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A Message from the Rev. Harlon Dalton



“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you ..., and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare” (Jeremiah 24: 7). Please pray for the City of Hartford. As I put fingers to keyboard, it is the 28th of May. Two days ago I participated in a vigil on Capitol Avenue in front of the First Church of Nazarene. Two days before that, on Pentecost, its pastor, the Rev. Dr. Augustus Sealy, was shot three times while planting flags on the church lawn. Fortunately, he survived the shooting, and appears likely to recover.

At the vigil for Pastor Sealy, one of the speakers said, ruefully, “we can count on having another opportunity to gather in the near future.” Sure enough, that same night Alexis Marrero was shot and killed inside a grocery store on Maple Avenue. The following day, Alford Grayson was shot and killed inside a package store on Barbour Street. Two homicides in 24 hours, and five within a two-week span. Pray for the City of Hartford, and do all in your power to address the conditions and circumstances that lead to violence and disrespect of

human life. Of course, it is important to not let the bad drown out the good. This evening I will have the honor of giving the invocation and the benediction at Capital Community College’s commencement ceremonies. The invitation to do so grew directly out of the “pilgrimage” that Episcopal and Lutheran clergy made to the college during Holy Week. In welcoming us on that occasion, President Wilfredo Nieves expressed delight at the prospects for a renewed and strengthened relationship between the college and the Cathedral. To that end, he suggested that it would be great to have someone from The Cathedral participate in commencement. Although he seemed perfectly sincere, I assumed that he was just caught up in the enthusiasm of the moment. I was wrong. Capital Community College is an amazing place. It provides a leg up for many who would otherwise struggle to make a go of it in today’s economy, and does so with creativity, heart, and passion. Thus my invocation will begin with the following words.

“Almighty and merciful one, known to us by many names and by no name at all. Send down showers of blessing upon Capital Community College, that citadel of learning and reflecting and doing and caring, where those who graduate this evening have grown into the fullness you intend for them, and have tasted and imagined the just world you would have us bring into being.” *“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you ..., and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”*

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The Rev. Harlon Dalton, Priest-in-Charge

Understanding Church Governance: An upcoming historical General Convention



In the past few months you have heard several references to the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. In our context, such references related to the reports and presentation I made about the Task Force Reimagining The Episcopal Church (TREC) , the nomination of Bishop Douglas for Presiding Bishop, the acknowledgement that this would be Canon Audrey Scanlan’s first convention as Bishop-elect; an invitation Peggy Ornell received from the General Convention Office to assist as volunteer coordinator for their triennial and my role assisting the Latino/Hispanic Missioner and the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries of The Domestic Missionary and Foreign Society (DFMS-Incorporated name of The Episcopal Church) in coordinating the volunteers sponsored by its office at Convention.

The truth is that the picture is rather significantly larger than what we have heard in our context. Thousands of Episcopalians gathered every three years to engage in conversation, legislation, worship, and several activities and opportunities for mission and fellowship.

The structure of General Convention is complex, yet fascinating. Since I was 19 years old (few decades ago) I have been blessed with the opportunity to attend General Convention in different capacities. I have witnessed the election of two Presiding Bishops as well as the shift in direction and vision the Church has embraced in the past few decades, including a firm desire to reimagine itself and be attentive to God’s will and Mission for God’s Church in current times.

The Episcopal Church is structured in such a manner that all orders (Lay, Bishops, Deacons and Priests) have space, voice and a role to play in the mission God has called us to live and facilitate.

This is true at all levels (General, Provincial, Diocesan and Parochial).

I will attempt to provide below a synopsis of my understanding of how the temporal governing body of our denomination functions and how it enhances and facilitates mission.

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. It is a bicameral legislature:

The House of Deputies, comprising of approximately 800 members (lay and clergy, up to four from each Diocese of the Episcopal Church). This house is presided over by a President, who may be lay or ordained. The current President of the House of Deputies is the Rev. Gay Jennings.

The House of Bishops, with approximately 300 members. The House of Bishops is presided over by the Presiding Bishop. The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori has served as Presiding Bishop of our Church since her election in 2006. Her tenure ends this year.

The work of the General Convention is broad and may include the following areas:

Adopting legislation of concern to the Church; amending The Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution, and the Canons of the Church; adopting a triennial budget for The Episcopal Church; and electing candidates to offices, boards and other committees.

There are other gatherings, formal and informal, which take place in the context of Convention: The ECW Triennial (which has met at the same time of Convention for more than a century), seminary dinners, Young Adult Festivals, etc.

This year’s 78th General Convention, which will gather in Salt Lake City June 25 - July 3, has been called a historic one, mainly because our governing body will be facing various relevant matters at once. I highlight below those I consider will significantly impact the life of the Church:

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Receiving and voting on a report presented by the Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church. This report invites the church to make changes in its models of ordained ministry and theological education among others.

The Election of the 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. I invite your prayers for all candidates and their families, in particular for our beloved Bishop Douglas and his family.

Receiving and voting on a report presented by the Task Force on the Study of Marriage.

