



# Christ Church Cathedral Catedral Iglesia de Cristo

*The Grapevine*  
January 2017

## A Message from Our Dean



Yes, this is a United Church of Christ signage! After 7 months of organizing, on Tuesday December 20, we hosted the first meeting of the Coalition Against Expansion of Casinos in Connecticut, convened by my colleague Michele Mudrick, Legislative Advocate for the UCCC in Connecticut. Our Episcopal Church in Connecticut is a member of the coalition and I have agreed to serve as member of the Steering Committee to assist in supporting these efforts.

I arrived earlier to set up the equipment in order to include those who chose to attend via video conference. Once our successful meeting had finished, I left to attend another meeting in the city to note only two minutes later that I have left my coat and scarf at the UCC offices. After turning around as I walked to the building, I paused to take notice of the words of their slogan posted in their office sign: “God is still speaking”.

Of course, I was aware that the UCCC has used this tagline for over a decade and yet in the context of this Christmas Season and the recent events in the world, reading their tagline was a gift of hope and joy to me, a gift I now share with you.

God spoke in the beginning of times and created this beautiful world. God spoke through holy men, holy women and prophets throughout the history of the people of Israel. Thousands of years ago, God spoke to us all in a transcendental way through His incarnation

in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. God spoke through Joseph, Mary, the shepherds and a sweet, innocent and fragile baby. In 2016, God spoke to our vulnerable Hartford homeless population through our Cathedral as we served 7,968 hot meals and provided clothing for 3,320 people.

As we celebrate this Christmas season God continues to speak, reminding us of His reconciling love for all God’s people. God speaks to us as we gather to sing Christmas carols, share gifts, a meal and our hopes and dreams for the next year.

God continues to speak at Christ Church Cathedral and to The Episcopal Church in Connecticut in marvelous and life-giving ways. Let us open our ears, hearts and minds to what the Spirit continues to tell to God’s people. Let us stay focused on that message of love, redemption, restoration and reconciliation sent to us in the flesh, Jesus, our Savior.

In the midst of challenging and changing times, there is always room in the *inn of our hearts* for joy, peace and love as we live as followers of the Way. As the comedian Gracie Allen said, “Never place a period where God has placed a comma.” Let us live beyond that comma to the unimaginable blessings and joys God has in store for us, God’s beloved people.

May God continue to speak through each one of us this day and forever more.

**Merry Christmas, dear Saints, Merry Christmas!**

Peace,  
Lina+

The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Dean

## Annual Parish Meeting on January 29

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of Christ Church Cathedral/Catedral Iglesia de Cristo to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017, in the Cathedral House Auditorium immediately following the 10 a.m. service. All congregation members are urged to attend to hear about our participation in God's mission in the year 2016 and our outlook for a new program year.

Elections will be held to fill openings in the following offices:

- Clerk of the Cathedral
- Parish Committee members
- Delegates to the Annual Diocesan Convention
- Buildings and Grounds Committee
- Representatives to the North Central Region

A report by the Nominating Committee on nominees for election to the various offices will be communicated to the congregation prior to the Annual Meeting. The Parish Committee advises the Cathedral clergy, provides leadership to the congregation and, in consultation with the Dean, oversees the congregation's Ministry Teams. The members of the Parish Committee also serve as full members of the Cathedral Chapter, and the Committee Chair serves on the Chapter's Finance and Executive Committees

The Cathedral's budget for 2017 will be presented to the congregation on February 12, following the Chapter's approval of it.

A lunch hosted by the Hospitality Committee will follow the Annual Meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Mark your calendars now - be at the Annual Meeting on January 29.

## Looking Ahead to 2017

Begin the New Year

with a **Service of Lessons and Carols**

January 1, 2017 10:00 a.m.

*(Regular schedule for 8 a.m. and 12:30 services)*

### Three Kings' Day Celebration

on January 8, 10:30 a.m.

Single bilingual service with

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

Reception follows in Cathedral House

### Martin Luther King Day Observance

Sunday, January 15 - 10:00 a.m. service

Honoring his life and legacy.

*Details to come*

### January Birthdays

David Ayiku  
Constance Bain  
Richard Baraglia  
Anne Bartholomew  
Angela Benjamin  
Wayne Benjamin  
Kathleen Coley  
Robert Coykendall  
Winnie Dawson-Pusey  
Barbara Drayton  
Donna Hales  
Kenneth Hungerford  
Molly Field James  
Daniel Kingman  
James Lechause  
Michael O'Brien  
Isaac Scott  
Stephanie Taylor  
Maximino Vargas  
John Scott  
Isaac Teles



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# A LOOK BACK AT 2016



*Robert J. August installed as Director of Music*



*Cathedral "selfie"*



*Free Foot Clinic*



*Concert Across America against Gun Violence*



*Installation of The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell as the Tenth Dean of Christ Church Cathedral*



*Dean Howell and Bishop Douglas*



*Major Luke Bronin with the Proclamation from the City of Hartford*



*Ashes to Go*



*Journey Home Reception*



*Chapter working sessions*



*Hartford Stage Gathering*

# The precocious composer

2016-2017

## Program

WOLFGANG AMEDEUS MOZART:  
String Quartet No. 4 in C Major, K. 157

MICHAEL LASTER:  
Graffiti for Idealists for String Quartet

FELIX MENDELSSOHN BARTHOLDY:  
String Quartet No. 2 in A minor, Op. 13



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016  
12:00pm  
Christ Church Cathedral  
45 Church St., Hartford, CT 06103  
Freewill donation

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016  
7:30pm  
Lutheran Church of St. Mark  
75 Griswold St., Glastonbury, CT 06033  
Freewill donation

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016  
3:00pm  
Connecticut Alliance For Music  
61 Unquowa Rd # 3, Fairfield, CT 06824  
For tickets, visit the CAM website

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*Dr. Dorothy Asch, Holder of the Canon Jones Award for 2016*

## *Artists in Residence-Cuatro Puntos*



*Intersection of Spirituality & the Arts at New Britain Museum of American Art*



*Students from the Rawson School, Hartford, performing in their Music Matters program supported by the Cathedral*



*Art at Church and Main*



*Church by the Pond*



*Asylum Quartet, Artists in Residence*



*Hall High School Jazz Band*



*The Dean & Peggy Ornell at the Marcus Garvey/Collin Bennett Scholarship awards dinner. The Dean was the keynote speaker.*



*30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Deacons in ECCT*