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Life Together at Trinity

Mission Discernment Report: Part 1

There. It's done! Or is it?

This past Tuesday I presented the long-awaited report of the Mission Discernment Initiative Group to our Vestry. This report is the culmination of more than 18 months of prayer, study and work by an amazing group of Trinity parishioners. The work they have done thus far at the parish level mirrors the work that the Task Force to Re-Imagine the Episcopal Church (TREC) did in preparation for this past General Convention of the Episcopal Church; it also mirrors the work that the TREC-CT has been doing in preparation for our annual Diocesan Convention in November.



The danger with the work of any Task Force is that it can tend to raise expectations in those affected by it. It is our human nature to want certainty and firm answers, and what better way to achieve that than to appoint a panel of "experts" to study the issues to death and then report out on what we should do to "fix it"? One of the multiple problems with this approach is this: God didn't create us humans to be perfect, and God didn't create a world of certainty. God created us in a world where we are always called to become better than we are, "until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ" (Eph. 4:13).

And so for those who are looking for a "silver bullet" from the MDIG, there will be disappointment. For those who are looking for reassurance that we are presently doing everything that God expects of us, there will be disappointment. For those who are interested in joining in the hard work of making our wonderfully unique congregation all that God desires for us to become, there are 9 ½ pages of material that will serve as a guide to ways in which we can approach this work together. Those pages describe how our project started, the process that we followed, the questions we asked, the books and other resources we studied, and the areas that the group has identified as opportunities for an increased understanding of who we are and what we are called to become as a Eucharistic Community of Faith.

The arrival of the MDIG report is the beginning of a process, not the end. Like a graduation, it is a "commencement" – a starting point for the work that lies ahead. Copies of the report are available online and after both services on Sunday, September 20. We will hold a Town Meeting at 11:30 on Sunday, September 27, to begin our conversations.

Jesus calls us to follow him. Please join us on the 27th as we begin the next leg of our journey.

Your brother in Christ,

Don+

The Rev. Donald L. Hamer, Rector

Coming Up in the Adult Forum

The new program year of Christian Formation classes is now in full swing. Our Adult Christian Formation Team has scheduled a variety of exciting Adult Forum sessions for the coming months, with topics of interest to everyone. As of press time for this issue of *The Voice*, the schedule of Forum sessions for the Sundays in October and November was as follows:

October 4 – Bible Study

Roy McAlpine will lead another of his popular Bible study sessions, focusing on one of the lessons for the day.

October 11 – A Visit with Bishop Chakupewa

We will enjoy a potluck meal with our special guest for the weekend, the Rt. Rev. Elias Chakupewa, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania, who will offer a slide presentation following the 10:00 a.m. service. (Please see article on Page 6).

October 18 – Partners for Sacred Places

Fr. Don will offer some background on the recently-received report from the PSP consultants and lead a discussion of some of the issues it raises.

October 25 – A Report on General Convention

Our seminarian, Dante Tavolaro, who was a delegate to the 2015 General Convention, will provide a first-hand account of what happened at the Salt Lake City convention and what his experience was like.

November 1 – No forum

November 8 – ISIS and Islam

Sami Aziz, a student of Muslim-Christian relations at Hartford Seminary and Muslim Chaplain, Bloomfield Muslim Community Center & Dershané, will speak on the tenets of Islam, the religious justification used by ISIS for its actions, and the answer to those justifications from a practicing Muslim's perspective.

November 15 – Report from Diocesan Convention

Fr. Don and Trinity's other Convention delegates will report on what took place at this year's Convention, held earlier in the weekend.

November 22 – Planning for the End of Life

Anne Rapkin, both a rabbi and a lawyer, will lead a discussion of the difficult issues surrounding medical and financial choices that we all must face for our relatives and ourselves. (Postponed from the spring.)

November 29 – No Forum

Please check the Sunday bulletin inserts for updates to the Adult Forum schedule, as the events listed above are subject to change.

Adult Forum sessions are held in the Library following the 10:00 a.m. Sunday services.

