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A Message from our Dean *Cathedrals in places of loss and hope*

In 2015, I attended the North American Deans Conference in Jerusalem. It was a great opportunity to represent our Cathedral, meet colleagues and experience the Holy Land. Given the location, the number of participants was not as large as it usually is. The experience nonetheless was inspirational, collegial and life-giving. It was particularly unique to attend this gathering in 2015, in the sense that we as a Cathedral, and I as your vicar then, were living in between times.

This year, the Conference took place in Erie, Pennsylvania, at a time when we have been affirmed by Convention and Chapter and have started to live into our new iteration of self as a Cathedral in the 21st century. I arrived in Erie feeling a sense of hope and excitement to share some of the new things our Cathedral and ECCT are trying on.

The theme of the Conference was “Cathedrals in Places of Loss and Hope”. Eighty deans and spouses from Cathedrals in the United States, Canada, Bahamas and England gathered for thoughtful conversation, fellowship and worship. I regret that my dear husband Daniel was not able to join me.) The travel in itself was not pleasant (My suitcase arrived a day later.) However, the hospitality of Bishop Sean Rowe and Dean Downey, his wife Sharon, and volunteers of the cathedral congregation highly transformed my experience.

The depth of our conversations and presentations by our presenters Sister Joan Chittister and the Very Rev. John Whitcombe, Dean of the cathedral in Coventry, England, shaped our time together. Additionally, there was space to share about the challenges and opportunities cathedrals are facing in this time and age. I am deeply blessed by the opportunity to gather with clergy who are embarked in

this unique ministry in our church. This sense of hope continued to build post the Deans Conference through the process of planning of our Art Show, Chapter meeting and Art Experiment at the New Britain Museum of American Art. It is evident to me that God is up to something in our midst as we are sent into the world to serve and participate in God’s amazing mission as a cathedral community. The evolving collaborations with other congregations make this time relevant and fruitful in a meaningful way. Our Cathedral is connecting with various communities across ECCT. As a result of our Spring Experiments, we are forging new relationships with St. Mark’s New Britain, St. Mary’s, Manchester, Trinity, Lime Rock, among others. Hope for our ongoing work was palpable at our Chapter meeting on April 26. We gathered to continue our work as a follow-up to our planning meeting at Camp Washington and subsequent meetings of small groups.

The format of our meetings has changed. We have created space and opportunities for creativity and engagement. At this meeting we elected a new Chancellor, Michal Southwick. As expressed by a member of Chapter, “Revising our governance structure and making necessary governance changes will enable us to do the work that God is calling us to do in the mission field.” I am very much looking forward to our Cathedral Congregations Forum on Sunday, May 1, following the 10 am service. The forum is a space to share with updates about the work of the Chapter and Spring Experiments as well as an opportunity to share our hopes, appreciations and concerns. Please join us!

In God’s service,
Lina+ The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell



North American Dean's Conference in Erie: Dean Lina in pink jacket in front

Book Reading Group Discusses the Muslim Faith

Attending to our Christian formation is an important part of being Christian. Given that we live in a multicultural and multifaith world, we need to learn about and appreciate the faith of others. The Book Reading Group is currently reading *No God But God: The Origins, Evolution and Future of Islam* by Reza Aslan.

The Sunday morning discussions began on April 24 and continue to June 12 between the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. All are welcome to attend. Reading the book is recommended for everyone, whether or not you are able to attend.

On June 19, Aida Mansoor, President of the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut, will speak at an open Forum following the 10 a.m. service.

Here is the reading schedule:

April 24: Introduction and Ch. 1; May 1: Ch. 2-3; May 8: Ch. 4-5; May 22: Ch. 6-7; May 29: Ch. 8-9; June 5: Ch.10-11; June 12: Wrap-up; June 19: Forum.

For information, contact the Rev. Jay Cooke at jay.cooke@cccathedral.org or 860-527-7231, ext. 104

Cathedral Apostles go to Trinity Lime Rock

"The Cathedral Visits!"

Those were the words written large in the April 17 space on the parish house wall calendar at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lime Rock. It was the welcome for 40 Cathedral members who took a bus from Hartford that Sunday morning to participate in a first-time bilingual service at the church in the Northwest corner of Connecticut.

