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Message from The Dean

Trying on!

To say that I do not possess an artistic or musical vein in my being is an understatement. Even though I am not strictly a left-brainer, it is safe to say that art in general is not my forte. I see myself as art appreciator and that is the extent of it. On the other hand, creativity and openness to the movement of the Spirit in today's church is probably the landmark of most clergy born in the 70s who were ordained and started to minister in the past two decades, during a time when the church's landscape is forever changing, fitting this category, I welcome and embrace creativity and change with passion.

It is in that ever-changing landscape that we, as a Cathedral in the 21 century are venturing to explore new practices that enhance our understanding of our calling to serve as a resource for the formation of apostles in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. As we call it in ECCT "Try-Ons" give us an opportunity to open ourselves and our communities to new ways of embracing God's mission without committing firmly to a particular set of practices before learning from such experience.

We are more and more becoming intentional learning communities that exercise curiosity, teamwork and prayer in the work that we do.

A concrete example for us is the event our Cathedral will host at the New Britain Museum for American Art on June 23. This gathering seeks to host artists from across ECCT to engage in lively conversation, networking, sharing of best practices and fellowship. As a prelude for this event, representatives from the planning team will attend our ECCT Ministry Network Convocation on June 1, as we look to encourage the formation of a Visual Arts Ministry Network.

My hope is, without seeking a concrete outcome, that visual artists from across ECCT organize themselves to become a resource to the whole. Art is and has been for centuries a tool for community engagement. Can you imagine a Visual Arts Network that promotes and encourages parishes to use art as an



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expression of their prophetic voice? Or host a series of Art events across ECCT to assist smaller communities in reaching out to their neighborhoods? Or a network that host educational gatherings to those who are interested in this field as a tool for ministry? Can you picture an art exhibit season at The Commons or at our Cathedral open to all Episcopalians in CT once a year? The possibilities are limitless.

The process of organizing this event has been life-giving and eye-opening. The opportunity to share leadership with lay and ordained leaders from other parishes as we, Christ Church Cathedral, foster these type of initiative is a prelude of the collaborative nature of our work and our identity as the Cathedral of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

The planning group, in addition to Cathedral Artists and lay leaders, included Clergy and members from St. Mark's New Britain, St. Mary's Manchester and Trinity, Hartford. And the "try-ons" continue! I have extended an invitation to my clergy colleagues from the Greater Hartford Area to join us for our Annual Jazz Mass on July 17. The Rev. Don Hamer will preach, and the Rev. Susan Pinkerton of St. John's, West Hartford, the Rev. Tracy Russell Johnson of St. Monica's, Hartford and I will con-celebrate. Our Chapter is exploring "try-ons" in the four areas we have identified and communicated to you in previous issues and forums. As you participate in these conversations and "try-ons", please share your insight and learnings as we continue to grow together.

Faithfully, Lina

The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Dean

*To register to attend the New Britain Museum event and to find more information please visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/intersection-of-spirituality-and-the-arts-tickets-2356061663>*

Children's Christian Formation Program to be Offered

A new Christian Formation program for children will be offered through the leadership of the Rev. Jay Cooke and Anne Bartholomew. Called "Animal Crackers," it is from the Heifer International organization and focuses on the giving and sharing of God's creation. Cathedral congregations are invited to participate.

The program will be offered on four Sundays: June 19 and 26, and July 3 and 10. For more information, contact Jay at jay.cooke@cccathedral.org or Anne at bartholomew9123@aol.com

Church Street Eats Needs Summer Help

With the start of summer, students from four prep schools who have been helping at Church Street Eats will not be available again until October. Consequently we need more volunteers from the Cathedral congregations on Sundays in July, August and September.

Step up and offer your help to CSE **now!** Talk with Rose Fichera-Eagen on a Sunday, email her at h123rfe@att.net or call her at 860-523-8700.

Also greatly needed is men's clothing of all kinds. The number of persons who are in need continues to grow. Bring in whatever you can and leave it in the lower level of the Cathedral House.

Calling All Garden Lovers! Your help is needed!

The Cathedral's Main Street front yard is important visually to passers-by as well as our members. If you like to see beautiful flowers in bloom in beds and boxes, please volunteer to help. Last year Richard Baraglia and Jeffrey Baraglia-Palmer did an amazing job and are willing to lead again, but they can't do it all by themselves. You don't have to be an experienced gardener and it's not heavy work. Only a small amount of your time is requested. Once the plants are in, tasks will be mostly weeding and watering. Convenient hours will be determined for all volunteers. Please talk **NOW** with Richard and Jeffrey or email snugarbor@snet.net or palmerjeffrey9922@gmail.com

Our Dean Has Been Named a Chaplain to the House of Bishops!