Two Opportunities for Blessing of the Animals:

... in Sigourney Park on October 3

On Saturday, October 3, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Trinity Church, in collaboration with other Asylum Hill churches, will host a pet blessing in Sigourney Square Park (on Sigourney Street between Ashley and Sargeant). All are welcome to bring their pets, or just attend. Be sure to have your pets leashed or in a carrier. All types of pets are welcome, and offerings of pet food for the Humane Society will be gratefully accepted.

... at Trinity Church on October 4

October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. In honor of his work, Fr. Don invites Trinity parishioners to bring their pets to either of the services on that day, when owners will be invited to bring their pets forward for a blessing and to receive a treat. All pets must be under the control of their owners and restrained on a leash or by other appropriate means.

Because we undoubtedly will have parishioners and guests who are either allergic to or nervous around animals, separate seating will be available for pet lovers and for those who would prefer not to be sitting in close proximity to pets.

For those unable to be at church on October 4, Trinity will be offering pet blessings in Sigourney Park the previous afternoon under the leadership of Deacon Bonnie Matthews and April Alford-Harkey. (See article above.)



Annual Appeal Team Announces Plans for 2015

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

The scripture verse for the 2015 Annual appeal will be 1 Peter 4:10 (above). This verse focuses on the gifts God has given each and every one of us. How we use these gifts to serve others will be the focus of this year's Appeal.

As Trinity continues its work with Partners for Sacred Places and strives to remain a vital, active



church, caring for all of us in so many ways, we must begin to look at the gifts we possess and how we can use them to serve others. To assist in that effort, we thought it important to first look at all the ways Trinity Church is already engaged in serving

others. So, we have planned a photographic journey of all that is Trinity; each week leading up to the 2015 Ingathering on November 1, we will look at Trinity from inside and then outside the church, and finally at us, the parishioners of Trinity Church.

We believe there is an amazing story to be told, and we are reaching out to every one for photographs related to Trinity – your wedding here, a baptism, the Choir School, Aetna bike building, the back pack program, Church by the Pond, Loaves and Fishes, grounds clean-up days, the school

– any and every program or event of which you've got photographs.

Please mark your photographs with your name and phone number as well as key information related to each photo, and place them in an envelope so we can return them all to you, and leave them at the Trinity office or in the photo basket in Goodwin Hall. If you have photos in electronic form on a disk, we'll be glad to take them in that form, or, if it's easier, you can send your electronic photo files to tfatone@icloud.com. We will need the photos by September 30 at the latest.

We so look forward to this year's Annual Appeal and the Ingathering on November 1.

The 2015 Annual Appeal Team:

Marc and Lily Miller

John and Nancy Berger

Toni Fatone and Janet Wilkinson,
2015 chairs

A Thank You from the Property Team (and the Flowers)

Thanks to everyone who participated in the "Adopt-a-Bed" effort this summer. Your work was very much appreciated and made our grounds more attractive for everyone attending Trinity Church for services or other events.

Hopefully we can continue using this approach next year and will be able to kick it off earlier in the season. I would welcome any feedback and ideas for next year. Thanks.

– Peter Green
For the Property Team

Stephen Ministry Seeks Care Receivers

Fr. Don invites any parishioner facing a sudden or unexpected personal or family crisis to contact him about the possibility of receiving the services of a Stephen Minister. In collaboration with our partners at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Capitol Avenue, we have a number of experienced Stephen Ministers not presently assigned to a care receiver.

Stephen Ministry is a lay Christian caring ministry offering short- or long-term support in circumstances such as divorce, death of a loved one, sudden unemployment, personal or family illness, or other situation in which the affected person desires additional spiritual support. Care receivers are matched with a Stephen Minister of the same gender.

If you or someone you love might benefit from the services of a Stephen Minister, contact Fr. Don at dhamer@trinitychurch.org or 860-527-8133, Ext. 202, for a confidential consultation.

Support Trinity Academy Through the United Way

If you will be making your annual United Way pledge at work in the coming weeks, please consider directing all or part of your pledge to our resident school, Trinity Academy Hartford. Write in the school's code (DS1111) and the school name and its address (120 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06105) under "Other" on the pledge card to indicate you want to designate your pledge to a charity other than the community partners listed. Thanks!

