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Canon Jones Award to be presented to our Rose

The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral announced in July that **Rose Fichera-Eagen** will receive the 2008 Reverend Canon Clinton R. Jones Award. The annual award recognizes individuals whose life and work exemplify the values, accomplishments and passions of the late Canon Jones during his 40-year ministry here at the Cathedral. Canon Jones was both a spiritual mentor and friend of Rose.

For over 45 years Rose has dedicated her life to work on behalf of marginalized and at-risk people, or, as she puts it, "fighting for those unable to fight for themselves." A graduate of the University of Hartford with both a bachelor's degree and a master's in social work, she worked 28 years in Child Protective Services for the State of Connecticut. She has served on the board of South Park Inn for the homeless in Hartford from 1992 to the present, and is a former president.

A 60-year member of the Cathedral, Rose has been a leader of outreach ministries, including helping to establish a healing ministry, the Uyeke Forum which seeks to unlearn racism, and a scholarship program

that assists Cathedral youth to attend college.

In 2004, Rose recognized the need to feed the homeless in Hartford on Sundays when area soup kitchens were closed. With other Cathedral volunteers, she launched the "Church Street Eats" ministry that provides Sunday lunch to more than 100 guests each week. Young people and other groups from Episcopal churches around the diocese continue to come to their cathedral to assist in this ministry.

She led the Connecticut deputation at the 2006 Episcopal Church General Convention after having served as a deputy in 2003. She will represent the Diocese of Connecticut again at the 2009 General Convention.

The award, which is accompanied by \$1,000, will be presented at the Fourth Annual Dinner of the Friends to be held at the Cathedral House on **Saturday, November 15, 2008**. Mark your calendars to save the date.

Blessings and congratulations Rose.

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Kevin Jones named Canon Precentor

At the Cathedral Chapter meeting on July 15, upon the joint nomination by the Dean and Bishop Smith, Kevin Jones was elected **Canon Precentor**. The title *Precentor* is one used in many cathedrals in the U.S. and England for an ordained or lay person who has primary responsibility for music and worship. The title was conferred to Kevin at the one-year anniversary of his arrival to the Cathedral as a testimony to his collegiality and hard work coupled with his vast knowledge of the Anglican worship tradition. We hope to install Kevin with the Bishop present sometime in the fall. He will carry the title Canon Precentor & Director of Music.



Choir Christmas CD



The Choir Christmas CD's are in! The CD was recorded in the Cathedral in January and is titled "Savior of the Nations, Come – Carols, Anthems and Organ Music of Advent and Christmas." All proceeds from the sale of this recording will go toward defraying the cost of the Youth and Choir Pilgrimage to Ely/Canterbury in August 2009. With familiar carols like "Once in Royal David's City," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and "O Come, All Ye Faithful," it is hoped that this will become a holiday treasure to the Cathedral family. The CD will be sold in the Cathedral Gift Shop and music office for a donation of \$12 each. If you purchase 10 or more (think original Christmas gifts), they will be available for a donation of \$10 each.

Faith Formation and Enrichment Program (FFEP)

The 2008-2009 program begins on **September 21**. Cathedral staff, adult volunteers and parents will be responsible for participating in the spiritual formation of our children and youth.

Cathedral Youth Group (11-18 year olds): Two facilitators, as well as selected speakers, will use videos or presentations as a springboard for discussion of issues that are rele-

vant to a young person's spiritual journey. In addition, an Ally sponsored by the Public Allies, a group aimed at developing young leaders, will work with Canon St. Louis and Youth Group facilitators to plan monthly social and/or outreach activities, including serving at the Cathedral's Church Street Eats program. Parents and other adult members of the congregation will be invited to serve as drivers, chaperones or presenters during these trips.