United Thank Offering celebration of a milestone anniversary.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts-Schori said recently to the Bishops and Deputies attending Convention, “I commend the cultivation of a divine vision of peace in your hearts, minds, deliberations, and actions.” Bishop Katharine’s words are an invitation to place God at the center of our being and

at the center of our doing. Her words resonate with me as I consider the state of discernment we are living as a cathedral and the process of reimagining ourselves that we have already embraced organically and is still in forming stage as we look to learn more of the vision and feedback of the Cathedral Discernment Task Force.

Like Katharine, I too, commend you, my beloved community, to cultivate a divine vision of peace in your hearts, minds, deliberation and actions as we live in uncertain, challenging and yet wonderful times. I invite you to include the General Convention of The Episcopal Church in your prayers. May the Lord, who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, bless us and guide us today and always.

Shalom,

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The Rev. Miguelina Howell, Vicar



Asylum Quartet Free Noon Concert on June 19

The amazing and entertaining Asylum Quartet will offer another free noontime concert on the patio on Friday, June 19. The Quartet, Ensemble-in-Residence at the Cathedral, is composed of four talented saxophonists. *Bring your bag lunch and enjoy!*

June Calendar

- 1 Cathedral Crafters, 10 a.m.
- 9 Parish Committee and Coordinators Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 9 BBE Ensemble concert, 6 p.m. *(see separate item)*
- 10 *My Gay Son's Wedding*, 7:30 p.m., Cathedral House Auditorium. Performances also on June 11, 12, 13 *(see separate item)*
- 13 St. Barnabas Guild picnic on patio, 11:30 a.m.
- 14 Church Street Eats Urban Picnic and Barbecue, 11:30 a.m. *(see separate item)*
- 16 Soup & Services, 6 p.m.
- 19 Asylum Quartet, 12 noon, free concert on patio *(see separate item)*
- 20 Newport Flower Show bus trip, 8:30 a.m. *(see separate item)*

Church Street Eats Urban Picnic on June 14

On Sunday, June 14, plan to be at the annual Church Street Eats picnic and barbecue following the 10 a.m. service. It's a chance for Cathedral members and Church Street Eats guests to get together and enjoy delicious food, with barbecue equipment set up in the alley.

June 14 will also be the last Sunday until the fall for the Cathedral Choir.

Mark your calendars now to be there



See the Newport Flower Show!

On Saturday, June 20, a special bus will leave the Cathedral at 8:30 a.m. for a great day in Newport, Rhode Island. You'll arrive at 11 a.m. to see the famous Newport Flower Show, then depart at 1 p.m. for the Thames St. area for shopping and lunch on your own. You'll board the bus at 4:30 p.m. for the return trip to Hartford, arriving around 6:30 - 7 p.m.

The cost of \$56.00 per person covers the bus, admission to the flower show, and driver gratuity. Payment in full is due in the Cathedral office *by June 6*. Make checks payable to Christ Church Cathedral with "Newport Bus Trip" on the memo line. For further information contact Rich Baraglia at snugarbor@snet.net



Happy June Birthdays

Michael Adams
Jilda Aliotta
June Aziz
Amy Beveridge
James Bradley
Yolanda Benjamin
Lynn Calloway
Antonio Diaz
Margaret Del Vecchio
Maria Franceschi
John Henderson
Moses Kelly
Kareena Mc Calla
Kayanna Mc Calla
Christopher Mc Bride
Ethan Miller
Julia Morris
Juan Rios
Christopher Rivers
Michael Sacharko
Lily Scarola
Hanna Scott
Linda Spiers
Kadeam Ward
Jacquelyn Wells

A Talk with Richard Baraglia

On May 15, Richard Baraglia, Cathedral member, received the Eighth Annual Canon Clinton R. Jones Award for service to others exemplifying the values, accomplishments and passions of the 40-year ministry of the Rev. Canon Jones. The award recognizes Rich's 25-year involvement as executive director of St. Philip House in Plainville, Connecticut, that provides housing and support services to those living with HIV/AIDS.

You are a co-founder of St. Philip House. How did that begin?

In 1988, a friend of mine, Brother Anthony of the order of St. Philip Neri, and I were concerned about the epidemic in this country of HIV/AIDS. People were dying, we had friends who had died, and we were doing nothing to help. The Farmington Valley AIDS Task Force gave us ideas on what could be done, and that was our push to do something.

We started with housing because persons who contracted the virus became too sick to work, lost their jobs and often their housing. A few housing programs had been set up, like St. Peter's Retreat in Hartford, and from them we received the needed assistance to begin St. Philip House. We began as a ministry to help people, but realized the need to establish a non-profit corporation. Our first grant of \$5,000 was from the State of Connecticut, and we obtained office space in a former school owned by Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville.

We had no money for rental assistance but we helped people find apartments, provided counseling, and made sure they were connected to needed services. When you're diagnosed with this disease, it can be overwhelming.

How did the clients find you?

In the beginning, ACT (AIDS Connecticut) referred people to us. We also had referrals from Wheeler Clinic in Plainville and from area hospitals once they knew we were available.

When did you build the house?