Four Choirs Join for Festival Evensong on October 4

Our annual RSCM Choir Festival will be held the first weekend of October, the 3rd and 4th. The Trinity

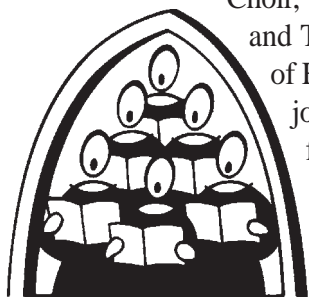
Choir, Trinity Singers, and The Choir School of Hartford will be joined by singers from Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield, Massachusetts;

St. John's Church, West Hartford; and St. James's Church, West Hartford. The choirs will rehearse on Saturday and will conclude their weekend with a Festival Evensong at Trinity on Sunday, October 4, at 4:00 p.m.

Philip Stopford, who is currently serving as Composer-in-Residence at Christ Church, Bronxville, New York, will be our Festival Director. Philip began his musical career as a

Chorister at Westminster Abbey under the direction of both Simon Preston and Martin Neary. After winning a major music scholarship to Bedford School, he became Organ Scholar at Truro Cathedral. Following his studies at Oxford, he went on to be Organ Scholar at Canterbury Cathedral, Assistant Organist at Chester Cathedral, and then Director of Music at St. Anne's Cathedral in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The choirs are looking forward to a wonderful experience working with this fine musician. We hope that you will plan to attend Evensong and bring friends and family with you to enjoy this beautiful service.

The next in our series of monthly services of Choral Evensong will take place at Trinity on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, beginning at 4:00 p.m.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Evensong: 1st Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (October-May)
Compline: 3rd Sunday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector
The Reverend Bonnie S. Matthews, Deacon
Mr. Ebert W. Landman, Precentor
Assisting Clergy: The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith,
The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick, The Rev. George A. Chien,
The Rev. Dr. Dennis Winkleblack
The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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The church office and buildings will be closed on Monday, October 12, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

The buildings will also be closed on November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday (in addition to the usual Friday closing on November 27).

Avery Ensemble Returns to Trinity for October 10 Concert

The first of two concerts in the Avery Ensemble's 2015-2016 concert series at Trinity Church will take place in the church on Saturday, October 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. For this concert, the ensemble – Annie Trépanier, violin; Steve Larson, viola; Hans Twitchell, cello, and Adriana Jarvis, piano – will be joined by guest artist Aaron Packard, violin. Their program for the evening will include Beethoven's Piano Trio Op. 1, No. 1; Bartok's String Quartet No. 3, and Robert Schuman's Piano Quintet, Op. 44.

There is no set ticket price for this event; a free will offering will be accepted. For further information about the Avery Ensemble, please visit their Web site at www.averyensemble.org.

Cycle of Prayer for October/November

October 4

Olive, Irwin and Amanda Tronchin
Alice Turcotte
Benneth, Corlet, Franklin, Justin and
Jonathan Ude

October 11

Doug and Priscilla Viets
Celina Walker
Pekah Wallace and Jay Nolan-Wallace

October 18

Sonia and Cassandra Watson
David, Ernestine, David and Eugenia Weaver
George and Erica Weinstock

October 25

Bruce and Nancy Whitcomb
Don White
Trudi and Justin White

November 1

James, Emily, Levi and Norah White
Marc Wiest

November 1 (continued)

Janet Wilkinson
Amy Williams

November 8

Deborah and Shakeem Williams
Pam Williams
Bruce and Percy Williamson
Ray and Kathie Wilson

November 15

Dennis and Jeanne Winkleblack
Jerry Zimmerman
Vince, Marsha, Zoe and Morgan Adell

November 22

Marie and April Alford-Harkey
George and Janet Amenabar
Gus and Peg Andrian

November 29

Phyllis Appadu
Charles and Claudia Ayer
Evelyn Babins

Outreach Opportunities at Trinity



Learn about Foodshare Volunteer Opportunities

A representative of Foodshare will meet with interested parishioners between the services on Sunday morning, September 27, from 9:15 (sharp) to 9:45 in the Library. We will talk about setting up a volunteer team to serve in the Bloomfield Warehouse one morning a week, and explore Foodshare's operation and its other volunteer opportunities. Do come!