Cathedral Children's Group (5-10 year olds): Two parishioners will serve as the facilitators for the Children's Group. The curriculum is *All Things New*, which uses storytelling, drama, arts and crafts to help children learn the stories of the Bible. In addition, children will be able to view DVDs about Bible stories from both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Testament. Each story is followed by a beginner, intermediate and advanced level quiz. Children and their parents also will be provided with booklets aimed at teaching children the basics of the Episcopal faith. Finally, children will be given take-home copies of Gospel Grams (pamphlets for children with activities based on the gospel for the day).

FFEP Resource Table and Cathedral Tract Rack: The Resource Table located in the hallway outside the auditorium. There are books, DVDs, videos and pamphlets which offer guidance to youth and their parents concerning issues relevant to young people. Parents and youth can borrow these items using a sign out sheet on the table. The Cathedral Tract Rack is located at the back of the church (i.e., the

narthex). Booklets on a variety of topics relevant to youth and children are available. These booklets are free.

Intergenerational Events: Two main intergenerational events, during Advent and on Palm Sunday, are designed to encourage sharing and learning among members of the various generations. During those events, Christmas Cards and Palm Crosses will be made for our homebound parishioners.

Registration in the Cathedral House Auditorium on **Sunday, September 7 - 11:15 a.m.**

In assigned rooms on **Sunday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m.**

Locations

Youth Group (Youth Room - Basement of Cathedral House)

Children's Group (Children's Room - Basement of Cathedral House)

Times

Social Time (11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Youth Room)

FFEP Session (11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in assigned rooms)

Other times vary according to Youth Group activity

Feel free to contact Canon St. Louis at 527-7231 x111 or by e-mail at astlouis@cccathedral.org if you have any questions.

Book and Jewelry Sale

An annual book sale and a jewelry sale to benefit the work of the Cathedral Crafters will be held in the auditorium on **September 21 after the 8:00 a.m. service**. Used but not abused paper backs and hard

cover books are needed and may be brought to the Cathedral over the next few weeks.

The costume jewelry sale will benefit Church Street Eats. Bring your treasures new and old to Rose Fichera-Eagen **before September 20** at church or on any Sunday to be prepared for the sale or call her at 523-8700 to make other arrangements.

Covenant BoyChoir Begins Semester

The newly-formed Covenant BoyChoir began its semester at the end of August. Covenant Prep, a NativityMiguel school, makes its home at the old YWCA on Broad Street. As of this writing, 24 boys in fifth and sixth grades are enrolled, with a maximum enrollment of 30. The addition of seventh and eighth grade classes are planned for the 2009-2010 academic year. Cathedral Director of Music Kevin Jones is the music teacher at Covenant Prep where he teaches general music to each class on Monday afternoons throughout the academic year. On Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 p.m., the boys come to the Cathedral to rehearse as the "Covenant BoyChoir at Christ Church Cathedral." The BoyChoir will be singing Evensong with the Cathedral Choristers several times throughout the year on Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 p.m.

Choir Returns from Summer Recess

The Cathedral Choir returns from its summer recess beginning on **Sunday, September 7**. The annual Choir Camp for choristers was held at Camp Washington from August

17-21, which led to the full choir's first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 3. Regular schedule is as follows:

Wednesdays, 4:45 – 6:00
Chorister rehearsal
6:00 – 6:30 Chorister dinner
6:30 – 7:30 Adult and Chorister rehearsal
7:30 – 8:30 Choristers dismissed, Adults rehearsal.

Membership in the Cathedral Choir is open to all interested parties by audition/meeting with the Canon Precentor. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Jones, kjones@cccathedral.org, or 527-7231, x112. Welcome back, Choir!