Led by our Dean Miguelina Howell, the group was blessed on its journey by the Cathedral's 8 o'clock service attendees. With Canon Tim Hodapp and the Rev. Jay Cooke, they came onto the bus to wish the travelers well on their trip as apostles. All four Cathedral congregations - Saturday's Church by the Pond and Sunday's 8 and 10 a.m. and the 12:30 Spanish-speaking - were represented on the trip.

Lime Rock is a neighborhood in the village of Lakeville, where the boundaries of Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts meet. The visit by the Cathedral was the first experiment of serving as a resource to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut [ECCT], one of the concepts that came out of the Cathedral's discernment process.

Knowing that the Cathedral has experience in offering bilingual services, Trinity Church looked forward to the opportunity of learning more about how to foster inclusion with a diverse congregation. Founded in 1873, it has opened its doors to a growing number of Hispanics who live in the surrounding area.

The bilingual service at Trinity was a collaboration of both churches in providing musicians, choir singers and liturgical assistants. The service bulletin, in both English and Spanish, was produced by the Cathedral's staff. Trinity now has a format to follow in developing its own.

Dean Lina, in Spanish, and the Rev. Heidi Truax, in English, together gave the sermon. The Rev. Truax said it was "an incredible boost of confidence for our little parish, and a real feeling of solidarity with not only the Cathedral but also with the whole ECCT."

Following the service, a bountiful and delicious Latino-inspired lunch was provided. The Cathedral's own Hospitality Team contributed food to share. Fellowship between the two churches grew as everyone had the chance to get to know each other on a beautiful Sunday that allowed for walking about Trinity's lovely grounds.

On the trip home the consensus was clear: the day had been memorable in many ways, but especially in knowing that the Cathedral that Sunday was truly doing what a Cathedral does in the 21st century.



Dean Lina & The Rev. Heidi Truax



Trinity Church, Lime Rock

Plans for Missional Experiments for the Cathedral in 2016

In addition to liturgical visits such as the one to Lime Rock, the Cathedral's leadership is planning other missional experiments for 2016. These include the following:

Art Experience: The Intersection of Spirituality and the Arts. A conversation hosted at an art museum (June 23). Leaders from St. Mark's, New Britain, St. Mary's, Manchester, and Trinity, Hartford, have joined our Dean and Cathedral leaders in the planning of this experiment.

Workshop on Legislation/Advocacy on Issues led by Michelle Mudric, legislative advocate with the United Church of Christ (May 31) 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Reaching Out to Our Muslim Brothers and Sisters.

A series of conversations working with ECCT and Muslim leaders.

Conversations Against Expansion of Casinos in Connecticut. Possible listening sessions across ECCT. As available, more information will be provided in *The Grapevine* and on E-News.

Celebrate Pentecost and International Day on May 15

The Day of Pentecost and International Day will be celebrated with a single bilingual service at 10:30 a.m. on May 15. Pentecost -which in Greek means the 50th day - takes place 50 days after Easter and commemorates the birth of the Christian community as described in the Book of Acts. International Day reminds us of our own diverse church community and of the many blessings we enjoy.

Food representing different cultures brought to the Fellowship Hour by members of all congregations adds to the festivity as will the varied selection of music. A main sign of Pentecost is the color red, symbolizing the joy and fire of the Holy Spirit. Plan now to be part of a wonderful celebration- and wear something red!

May Calendar

- 1 *Book Reading Group following 8 a.m. service
- 1 Forum following 10:00 service
- 4 Midweek Holy Eucharist, 12 noon
- 5 *Art@Church & Main opens in the Cathedral House Reception Room, 5-8 p.m.
- 11 Midweek Holy Eucharist, 12 noon
- 13 Ninth Annual Canon Clinton R. Jones Award Presentation and Dinner, 6 p.m.
- 15 Pentecost/International Day, one service, 10:30 a.m.
- 15 Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration, 3 p.m.
- 16 Charter Oak Cultural Center children's music program, free concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Soup & Services, 5 p.m.
- 18 Midweek Holy Eucharist, 12 noon
- 19 Asylum Quartet, free concert on patio, 12 noon
- 25 Midweek Holy Eucharist, 12 noon
- 31 Workshop on legislation advocacy on issues, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

• See separate items for full month schedules

From the Register

Baptism, March 27, 2016

Elle Jayden Bowser

Confirmation, March 26, 2016

Enuma Constance Mokel

Emanuel Kene Mokel

Burial, April 1

Geoffrey M. Coley

OPENING MAY 5: ART@CHURCH AND MAIN

The eagerly anticipated art show and sale featuring Cathedral members who are artists and their artist friends opens Thursday, May 5, at 5 p.m. in the Reception Room of the Cathedral House. The show and sale runs through June 5.