For more details on this outreach opportunity, see the article on Page 8 of the August issue of *The Voice*.

Trinity To Host Church by the Pond Lunch and Eucharist On October 17

Trinity's fall opportunity to prepare and distribute bag lunches in Bushnell Park for those in need is Saturday, October 17. This is part of our ongoing commitment to community service, and is one of the "Church Street Eats" feeding programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral. Here's the schedule for the 17th:

12:30 p.m. – Prepare lunches in the Trinity kitchen

1:45 p.m. – Transport the lunches to Bushnell Park

2:00 p.m. – Participate in the Eucharist by the Pond, led by Father Don and Deacon Bonnie

2:30 p.m. – Distribute the lunches

You are invited to help with this Outreach project for as much of the day as you can. Donations to help offset the cost of this ministry are also welcome. Please make your check payable to Trinity Church with "Outreach: Feeding in the Park" in the memo space, or include a note with your donation.

Bishop Elias and Lucy Chakupewa To Visit Trinity

The Rt. Rev. Elias Chakupewa, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania, and his wife, Lucy, will be the honored guests of Fr. Don and Debbie Hamer for the weekend of October 10 and 11. For the past 15 years, Trinity has had a partner relationship with Mbugani Holy Trinity Parish in Tabora, along with its two mission churches of Tumbi and Mpungu. Fr. Don and Debbie visited all three congregations in 2006, following on the earlier visit of Daniel Dollar and Keith Hook in 2001.

Bp. Chakupewa will be the principal celebrant and preacher at both services on Sunday, October 11. Following the 10 a.m. service, there will be a potluck luncheon to which all are invited, along with a special program in which Bishop Chakupewa will share stories about ways in which his diocese is furthering God's mission of restoration and reconciliation in their part of the world, and specifically how Trinity has been a part of that work. ***Look for sign up sheets for the potluck luncheon in Goodwin Hall.***

Mrs. Chakupewa will also be offering for sale a limited number of hand-crafted items made by the Mother's Union in Tabora. These items were extremely popular when Fr. Don and Debbie brought some back from their trip in 2006.

Following their weekend here in Hartford, the bishop and his wife will depart for the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield, Illinois, where the Bishop will be a special guest of the diocese during its annual Diocesan Convention.



If you have an October or November birthday not listed below, call Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, so she can add your special day to our parish records. Please note we publish only the month and day – not the year!

October

Gillian Palmer	2
Janet Wilkinson	2
Clare Downer	3
Jack Pearson	3
Savannah Berger	4
Chivelle Blissett	4
Fredlane Bohlen	5
K Taw Doh	5
Kathy Steinwedell	6
Cassandra Watson	7
Ron Kolanowski	8
Owen Margeson	8
Jake Troiano	9
John Doyle, Jr.	10
John Nowacki	10
Enrique Sepulveda	10
Ray Esponda	11
Shannon Lee	11
George Amenabar	12
Kate Lindsay	12
Margaret Moore	12
Hellen Strassner	12
Anthony Springer	15
Annabelle Duva	16
Debbie Hamer	18
La Ku Say	19
Peg Andrian	20
Nathan Wedderburn	20
Savion Ross	20
Bruce Williamson	22
Robin D'Oyen	23
Alberta Noonan	24
Elena Zhidkova-Rice	24
Debbie Cogshall	25
Marion Pereira	28
Katie Hamer	31
Emeka Igboanugo	31
Tiffany Joseph	31

