



Christ Church Cathedral Catedral Iglesia de Cristo

The Grapevine
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A Message from Our New Dean

Sacred Spaces and New Beginnings

On Saturday, January 9, our Cathedral Chapter met at Camp Washington in a planning retreat facilitated by Canon Tim Hodapp to look into the 18 recommendations of the Discernment Task Force to explore and identify areas for implementation.

The retreat developed in a sacred space of collaboration, excitement and possibilities. We were sent two by two for discussions while walking in the context of our beautiful Camp Washington located in Morris.

As we journey into our renewed life as a Cathedral in the 21st century, serving as a resource for apostleship in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and in the world, we are inviting and creating sacred spaces and new beginnings for ourselves, our brothers and sisters in Hartford, and in the larger ECCT.

A sacred space is not necessarily physical. It is a space where God is invited to be at the center, a space where we, as children of God called to be disciples and apostles, thrive in creativity, service and spiritual awareness.

Chapter members explored five major areas where we are looking to develop creative sacred spaces to fulfill our participation in God's mission:

- *Cathedral Congregation*
- *Constitutions and Statutes*
- *Discipleship and Apostleship*
- *Sent into the City (Hartford) and into the World (ECCT/TEL)*

Representatives from these small groups will meet with Bishop Douglas and me to follow up on the work initiated at our planning retreat. As we continue this process, we will be communicating with you. 2016 is

indeed a year of sacred spaces and new beginnings and that, my brothers and sisters, is a very good thing.

Looking into new beginnings, it is with joy that, as previously announced, on Sunday, January 17, we will welcome the Rev. Jay Cooke as our Priest for Pastoral Care and Congregational Life. He will serve in this capacity for the year 2016. Jay has served with us as Priest Associate for several years, preaching and celebrating Eucharist from time to time. This year Jay will be among us providing pastoral care and shepherding various ministries of the Cathedral congregation.

Peggy Ornell will now serve as Assistant to the Dean, providing me administrative support as I work with the Bishops and the Cathedral Chapter to help our Cathedral become a resource for apostleship for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

We also welcome Thomas Whitestone who will serve as our Interim Music Director. Thomas is experienced in serving at Christ Church Cathedral and is a great addition to our team. This appointment reflects a combination of the Organist and Music Director position.

A wonderful example of this harmonic dance of creating sacred spaces and new beginnings is a new partnership which is already bearing fruit. Cuatro Puntos, a music group dedicated to global cooperation and peace through the performance, writing, and teaching of music worldwide, will host a concert at the Cathedral on January 15. Cuatro Puntos has been invited to be our Artists-in-Residence for the year 2016. Their music inspires the creation of sacred spaces for the soul and for us to live our apostleship as we support them by providing physical space for their work, which includes fostering growth, education and development for children in Afghanistan. This is in

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line with our vision to be a resource for apostleship and to be faithful to God's mission of reconciliation and restoration in the world. Cuatro Puntos will lead various concerts during this year and will offer background music at our celebration of new ministry at the installation service on February 18, 2016. Let us be open to the Spirit as we foster and develop sacred

spaces, engage in new beginnings and fully live our apostleship in the world.

Faithfully,

Lina

The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Dean

Changes in Music Leadership: Letter from the Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that I share with you staffing news. Joshua Anand Slater has accepted a call to serve as full-time Manager for Liturgical Arts at Trinity Wall Street in New York City. This is sad news for the Cathedral and news of great joy for Joshua and Chelsea as they enter a new phase of their life journey.

Joshua served with us for two-and-one-half years, developing the Choir from the ground up and providing us with an excellent program. His contributions to the arts and his ability to connect the Cathedral with other musicians will leave long-lasting footprints in our common life.

Joshua became an Episcopalian while worshipping with us and experienced the Cathedral as his spiritual home. When meditating about his time among us, Joshua said, *"The people of Christ Church Cathedral have warmly welcomed and supported us since the day I walked in the door in September 2013. It's been a wonderful home for us and a source of new ideas and charming traditions; and a chance to do beautiful music ranging from Bach to Nathaniel Dett. I particularly remember the moment of my reception into the Episcopal Church, when all the congregation stood together as my sponsor - a touching gesture which will always remain with me. It has been an honour to serve as Music Director and I will carry that honour with me everywhere I go."*

We will miss his excellent music skills and his presence among us. Joshua's last Sunday as Music Director of the Cathedral is January 31. We invite your prayers for Joshua and the Choir as we live into a new transition.