Three Cathedral artists, Dolores Howard, Wendy West and Lisa Bell, have been working with Dean Lina and Lucy Groening of the Parish Committee to bring this event about. Three other artists from the Greater Hartford area will also be featured: Donald Boudreaux, Margaret Plaganis, and Carlos Hernandez Chavez. All six will be showing their own works in various media including oil and watercolor paintings and prints. A Silent Auction of selected works -a favorite of visitors - will be available through the run of the show. Half of the proceeds will go to the Cathedral.

On opening night Cuatro Puntos, the Cathedral's Ensemble-in-Residence, will provide music. On Sunday, May 22, 2-4 p.m., there will be "Artspeak: A Piece of my Soul," an event of engaging with the artists as they share spiritual connections within their work and process. On Thursday, June 2, 6 – 8 p.m., there will be an ArtSlam! of poetry readings, art demos, live jazz and light refreshments. Gallery hours will be Thursdays and Fridays, 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 12-4 p.m. Come and find that perfect artwork for a gift or for yourself!

Have Free Music With Your Lunch!

On Thursday, May 19, the first free outdoor concert of the season by the Asylum Quartet will take place at 12 noon on the Cathedral patio. Bring your lunch and enjoy listening to the amazing variety of music performed by the four talented saxophonists who are Artists-in-Residence at the Cathedral.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, May 15, 3 p.m.

For couples married 50 years or more
or who will reach that milestone in 2016

Celebrants:

Bishop Ian T. Douglas and Bishop Laura J. Ahrens

To participate, contact

Peggy Ornell, Assistant to the Dean

Happy May Birthdays

Ann Barnard
Virgen Bonilla
Richard Buika
Timothy Cole
Susan Dalrymple
Mykal Gardner
Marva Gilkes
Dawn Ingram
Reade James
Richard Mansfield
Emmanuel Mokel
Madison Osborn
Richard Nolan
Richard Pingpank
Alzi Platts
Kathleen Register
Rayfield Scott
Melissa Watson

2016 Canon Clinton R. Jones Award Presentation to Dr. Dorothy Asch



On Friday, May 13, Dr. Dorothy Asch, a member of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church in New Haven, will receive the Ninth Annual Clinton R. Jones Award in recognition of her lifelong vocation of service to God and Church.

Since 2005 Christ Church Cathedral has annually recognized individuals whose life and work exemplify the values, accomplishments and passions similar to those of the late Rev. Canon Jones during 40 years of ministry at the Cathedral. He left a strong legacy of outreach and care to people with challenges in their lives. Past award recipients include persons involved in prison ministry, helping disabled children in Haiti, and providing support services for those with AIDS, experiencing mental illness, homelessness and poverty. Dr. Asch has always lived ahead of her time and has devoted much of her life to the theological education and spiritual formation of children. At age 94, she has touched the lives of many children over the decades. In many ways, she was a brave pioneer who paved the way for the women who followed her.

A graduate of Adelphi University where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, she also holds a divinity degree from Garrett Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in theology from the University of Edinburgh. After earning her doctorate, she served in the U.S. Navy in the final years of World War II. A resident of Hamden, she continues to volunteer a significant amount of time to St. Thomas's Church which is known for its diverse and inclusive community. The Award Dinner on May 13 will begin at 6 p.m.

Calling All Garden Helpers!

The Cathedral's Main Street front yard is important visually to passers-by as well as our members. Last year Richard Baraglia and Jeffrey Baraglia-Palmer did an amazing job keeping flowers in bloom in the beds and boxes. We want to see that beauty again but they need our help. You don't have to be an experienced gardener and it's not heavy work.

Once the plantings are in, tasks will be mostly weeding and watering. Convenient hours will be determined for all volunteers. Please talk soon with Richard and Jeffrey or email snugharbor@snet.net or palmerjeffrey9922@gmail.com



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