



Christ Church Cathedral Catedral Iglesia de Cristo

The Grapevine
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Expanding the Nets...

Collaboration and relationships are an integral part of our participation in God's mission.

I am delighted and blessed to experience the commitment and dedication of our Parish Committee, soon to be Cathedral Congregations Committee, and our Team Coordinators as they exercise their calling as baptized members of the body of Christ. I am blessed beyond measure to see how much this wonderful group of leaders value collaboration and honor the importance of building relationships.

On July 8, Jilda Aliotta and I convened our Cathedral Congregations' lay leaders for a time of prayer, discernment and planning for our next program year. This gathering took place at the home of June and Emmy Aziz. We are very thankful for their hospitality and generosity.



On that day, I was reminded of our very first meeting at the same place nearly four years ago. Then, we were in a period of significant transition and change. It was a time in which we were invited to discern our call as a Cathedral community. Now, four years and many meetings and events later, we gathered with a deep sense of conviction and connection to our call and to one another. We have become a beloved community that is constantly willing and ready to serve God and God's people in our midst with a clearer sense of identity and of the importance of collaboration and relationships.

In that spirit of collaboration, we are "expanding the net" and have reached out to other leaders in our community to assist us in shaping our next program year. At our meeting last week, in addition to the Parish Committee and Team Coordinators, we were joined by members of the Uyeke Forum, Church By The Pond and Church Street Eats.

It was a day of laughter, visioning and planning that inspired me at so many levels. The presence of our newest members, Donna and Phill Cole, was another sign of God's grace among us.

The group came up with an ambitious vision for our congregational program year. I am convinced that each one of us will be blessed by their efforts.

We continue to build relationships among ourselves, the City of Hartford and ECCT. Our Cathedral staff and lay leaders worked hard and joyfully with other leaders in Hartford to host the July 4th event of the CT River Pilgrimage. Now, we are getting ready to welcome the ECCT North Central Region and celebrating the new ministry of our Region Missionary in the context of our Jazz Mass.

And as our journey continues we remain open to the Spirit and to one another in this wonderful path of common mission.

May the Lord continue to bless us with the bond of the Holy Spirit that unites us.

Blessings,
Lina+
The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Dean



40-Day River of Life Pilgrimage

On May 31, an extraordinary river journey began in northern New Hampshire, one mile from the Canadian border, and finished in Connecticut in Long Island Sound on July 8. It was a 40-day pilgrimage on the Connecticut River—the “River of Life”—organized by the Episcopal churches of New England in order to deepen their faith, connect with others, spread peace, and highlight the importance of preserving nature. The Connecticut River flows through four of the six New England states, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Paddlers who took part on the trip were of different religious backgrounds and from various northeastern states.



The pilgrimage reached Hartford on July 4. Members of five Episcopal churches in Hartford—Christ Church Cathedral, Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Monica’s, Grace, and Trinity—came together at Church of the Good Shepherd for a festival that included the Holy Eucharist, a multicultural feast, dancing and fellowship. Tours of the historic Church of the Good Shepherd on Wyllys Street that was built by Elizabeth Colt, widow of the world-famous manufacturer of arms, Samuel Colt, were offered. At the Eucharist names of victims of gun violence in the past three years were read and displayed on crosses outside the church.

The pilgrimage concluded on July 8 at the Dauntless Club in Essex, Connecticut, 400 miles south of its beginning. A ceremonial “merging of the river’s waters” was held.

The Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, was among the paddlers on the river. In an article in the *Hartford Courant* he described the sights of the river that included bald eagles and blue herons as “incredible.” He noted that the journey was inward just as much as it was down the river, and that “we need to learn to live with and alongside creation and not just see creation as something we can use.”





Robert August and his family

A farewell for Robert August, our Music Director

With mixed feelings, we are reporting that Robert Jan August, the Cathedral’s Director of Music since October 2016, has accepted a similar position at the First Unitarian Church in Boston. Since he and his family live in a Boston suburb, the move is particularly positive for them in terms of commuting time, effort and togetherness. Robert’s wife Dee is studying for a doctorate at Boston University.

In the time Robert has been with us, his superb talent as a musician, knowledge of organ music and creativity in programming have been enthusiastically received by our choir, congregations and the community. He has become part of the Cathedral family and will be greatly missed.

Dean Howell has begun the process of finding an Interim Director of Music and will work on next steps with the Advisory Search Committee as the program year evolves. A farewell event for Robert will be held in August. Check the Weekly E-news for details.

Jazz Mass Returns on July 16!

Mark your calendars now—the incredible Jazz Mass featuring Ross Tucker and the Hot Cat Jazz Band will be held on Sunday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m. **Note the service time change.** If you’ve been at the Cathedral for a previous Jazz Mass, that’s all you need to know: you’ll want to be there. If this will be your first time, take our word for it: you won’t be sorry! Come early and be prepared to have a joyous and uplifting experience!

The preacher that Sunday will be the Rev. Linda Spiers, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville and a former Cathedral clergy associate. Erin Flinn, the new Region Missionary for the North Central Region of ECCT, the Region that includes the Cathedral, will be welcomed at the service. Other area churches will be participating.

The Cathedral’s Jazz Mass is part of the famous Hartford Jazz Festival that this year takes place Friday-Saturday, July 14-16, in Bushnell Park. Thousands of persons attend the free event.



Looking Ahead: Mark Your Calendars

Check Weekly E-news and Sunday Bulletins for updated details



Saturday, August 5 – 4 p.m. - Parish Picnic at the home of Dean Miguelina and Daniel Howell

Sunday, August 27 - all services – Backpack Sunday - bring in backpacks for needy children

Sunday, October 1 - Homecoming Sunday – single bilingual service at 10:30 a.m. - Presentation of the Tenth Annual Canon Clinton R. Jones Award

Saturday, October 7 – Blessing of the Animals -2 p.m. – at Church by the Pond in Bushnell Park



Volunteers Needed for Church Street Eats

With the start of summer, students and others who have been helping at Church Street Eats will not be available again until fall. We need more volunteers from the Cathedral congregations for Sundays in July, August and September. Offer your help now!

Talk with Rose Fichera Eagen on a Sunday, email her at h123rfe@att.net or call her at 860-523-8700.

If you can't volunteer, you can always help by donating clothing, toiletries, books and magazines. Especially needed is men's clothing of all kinds. Leave your donations in the lower level of the Cathedral House.

Happy July Birthdays

- Isaiah Amaro-Dixon
- Evan Ayiku
- Barbara Belden
- Roberto Burgos
- Karen Bussiere
- Euna Coleridge
- Nagda Echevarria
- Jean Gould
- Lucy Groening
- Beverly Moncrieffe
- Viola Mullin
- Yasmin Nelson-Berry
- Melissa Scinto
- Joseph Seltzer
- Thomas Smith
- Paulette Ward
- Alexander Wells
- William Yebram



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Happy August Birthdays

- Emhart Aziz
- Joslin Barnett
- Nehemiah Brown
- Maggie Alston Claud
- Theodore Dunn
- Ana Ortiz Flores
- Mk Mokel
- Sylvestus Nelson
- John Quiroga
- Delano Romano
- Ardyce Spence
- Sonia Ruddock
- Lisa Scarola
- Michel Victor
- Natalie Wells



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