Congratulations to our Dean Miguelina!

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, has named her as one of the two new chaplains who will serve the House of Bishops. The House of Bishops is made up of all bishops of the Episcopal Church, active or retired. It has nearly 300 active members and comprises half of the governing body of the Episcopal Church. It meets every three years for General Convention and twice a year between conventions in a non-legislative capacity. The chaplains are responsible for coordinating worship for the HoB. Chaplains are also available to provide pastoral care to bishops, who like any other member of the church, have spiritual needs in their own lives. It is also the role of the chaplains to assist the Presiding Bishop in nurturing a prayerful atmosphere during the meetings of the House of Bishops. Our Cathedral congregations know from experience that the choice of our Dean to extend her pastoral skills in a new direction was a wise one.

June Calendar

- 1 Midweek Holy Eucharist, 12 noon
- 2 Art@Church & Main, viewing 5-8 p.m. and “ArtSlam” 6-8 p.m.
- 3 Art@ Church & Main, 5-8 p.m.
- 4 Art@ Church & Main, 12-4 p.m.
- 5 Art@ Church & Main, 12-4 p.m., silent auction and gallery closing
- 8 Midweek Holy Eucharist, 12 noon
- 12 Annual Urban Picnic, Cathedral House, 12 noon
- 15 Midweek Holy Eucharist, noon
- 19 “Animal Crackers” children’s Christian Formation
- 21 Soup & Services, 5 p.m.
- 22 Midweek Holy Eucharist, 12 noon
- 23 *The Intersection of Spirituality and the Arts*, New Britain Museum of American Art, 6-8 p.m.
- 26 “Animal Crackers” children’s Christian Formation
- 29 Midweek Holy Eucharist, 12 noon

Happy June Birthdays

- Michael Adams
- Jilda Aliotta
- June Aziz
- James Bradley
- Yolanda Benjamin
- Lynn Calloway
- Margaret Delvecchio
- Antonio Diaz
- Maria Franceschi
- Christopher McBride
- Kayanna McCalla
- Ethan Miller
- Julia Morris
- Kelly Moses
- Juan Rios
- Michael Sacharko
- Lily Scarola
- Hanna Scott
- Linda Spiers
- Kadeem Ward
- Jacquelyn Wells

North Central Region Convocation to Meet June 10-11

The first-time gathering of members from the worshipping communities in the North Central Region of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut will be an opportunity to meet, share, and strengthen each other in our diverse ministries. Join us as we come together to explore what God is doing in our midst and to discover how we can join with God and each other in co-creating our future. The event will be held over two days at two different locations.

Six regions have been designated in the state to cover all ECCT communities. Each region will have its own convocation.

Friday, June 10 - Trinity Episcopal Church, Tariffville, 6-9 p.m.

Enjoy music, hors d'oeuvres and conversation as we meet our neighbors and discover our common ground for mission. Bishops Ian Douglas and Laura Ahrens and our Canon for Mission Collaboration, Tim Hodapp, will join

us to clarify our agenda and purpose for the continuing event on Saturday.

Saturday, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Arrive at Christ Church Cathedral in the morning to make sandwiches for convocation participants as well as those attending Church by the Pond and lunch.(voluntary)

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - During the business part of the day, our time together will focus upon commissioning the Mission Council representatives and identifying representatives to select and hire a Missionary for the region. We will identify our convocation planners for 2017, and acknowledge and celebrate each other we begin this new day in the life of ECCT.

1:30- 3:00pm - Procession to Bushnell Park to join the Church by the Pond community for lunch and worship. That day we will also celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Church by the Pond in Hartford.

Persons interested in attending the Convocation may contact Peggy Ornell at pkornell13@gmail.com for more details.

Tag Sale Items Needed for Church Street Eats

- What:** All kinds of usable items with one exception:
NO CLOTHES!
- Drop-off:** Any day or time during June at 256 Oxford St.
Hartford
- Sale dates and time:** Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9,
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Here's your chance to get rid of things you no longer need!

Any questions: See Rose Fichera-Eagen on a Sunday or call her at 860-523-8700.

All proceeds benefit the Church Street Eats feeding program.



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