In affirmation of the importance of music in our worship, I am pleased to announce that Thomas Whitestone, a former Cathedral Organist and an excellent musician, will be joining our team as Interim Music Director.

I look forward to working with Thomas, the Cathedral Choir and our Cathedral leaders in discerning and shaping the future of our Music Department as we participate in God's mission as disciples and apostles of Jesus in this beloved place and beyond.

Faithfully,

The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Dean

Annual Parish Meeting on January 31

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of Christ Church Cathedral/Catedral Iglesia de Cristo to be held on Sunday, January 31, 2016, in the Cathedral House Auditorium immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. All parishioners are urged to attend to hear about our participation in God's mission in the year 2015, hopes and dreams for this new program year and the presentation of the budget for 2016. A lunch will be hosted by the Hospitality Team after the meeting. Please bring a dish to share.

Information will be given on stewardship, the Ministry Teams, the 2016 budget and other financial matters as well as what has occurred in the life of the Cathedral congregation during the past year.

Elections will be held to fill the following offices:

- Clerk of the Cathedral
- Parish Committee members
- Delegates to the Annual Diocesan Convention

The Parish Committee represents the interests of the congregation, advises the clergy, provides leadership and, in consultation with the Dean, oversees the Parish Ministry Teams. Each Parish Committee member is also a member of the Cathedral Chapter which is the legally constituted Board of Trustees of the Cathedral. The Chapter also includes members from the larger Episcopal Church in Connecticut. All major decisions affecting the life of the Cathedral require approval by the Chapter.

Mark your calendars now-be at the Annual Meeting on the 31st!

See accompanying article for the nominees for election to the Parish Committee as well as those who will be continuing on the Committee.

Report from the Nominating Committee on Parish Committee Elections

Nominated to fill Parish Committee positions at the Cathedral Annual Meeting 2016:

Term 2016-2017 - Lucy Groening

Term 2016-2017 - Joan Bolton

Term 2016-2019 - Jilda Aliotta

Parish Committee Chair 2016 - Lucy Groening

Parish Committee Vice-Chair 2016 - Elba Bonnie Rios

For informational purposes, current members and their terms on the Parish Committee are:

Lucy Groening 2014 -2016 (*nominated to be elected at the Annual Meeting for an additional one-year term*)

Joan Bolton 2015-2016 (*nominated to be elected at the Annual Meeting for an additional one-year term*)

Elba Bonnie Rios 2014-2017

Daniel Kingman 2015-2017

Carlene Taylor 2015-2017 (*filling an unexpired term*)

Courtney Hanson 2015-2018

Janice Rawlins Faulkner 2015-2018

Bernard Senior 2015-2018

The Parish Committee consists of nine members elected for staggered three-year terms. Members cannot be elected for two consecutive three-year terms. Two of the Parish Committee members are elected as Chair and Vice-Chair. Each serves for one year and can be re-elected.

Profile of The Rev. James “Jay” Cooke



The Cathedral congregation has come to know the Rev. Jay Cooke over a few years as an Associate Clergy, celebrating and preaching on occasional Sundays. Our new Dean, with the Chapter occurring and the approval of the Bishop, has called the Rev. Jay Cooke to serve as half-time Priest of Pastoral Care and Congregational Life, for a period of one year, beginning on Sunday, January 17. It is a post for which he is well prepared.

Born and raised in New Jersey, he was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and was later confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Encouraged in high school to become a teacher of chemistry, he majored in that subject at Boston College but realized after graduation it was not the field for him. “I actually enjoyed my classes in English and theology more,” he remembers. Boston College, founded by the Jesuits, had offered elective courses in theology

After a year as a substitute teacher, a new career path was about to open. He thought about returning to Boston College for more theology courses but instead applied and was accepted to Princeton Theological Seminary. He earned a Master of Divinity in three years during which he did field work at two Episcopal Churches. He met his wife

Judith at the seminary. She was committed to ministry in the United Church of Christ and they moved to Cincinnati for her first post.

For Jay, the idea of ordination had taken hold and he began the process in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. “I was offered the post of chaplain intern at the Cincinnati Children’s Medical Center,” says Jay, “and I realized I had found my vocational home - pastoral care. I loved the work.”

