



Christ Church Cathedral Catedral Iglesia de Cristo

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A Cathedral on the road...

The picture adjacent portrays William and May Morgan outside their “Little Church on Wheels,” circa 1920. From this mobile feature, the Morgans proclaimed the Gospel to passersby on the Boston Common. They invested 18 years of outdoors ministry before moving their efforts indoors, becoming the Emmanuel Gospel Center in Boston’s South End. This photograph is from a postcard.



This image, although not literally, resembles the analogy of our call as a Cathedral to be out in the world. I have been investing a significant amount of time thinking and praying about how to live our Cathedral identity outside of our walls. That identity reminds us that we are a community that extends beyond the corner of Church and Main. Currently there are several ways in which we are living into this reality:

- A recent acknowledgement, recorded in our Constitution and Statutes, that any member of a parish in ECCT is a member of the Cathedral.
- Church by the Pond for years has and continues to bring our ministry to the city of Hartford, to ECCT and to the world.
- Randon, thoughtful initiatives send us out into the world as a Cathedral. These include Art Day at the New Britain Museum of American Art; a bilingual service at Trinity Church in Lime Rock; and upcoming events supported or organized by our Cathedral to serve the wider ECCT such as the Ordination of Transitional Deacons at The Commons, the event on July 4 at Good Shepherd Church as part of the CT River Pilgrimage; and combined participation with other parishes in the North Central Region in the Hartford Jazz Festival through our annual Jazz Mass.
- Our unique ministry and engagement in the city of Hartford.

These initiatives are slowly assisting us in defining and claiming our calling to serve beyond our physical structure. It is also important to be aware of the significance of offering Cathedral hospitality on-site for many diocesan events or joint worship opportunities with surrounding communities, such as our upcoming Jazz Mass.

At this time, I would like to us to focus on how we live the Gospel and our calling as a cathedral outside of 45 Church Street. It is an honor and a privilege to have a structure that allows us to expand our wings and serve faithfully in a meaningful and diverse manner. You, my dear saints, modeled this even before it was articulated in the most recent years. You went out to Bushnell Park and courageously started a ministry that has borne and continues to bear much fruit. You enthusiastically have embraced new ways of being as a result of two years of profound discernment. Your excitement was vivid as we boarded a bus to Lime Rock last year and as you continue to support outwardly focused ministry.

This is just the beginning. The question at hand is, how can we maximize on that opportunity? How can we fully claim our call to serve beyond our threshold? How can we embrace fully an identity that reinforces our role as a worshipping community while encouraging us to get out of our comfort zone and minister to the world?

When the disciples went behind locked doors and Jesus appeared to them with the greeting “Peace be with you,” he also gave them the blessing of the Holy Spirit and encouragement to continue on their way.

Let us encourage one another to dream, to create and co-create opportunities to expand our common vision as a worshipping community and embrace strongly our Cathedral identity in support of our Bishops, our Chapter and our Cathedral leaders in our goal of serving faithfully and fully as the Cathedral of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

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

I. Pentecost and International Day— June 4th, 2017



On Sunday, June 4, one of the most important events for Christians— Pentecost—will be celebrated together with Christ Church Cathedral’s annual International Day. A single bilingual service at 10:30 a.m. will be held for the double celebration. At the Fellowship Hour, food representing the diverse cultures of the Cathedral’s congregations will be enjoyed.

Pentecost, which in Greek means 50th day, occurs 50 days after Easter and marks the birth of the Christian church as described in the Book of Acts. The apostles on that day received “the gift of tongues”—the ability to speak in other languages. The blessing of the Holy Spirit allowed all present to understand each other as they spoke about God’s marvelous works.

Wear red on June 4, the color symbolizing the joy and fire of the Holy Spirit, and if you can, bring an “international” food item! Come and be part of a wonderful celebration!

II. Battle of the Organs

At 2 p.m. on June 4, a recital will take place that is likely the first of its kind at the Cathedral: a Battle of the Organs featuring two outstanding musicians: our own Music Director Dr. Robert August and a colleague of his, Dr. Andrus Madsen, Minister of Music at the Second Church in Newton, Massachusetts, of the United Church of Christ.