We applied for a grant to have our own facility in 1994, and bought a piece of property from Our Lady of Mercy Church. The building opened in August 1995 with eight one-bedroom apartments and office

space. The next year a house across the street became available for purchase. It's a four-bedroom home that can accommodate a family who usually need more than a one-bedroom apartment. Right now a couple and three children live there.

Over the years we have acquired 27 units of housing in Plainville, Bristol, New Britain, Hartford and East Hartford, and right now are assisting 52 persons who are living with HIV/AIDS.

Do they pay rent based on their income? And what other services do they get?

Rent is based on a formula that includes their income and other factors. We have two case managers who see to it that our residents are connected to medical/health care services, job training and counseling. We have a part-time assistant who helps people with shopping and getting to appointments, using our van. We pay for college tuition, books, school clothes, even summer camp for kids and after-school activities.

Where do you get funds?

When we first started, we had help from the state. We are still funded by the Connecticut Department of Housing and we now also receive funding from HUD [U.S. Housing and Urban Development]. We also receive funds through HOPWA [Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS] administered through the City of Hartford. We have an annual appeal and two major fund-raising events—the Mad Hatter Gala in April and a comedy night in November.

Have you expanded your ministry beyond St. Philip House?

We have a sister program in Lima, Peru—the Little Inn of the Good Shepherd—that is a home for orphans and abandoned children who are living with HIV/AIDS. It is a program of Maryknoll Missions in New York. We hoped to send clothes and toys but were told the items would never reach the children—they would be stolen from the docks. So we send a monthly donation to Maryknoll that gets to the Lima facility. The staff keeps us informed by sending pictures and reports about the kids. There is a third part to our ministry—the education piece—important since our beginning in 1989. We started by offering programs to Plainville High School, and have developed good relations with other schools. came to us.

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Did you get resistance from parents who didn't want their children to have such information?

That didn't happen. Actually we found that the schools came to us. We do presentations at Lincoln College in Southington for students hoping to become physical therapists, and at Tunxis Community College in Farmington for dental hygiene students.

With the medications now available for managing HIV/AIDS, we don't hear as much about the disease.

The story was front-page news in the '80s but is now on the back burner. What is frightening is that the infection rate is going up among young people and senior citizens. The young people don't know the facts and the reaction of seniors is "I'm not gay, I don't do drugs, I'm too old, and I can't get it."

With Mazzarella Media in Southington, we've produced two educational DVDs—one for high

school and college students, and one for senior citizens.

You were raised Roman Catholic. When did you and your husband Jeffrey Palmer-Baraglia join the Cathedral?

The pastor of our church was very open and supportive, but the congregation was very conservative. When you see people from your church carrying petitions against gay marriage, it's time to do something different. Canon Jones is the reason we're here. I knew of this Cathedral when I was in college and accompanied some friends who were being counseled by Canon Jones. When Jeff and I started looking for a church, we went to St. John's Episcopal in Waterbury a few times, and then I said, "Let's try Hartford." Our first Sunday here was Ann Mallonee's first Sunday as interim dean. I served on the committee for the first dinner that honored Canon Jones in 2005, and that is when I met him for the first time.

Unfortunately, he died the next year.

In whatever spare time you have, what do you like to do?

As I've been getting older, I've become more interested in exercise and diet, and go a personal trainer twice a week. I also dabble a bit at the organ.

Over the past years, Rich has been the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Committee and is a LEM [Lay Eucharistic Minister]. He is also the person who arranges Cathedral bus trips. While still a teacher, he gained experience one summer as a tour operator with a Hartford bus company.



l-r: June Aziz, The Rev. Miguelina Howell, Kenneth Woods, Richard Baraglia, Bishop Ian Douglas, The Rev, Harlon Dalton

Canon Jones Award Presentation May 2015



Jeffrey Palmer-Baraglia, Richard, Lisa & Michael Peluso, Richard's sister and brother-in-law.

Vicar Lina and Richard



Free tickets available for BBE Ensemble Concert

On Tuesday, June 9, at 6 p.m., the Bach & Beethoven Ensemble of Chicago will play a concert at the Cathedral as part of the group's first northeast tour. The group has earned rave reviews for its next-generation Baroque music. Its program, "English with an Italian Twist: Shaken Not Stirred," will feature many tuneful delights from the British Isles with a twist of Italian. The group has a diverse list of artists, allowing it to perform a repertoire ranging from medieval to contemporary works by living composers. There are 20 free tickets for Cathedral members, with additional tickets available at half-price. If interested, speak to our Music Director Josh Slater or contact him at joshua.slater@cccathedral.org

Play has its Hartford Premiere at the Cathedral

A new play written and directed by Jeffrey Kagan-McCann will have its Hartford premiere in the Cathedral House auditorium with five performances: June 10 and 11, 7:30 p.m.; June 12, 8 p.m., and June 13, 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Titled *My Gay Son's Wedding*, the plot revolves around two partners whose plan for a simple wedding turns into a major production, with two sets of bickering parents causing complications. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Further information can be obtained at www.pearwater.com or 203-397-6003.



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