After three years in Cincinnati, Jay and Judith moved to Connecticut where she became associate pastor at the United Church of Christ in Newington. It was time for Jay to complete the ordination process. Because Princeton Theological Seminary is a Presbyterian institution, Jay needed more studies relating to the Episcopal Church. He earned a Certificate of Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School and a Master of Sacred Theology from Yale Divinity School. Ordained as a deacon in 1998, he served as a curate at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Manchester. A year later he was ordained a priest and became an Assistant Rector at St. Mary’s.

The draw to hospital chaplaincy was still strong, and in 2001 he became chaplain at Bridgeport Hospital. In 2010 he became Director of Pastoral Services at Hartford Hospital, a post he held until the end of 2015.

With his new duties at Christ Church Cathedral, Jay is excited to return to parish ministry. “I hope to expand the role of pastoral care. A major challenge for the church today is how to reach and help people who will never be there on Sundays. If you can get to where they are, it’s possible to make a connection. Even in a hospital, where a person may be for only a few days, you can engage them because they see you as someone they can trust.”

During what free time he may have, Jay enjoys reading and writing poetry and watching college hockey, especially the Boston College team. Jay and Judith, who is now pastor at North Guilford Congregational Church, have a son, Jamie, 11, and live in Killingworth.

Preliminary Year-end Report from Cathedral Treasurer

The finances of the Cathedral are healthy at the end of 2015.

- Take-out from endowment was 6.7%, smallest in the past several years.
- Cash flow was under budget, leaving a surplus which can be used to lower the withdrawal from endowment in 2016.

Our funds at Donations and Bequests for Churches (D&B) started the year at \$10,947,181. At the end of the year, it was \$10,258,286. This could change slightly when final amounts come in. The securities markets ended the year very close to where they began, so the decrease is mainly what we withdrew. That withdrawal was \$736,419. That is 6.7% of the \$10,947.181 at the beginning of the year, the lowest “take-out rate” in some time.

On the cash flow side, cash flow out is under budget by about \$40,000 and cash in was larger than budgeted, leaving a surplus of \$76,000 as of January

7, 2016. After a few bills still due from 2015 are paid, we expect a surplus of \$70,000. This can be used to reduce what we withdraw from endowment in 2016. In addition we have funded a \$60,000 separate bank account as a reserve for an emergency such as the expenses resulting from the flooding of the basement.

We thank our Vicar, now Dean Lina, our bookkeeper, Cindy Hursty, Cathedral Administrator Annie Ames and Property Manager David Borawski, for establishing new and smarter spending practices, finding savings, and finding income rentals of our space. I thank Cindy for her limitless help to me.

~ Robert Coykendall, Treasurer

Note: The final detailed financial report for the year 2015 will be available at the Cathedral’s Annual Meeting to be held after the 10 a.m. service on January 31.

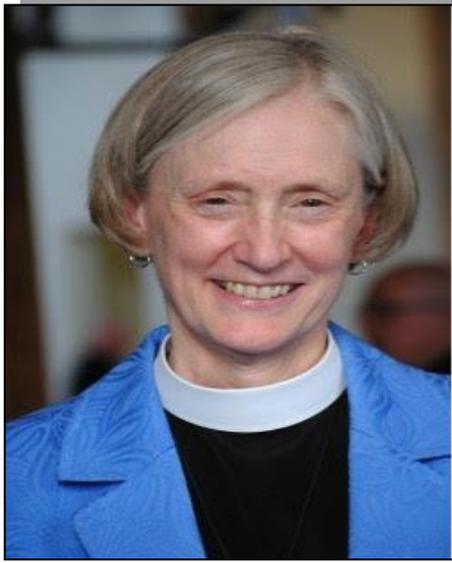
Volunteers Wanted

- Who:** Volunteers for Church Street Eats feeding program.
- What:** Food preparation, serving, clean-up or Assisting in Mother Rose’s Boutique distributing clothes and other items
- When:** One Sunday every 3 months
- Time:** Any 3 hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Where:** Lower Level, Cathedral House
- Contact:** See Rose Fichera-Eagen on Sundays or email h123rf3@att.net or Tel. 860-523-8700; or contact Cathedral Office

From the Register

Burial
December 26 - Johnnie Brewer

Meet The Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann



“Trying to be faithful to what God is calling us to be - to be true to what it means to be a Christian in today’s world. It’s not easy.” That is a key challenge that the Rev. Lee Ann Tolzmann sees in her work as Canon for Mission Leadership in the Episcopal Church of Connecticut (ECCT). She recently became a member of the Associate Clergy for Christ Church Cathedral, thus receiving a “home parish.”

