CORE (Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education), Georgia Health Foundation (Past Chair), and Emory Healthcare. She received degrees from the University of Georgia (Sociology and Mediation), Georgia State University (Gerontology), and Mercer University (Health Policy and Administration) and is certified in Civil Mediation by the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. She retired as the founding CEO of Georgia CORE, served on the leadership team of Georgia Governor Roy Barnes, and held executive leadership positions in non-profit and religiously sponsored organizations including Georgia Baptist, Saint Joseph's, and Visiting Nurse Health Care Systems. Previously she served on the Boards of Hospice Atlanta, AID Atlanta, and MedShare. She has received awards for innovation and leadership from business, academic and non-profit organizations as well as commendations from the Georgia General Assembly for HIV AIDS and Servant Leadership. In partnership with medical and public health colleagues, she has co-authored numerous scientific publications, research studies, and policy initiatives, leading to funding from the State of Georgia, National Cancer Institute, Centers for Disease Control, Georgia Department of Public Health, and private foundations.

Nancy is a Reiki practitioner, a student of meditation, and a volunteer provider of foot care at the Bashor Night Shelter for homeless men sponsored by downtown Atlanta churches. She also volunteers at the Farm at Oatland North, an animal sanctuary on Saint Simons Island, where she happily cares for rescued horses, donkeys, goats, and pigs.