Welcome Assistant Organist Erik Eickhoff

We welcome to our staff Erik Eickhoff who will serve as the Cathedral Assistant Organist. He will assist the Canon Precentor and Director of Music in all musical areas on Sundays, Wednesdays and for various Diocesan events. Erik is Booking Director for Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, a performing artist agency in Hartford. A Minnesota native, he studied piano, organ, trumpet, trombone, and voice in high school and, later, music and liberal arts at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. In college he was an assistant organist for the school's daily and Sunday morning worship services, and taught ear-training and tutored in the music department. He moved to Connecticut in 2003 to study at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. For three years he was Interim Organist and Choirmaster at Christ and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in New York City, where he lived

for two years. He moved back to Connecticut in 2007 and is pleased to assist at Christ Church Cathedral this season. Erik will begin his duties at the Cathedral on **Sunday, September 7**. Welcome, Erik!



Midday Organ Recitals Resume

The Tuesday Midday Organ Recital Series returns to the Cathedral to enliven and enrich the downtown cultural fabric for its second year. Each **Tuesday, beginning September 16**, Kevin Jones plays a 25-minute recital in the Cathedral at **12:35 p.m.** following the noon Eucharist. The recitals gathered between 18-25 people each Tuesday last season and have become a fixture in the noon musical life of our downtown district. Come and hear!

Fall into Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join a lectionary-based Bible study held **each Sunday from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.** in the Reception Room. In addition to exploring the background and context of the biblical passages, participants are invited to discuss ways in which the insights from scripture can be applied to their personal lives and/or contemporary societal issues. Most Sundays the group is led by the preacher for the following week.

Choral Evensong at the Cathedral

A number of choral evensongs are planned this season, many of them on Wednesday afternoons at **5:30 p.m.** in order to visibly reach out to our downtown neighbors and office workers.

The Cathedral Choristers sing on **Wednesday, September 24** Choristers and Covenant Boychoir on **Wednesday, October 22** Choristers on **Wednesday, November 12** with music of Tudor England.

Covenant joins the Choristers again on **Wednesday, December 17** Choristers alone on **Wednesday, January 21**.

The full Cathedral Choir sings Evensong for the Second Sunday in Lent on **March 8** at **5:00 p.m.** The season finishes with a Gregorian Evensong on **Wednesday, March 18**. All are welcome at these meditative services of communal prayer.

Sunday Forums to return September 28

We will drop the Dean in the Dean's Forum starting this fall, as we explore topics that will expand our understanding of our faith and deepen our worship experience. Forum topics coming up include: **September 28** "Surveying the Labels of Faith: Liberal, Orthodox, etc." led by Cathedral Ecumenical Associate The Reverend Dr. Thomas Beveridge; and on **October 19**, the Reverend Chris Webber will speak about praying through our history from his latest book *An American Prayer Book*.

Lunch...Plus!

Lunch...Plus! begins its 14th season on **Thursday, October 2, at 12:05 p.m.** in the Cathedral House Auditorium. A grand season is planned beginning with the



Sweet Adelines chorus, "The Sound of New England." Sound of New England is an award-winning Sweet Adeline chorus whose members enjoy standing ovations for their four-part *a cappella* harmonies in the barbershop style. Under the direction of Master Director Marion Devokaitis, the chorus performs show tunes, big band hits and jazz, beautiful ballads, patriotic standards and more all with the stunning flair of choreography and costumes. They have roughly 95 members (although they will bring only 25 to us for Lunch...Plus!) and are very excited to represent the New England states at the upcoming International Sweet Adeline Competition in Hawaii, the first week of November. The concert is available for \$7, including lunch; \$5 for Cathedral "Friends" members and students with I.D.

Youth/Choir Pilgrimage to England on course

The August 2009 Youth/Choir Pilgrimage to Ely and Canterbury Cathedrals is well under way. The trip has been planned, reservations made and information is coming forth. Non-singing Cathedral friends, parents and members are welcome to join the pilgrimage as supporters, travelers and cheering section! For more information and a brochure, please contact the Ca-

thedral Office. **A firm commitment to go will be required by mid to late October.** A variety of fundraising activities will be ongoing throughout the year – please be as generous as possible. The Choir and Youth thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful opportunity.