Her responsibilities for ECCT include directing and facilitating parishes that are in clergy leadership transition. The demands of that position limit the personal involvement a typical home parish hopes from members. The Cathedral offers flexibility in her time commitment as well as a spiritual base. The Cathedral congregation will come to know her when she celebrates or preaches.

Prior to joining the ECCT staff in August 2015, Lee Ann had been rector for seven years of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Riverside, Connecticut. Among other changes, she introduced Bible Study

and adult formation programs, revamped Sunday School as well as confirmation, middle school and high school programs, worked to increase connection of the parish and its Day School (130 students), and added mission partnerships in outreach efforts.

A graduate of Dartmouth College with a bachelor’s degree magna cum laude, she earned her Master of Divinity degree with honors from General Theological Seminary. A lifelong Episcopalian, she felt the call to ordination while she and her husband, David, were living in Maryland. An at-home mother while her children were young, she had worked from home as the national sales manager for a company that distributed educational toys and related items.

Though her first clergy assignment was officially as an Assistant Rector in a church in Glenwood, Maryland, Lee Ann took on most of the work of the rector who had another ministry commitment. She introduced a number of initiatives for children, youth and adults, developed a newcomers program, and strengthened a partnership with an inner city parish. Before joining St. Paul’s, she was rector at another church in Baltimore where she reversed a 20-year pattern of decline and loss in growth in both faith and numbers.

She and her husband live in Berlin. He owns the Labyrinth Company which, as its name indicates, provides walking labyrinths for both indoor and outdoor spaces. He has created over 5,000 labyrinths.

Lee Ann finds that every day in her work is different. “Every community has its own needs and challenges. I believe in the Gospel and strive to live authentically into its message and empower others to do the same. I enjoy working with urban churches. What is happening there is important with consequences within the city and beyond.”

Report on the 2016 Stewardship Campaign

To the Cathedral Congregation:

The 2016 Stewardship Campaign ended on January 10. However, we are pleased to receive pledges at any time. Pledge cards will be available at the Cathedral entrance through the end of January. We have received 65 pledges for a total of \$115,903. The Stewardship Committee thanks all who have pledged for their support and generosity.

*Robert Mueller, Chair,
Stewardship Committee*

January Calendar

- 1 New Year's Day, office closed
- 3 Lessons & Carols, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10 Three Kings Day Pageant, 10:30 a.m., single bilingual service
- 15 Cuatro Puntos free concert, 7 p.m., Cathedral House
(see The Grapevine Special Issue, December 31, 2015)
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist; luncheon and forum
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, office closed
- 19 Soup & Services, 5 p.m.
- 31 Annual Meeting in Cathedral House following 10:30 a.m. bilingual service.

Reminder: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance on January 17

The annual observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at Christ Church Cathedral will be on Sunday, January 17, at the 10 a.m. service. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Canon Dr. Sandye A. Wilson, rector of St. Andrew and Holy Communion Episcopal Church in South Orange, New Jersey. She is active in both the local and national Episcopal Church and has served for 18 years on the Episcopal Church's Executive Council.

Following the service there will be luncheon and a forum on social justice in which Canon Wilson will participate. For more information on her background, see the Special December 31, 2015 issue of *The Grapevine*.

Bible Study Resumes in February

Look for information on resumption of adult Bible Study in the February *Grapevine* and in the weekly E-news. Sessions are held from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on designated Sundays.

Looking Ahead in February

- 7 Candlemas - Observance of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- 10 Ash Wednesday
- 17-20 The Council of Advice for Latino/Hispanic Ministries in the Episcopal Church meeting at the Cathedral
- 18 Installation of the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell as the 10th Dean of the Cathedral, and the seating of the Very Rev. Emsley Nimmo, Dean of Aberdeen & Orkney as Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

David Ayiku
Constance Bain
Richard Baraglia
Anne Bartholomew
Angela Benjamin
Wayne Benjamin
Robert Coykendall
Kathleen Coley
Winnie Dawson-Pusey
Barbara Drayton
Donna Hales
Kenneth Hungerford
Molly Field James
Daniel Kingman
James LeChausse
Michael O'Brien
Isaac Scott
John Scott
Joshua Slater
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