They will take turns playing gems of their own organ repertoire. A highlight will be when they play the same piece demonstrating how personality, style and interpretation affect music and music-making.

Take part in the Pentecost and International Day celebration and stay to hear a wonderful concert!



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 a.m. 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 Associate for Parish Life.

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

Region Missionaries Hired for Service in ECCT



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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut [ECCT] has hired six persons to serve as the inaugural ECCT Region Missionaries, one for each of the six geographic regions in the state: Northeast Region, North Central Region, Northwest Region, Southwest Region, and Southeast Region. Christ Church Cathedral is in the North Central Region and the selected missionary is Erin Flinn.

The hiring fulfills the promise made at the ECCT annual convention in 2015 when clergy and lay delegates voted to reorganize and restructure the diocese. The plan included a change from 14 Deaneries to six Regions, increased recognition and support for grassroots “Ministry Networks,” and a change from an Executive Council to a Mission Council.

The core task for each Region Missionary is the same: “To challenge the Episcopal parishes and worshipping communities to expand their reach into local neighborhoods by collaborations with potential community partners—from other faith-based institutions to social service organizations to government agencies.”

Erin Flinn graduated in May from Yale Divinity School with a Master of Divinity degree. Most recently she was Program Director for the Episcopal Church at Yale and formerly worked in university administration at Northwestern University in Illinois. Originally from New Hampshire, she says she is delighted to be remaining in New England and is “especially passionate about ministry that looks outward and is open to all people.”

Looking Ahead— CT River Pilgrimage on: July 4th



An unusual event will take place on Tuesday, July 4, for faith communities in the Hartford area. It will be in the context of the CT River Pilgrimage that is a joint effort of the Bishops of Province I of which the Episcopal Church in Connecticut is a part. The pilgrimage is a month-long effort that will travel throughout New England.

For the Hartford churches, the event will take place at the Church of the Good Shepherd in the historic Coltsville neighborhood. It will start with Holy Eucharist at 3:30 p.m. and be followed by a cultural festival with music, food and historic tours of the Good Shepherd grounds. Each parish is invited to bring food to share that represents the various ethnicities and nationalities of our communities. On the Hartford planning team representing the Cathedral are Dean Howell, Lucy Groening and Peggy Ornell. More details to come.

Bishop Laura Ahrens Nominated for Diocesan Bishop in Delaware

In a statement to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Bishop Ian Douglas announced that the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware has chosen the Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens as a nominee for election as the 11th Bishop of Delaware. She has been Suffragan Bishop in Connecticut since 2007. Bishop Douglas wrote that “Bishop Laura is a Christian leader of deep faith and incredible gifts who is passionate about empowering followers of Jesus sent in God’s mission. Any diocese would be blessed to have her as their bishop.”

In her letter to ECCT, Bishop Ahrens noted that she was born in Wilmington, Delaware, and wondered whether God was calling her to return to the state of her birth as a leader with them in the Jesus Movement. She wrote, “I would be honored if I am called to be the Bishop Diocesan and equally honored if I am called to continue to serve as your Bishop Suffragan. I am blessed to walk with all of you and I look forward to seeing what is next for all of us as we grow and try on new ways of being disciples and apostles in God’s mission in the world.”

The election in Delaware will take place July 15.

Church Street Eats Urban Picnic on June 11



The annual Urban Picnic sponsored by Church Street Eats will be held on Sunday, June 11, at 11:30 following the 10 a.m. service. Weather permitting, we can enjoy using the patio. Mark your calendars to have fellowship and food with our Cathedral congregations and our Church Street Eats guests.

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.

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Happy June Birthdays

Michael Adams
Jilda Aliotta
June Aziz
James Bradley
Lynn Calloway
Margaret Delvecchio
Antonio Diaz
Maria Franceschi
Moses Kelly
Christopher McBride
Kareena McCalla
Kayanna McCalla
Julia Morris
Juan Rios
Michael Sacharko
Lily Scarola
Hanna Scott
Jacquelyn Wells



We apologize for not correctly listing the name of Rayfield Scott in the birthdays in the May issue.



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