Saturday, November 8 Movie to Explore Scarcity and Abundance

The Reverends Bill and Hope Eakins' will be hosting a gathering at their home in Hartford on **Saturday, November 8, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.** to watch and discuss the movie *Journey of Hope* (1990), winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. The movie will start at 5:10 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. Beckoned by tales of economic prosperity, a Turkish family leaves their meager existence and sets off on a grueling migratory journey to Switzerland. Along the way, they fall victim to scams and unscrupulous smugglers who abandon the émigrés in the Alps, where they must scale the final 3,000 feet in a nightmarish blizzard.

The movie explores scarcity and abundance (and hope) and will come at a good time as we approach Thanksgiving. Save the date and look for reminders in the Sunday bulletin.

***Take a mission trip to the
Caribbean Coast of
Colombia
February 14-21, 2009***

Join Dean Pendleton and the Reverend Matthew Calkins of St. Timothy's in Fairfield on a return trip to our Companion Diocese of Colombia this winter. We will be based in the city of Cartagena, a much-visited tourist destination and one of the safest cities in Colombia.

We will deepen our relationship and ties with the two missions in the city and also have the opportunity for some hands-on light construction/building with our partners in the city of Malambo, two hours from Cartagena. For more information, please contact the Dean at 527-7231 ext. 107 or by e-mail at mpendleton@cccathedral.org.

***New Members of the
Cathedral***

We welcome the following who have become members in the past year.

John and Ann Henderson
from Christ Church Episcopal,
Beatrice, Nebraska

***Canon Zimmerman celebrates 25 years as an
Honorary Canon***

On October 8, the Reverend Canon Jervis Zimmerman – Jerry to his friends – celebrates his 55th anniversary as a priest here in the Diocese and also 25 years as an Honorary Canon of this Cathedral. We give God thanks for Jerry's long ministry, his presence with us many Sun-

days, and his faithful celebration of the weekday noon service.

***Hands on Hartford
MANNA Food Pantry
Grocery List***

The following list includes items that all families need and use. In-kind gifts in any quantity are greatly appreciated.

Food items: Peanut butter, jam and jelly, crackers, tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned beans (kidney, pinto, black), breakfast cereal, juice (apple, orange, cranberry), cooking oil.

Personal Care items: Bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant

Paper Goods: Napkins, paper towels, facial tissues, toilet paper

Misc. items: Foil and plastic wrap, dish detergent, laundry detergent

For questions or to arrange a delivery contact:
MANNA Assistance and Advocacy,
1 Buckingham Street, Hartford,
860-246-6757 ext. 2301 or e-mail:
rsantiago@handsonhartford.org.
Thank you!

September

- 01** – Labor Day Holiday, Cathedral & Cathedral Office closed
- 02** – Survivors Group Meeting
- 03** – First Choir Rehearsal
- 05** – Talent Show Rehearsal
- 07** – First Choir Sunday
– Talent Show Rehearsal
- 08** – Cathedral Crafters
- 14** – Talent Show
- 16** – First Organ Recital
– Soup & Services

- 20** – St. Barnabas Meeting
– Governor's Footguard Service
- 21** – Parish Committee Meeting
– Book Sale
- 22** – Cathedral Crafters
- 23** – Organ Recital
- 24** – Chorister Evensong
- 28** – Forum
- 30** – Organ Recital

October

- 02** – Lunch...Plus!
- 06** – Cathedral Crafters
- 07** – Organ Recital
– Survivors Group Meeting
- 13** – Columbus Day Holiday, Cathedral & Cathedral Office closed
- 14** – Organ Recital
- 18** – St. Barnabas Meeting
- 19** – Forum
- 20** – Cathedral Crafters
- 21** – Organ Recital
– Soup & Services
– Chapter Meeting
- 22** – Chorister & Covenant Evensong
- 24 & 25** – Diocesan Convention
- 27** – Cathedral & Cathedral Office closed
- 28** – Organ Recital

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