



Christ Church Cathedral Catedral Iglesia de Cristo

The Grapevine
October 2016



A Message from our Dean: *A Homecoming Gift*

June 12 marked the end of our music program year. The summer provided an opportunity for our section leaders to share their musical talents and beautiful voices with us serving at the 10 a.m. service as cantors.

It was the choir's initiative to start the program here even though they understood the challenges of doing so without the leadership of a director of music. This actually speaks of their maturity confidence and commitment as a group. They have succeeded in their efforts of providing music of quality and they support our worship.

What happened in between the end of the previous program year and the beginning of this new program year was a gift. A gift of growth, collaboration and wisdom.

Transitions can be at times be great spaces for growth and provide great opportunity for development. The transition of the Music Department created a sacred space for deeper collaboration among the choir, clergy and Chapter members. As we engaged in the search for

a Director of Music, we explored, discussed and articulated a vision for the music program of our Cathedral. We seek a music program that fully reflects the diversity of our congregation and the city of Hartford, offering music that equally values Anglican choral music as well as spirituals and newer expressions of music.

The time of transition also gave me an opportunity to appreciate even more the dedication, commitment and talents of our choir members and section leaders. I am very proud of each of them.

The search advisory committee worked for months. The picture above was taken at one of our many meetings. Their wisdom, care and diligence were remarkable. I am indebted to them for supporting this process and for their sound advice.

As we approach the end of this transition with a call of a new Director of Music, I thank God for a choir that understands their commitment to God and God's people as their first priority.

Our Cathedral choir is a gift, a gift we unwrap each Sunday. This Homecoming Sunday, I invite you to join me in appreciating the gift of music as our 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. choirs join the choir of Old St. Andrew's Church, leading the music at our combined bilingual service at 10:30 a.m.

Homecoming marks the beginning of our program year. Let us continue to unwrap the gift of Jesus in our lives as we go on participating in God's mission at Christ Church Cathedral and beyond.

Happy Homecoming!

In God's Service,
The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell

Looking Ahead: It's Happening in November

Sunday, November 6-Deacons' Renewal of Vows

Service at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral

Sunday, November 13-Harvest Festival

Giving thanks for all our blessings, sharing and enjoying food following the 10 a.m. service. Details to come.

Sunday, November 20: "Celebration of the Spirit" at XL Center

A diocesan-wide Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. at the XL Center in downtown Hartford as part of the 233rd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. The Most Reverend Michael H. Curry, Presiding Bishop, will be the preacher. Because of limited seating, tickets had to be reserved by September 1.

Important: On November 20 only one service will be held at the Cathedral: Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m.

Bring Your Pet to be Blessed on October 1!

The Blessing of the Animals, a ritual reflecting the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, in Bushnell Park, near the carousel where the Cathedral's Church by the Pond is held every week. All kinds of pets are welcome.



Happy October Birthdays

Monica Best
Melissa Best-McBride
Sylvia Brown Walter
DeClaybrook Sila
Diaz
Jonathan Dixon
Ramon Echevarria
Teresa Espinoza
Michael Greaves
Sheila Green
Katherine James
David Marcano
Everton McCalla
Laura McCalla
Thomas McGrath
Peggy Ornell
Michael Navarro-O'Brien
Amber O'Brien
Luisa O'Brien Ruth
Marie O'Brien
Sigifredo Ossa Elba
Rios Marleny
Rivera Gilberto
Sanchez Michael
Scinto

Homecoming Day on October 2

What: Single bilingual service

When: 10:30 a.m.

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism and Reconciliation

Attending: Cathedral members together with members from Old St. Andrew's Church, Bloomfield, and other parishes

Bonus: Fellowship Hour with lots of good things to eat!

Uyeki Forum Speaker Talks About Released Prisoners

At the Uyeki Forum on September 18, Lucius Couloute, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, painted a grim picture of the problems facing released prisoners seeking to begin new lives.

In his studies he is focusing on race and mass incarceration. He noted that for most released prisoners there is little or no support in finding a place to live or how to look for a job. Not only are employers reluctant to hire them, there is also the disconnect of the lack of skills and experience for jobs that may be available.

In Connecticut a “Second Chances” initiative for released prisoners was introduced by Governor Dan Malloy in 2015 with the aim of providing the kind of support such a person needs, but the program has been heavily affected by state budget cuts.

The result is that former prisoners commit new crimes and find themselves back in prison. In 2012 a published report concluded that Connecticut had a recidivism rate of 80 percent.

The Uyeki Forum for racial reconciliation and inclusion meets on the third Sunday of the month following the 10 a.m. service. The next one will be on *Sunday, October 16*. Plan to join in the discussions and become more informed on matters that affect all of us. For further information, contact the Rev. Jay Cooke, Priest for Pastoral Care and Congregational Life, or Cathedral members Jilda Aliotta and Patricia Wrice.



Bishop Ahrens and Dean Howell with the musicians who performed a wonderful concert at our Cathedral on September 25

Celebrating on September 25 Social Media Sunday throughout the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Going on line with selfies, photos, sermons and other activities.



Enjoy a Noon-time Concert by Cuatro Puntos

Come on Wednesday, October 5, at 12 noon to hear a fine concert by the chamber music group Cuatro Puntos. Their name means “four points” in Spanish and refers to the group’s dedication to bring people from all parts of the world together through music. Donation will be on a free-will basis. The group is an Ensemble-in-Residence for the Cathedral.

The concert in the Cathedral House auditorium will feature music by W. A. Mozart, Michael Laster, and Felix Mendelssohn. The musicians will be Annie Trepanier and Aaron Packard, violins; Steve Larson, viola; and Allen Ballinjer, cello.

Among the group’s initiatives are programs that serve youth and community in Connecticut. These include workshops, school visits, retirement home visits, and community play/sing-ins.

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