November

Louisa Cummings	2
Elaine Coffin	4
Benjamin Duva	4
Clement Mogor	4
Jay Nolan-Wallace	5
Shquia Moore-Thomas	8
Marsha Adell	9
Robin Pogue	10
Marcus Clark	11
Irene Laramie	11
Elizabeth Johnson	12
Suresh Rajendram	12
Pekah Wallace	12
Jill Barrett	13
Atis Watt	13
Bill Eakins	15
Chloe Pearson	20
Cindi Harvey	21
Nick Duva	22
Lawretta Onoh	22
Georges Haddad	23
Muriel Forbes	25
Chichi Onoh	25
Debbie Thomas	25
Richard Charron	25
Martha Freimuth	26
Destini Troiano	26
Antoinette McCrary	27
Peter Emmanuel	28
Lynda Curtis	28
Lou Loomis	28
Jane Harris	29

Book Group To Discuss 2015 Pulitzer Prize Winner

Trinity's Book Group will gather on Friday, October 16, to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by novelist Anthony Doerr, which won



the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. It's the story of two young people growing up during World War II, one a young German radio technician and the other the blind, French daughter of the master locksmith at the Paris Museum of Natural History.

All are welcome to join Book Group, whether to attend regularly or for only this one meeting. The evening will begin with dessert at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.. The October host is Anne Green. Please let her know if you plan to attend by contacting her at anne.green79@att.net or 860-236-1457.

Compline Series Continues

The Trinity Compline Schola invite you to join them for Compline (Sung Prayer at the Close of Day) on Sunday, October 18, and Sunday, November 15, at 8:00 p.m. You may choose to join Schola in the candle-lit chancel or sit in the darkened nave for the service, as you prefer.

Compline, a beautiful mixture of Scripture, psalms, prayers and canticles, lasts about 20 minutes, and is a wonderful way to prepare for the busyness of the coming week. The Sigourney Street doors will open at 7:50 p.m.

CONCORA To Celebrate Music for Keyboards

CONCORA, a professional choir based in the Hartford area, will present ClavierFest at Trinity Church on Friday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. A celebration of keyboard music from the time of J. S. Bach, all performed on historically-based instruments, the program will include the Bach-Vivaldi Concerto in A Minor for two harpsichords; J. S. Bach's Flute Sonata in E Flat, Coffee Cantata (4th movement), and Orchestral Suite #3 in D; C. P. E. Bach's Sonata in C for two harpsichords; and several pieces for clavichord. Keyboardists Edward Clark, Christa Rakich and Stephen Gamvoa-Diaz will be joined by guest artists Greg Shearer, baroque flute, and Jennifer Ferrand, soprano. Tickets may be purchased for \$25 (\$20 for seniors, and \$10 for students) through www.concora.org. Proceeds will benefit CONCORA's March 20 performance of Bach's *St. John Passion*.

Special Event To Introduce Children To Baroque Keyboard Instruments

On Saturday, October 17, Trinity Church will host "Kids & Keyboards," a special event sponsored by CONCORA that will give children aged 9 and up the opportunity to explore keyboard instruments popular in the 17th and 18th centuries. Keyboardists Edward Clark and Christa Rakich will lead this hands-on event, which will run from 10 a.m. until noon. Registration is required; please call the CONCORA office at 860-293-0567 to sign up your child.

Property Team Plans Fall Workdays

Again this year, the Property Team has scheduled TWO grounds work sessions for this fall, one from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 17, and the second (same time frame) on Saturday, November 14. The first session will focus on a general clean-up of the gardens and lawns. The second workday will be a major leaf-removal effort; we need to sweep all the leaves that have fallen on our property to the curb, where they will be collected by the city.



We need as many people as we can get to help out – we've got lots of plantings to tend to and lots of leaves to rake! If you can lend a hand with these annual chores, bring along some work gloves and a rake, if you've got one, and come to Trinity at 9:00 a.m. on the 17th and/or the 14th. Peter Green, who's in charge of grounds and plantings for the Property Team, will be assigning tasks and showing everyone what to do.

Autumn in New England will be here soon; it's a beautiful time of year, but one that means we need to prepare our grounds before another Northeast winter is upon us. Please come help tidy up Trinity's outdoor spaces for the cold weather to come.

Questions? Call Peter at 860-236-1457, or contact him via e-mail at pmgreen76@gmail.com.

Partners for Sacred Places Workshops Set for October 24

As a follow-up to their feasibility study report completed in May, Partners for Sacred Places is offering two half-day workshops open to all members of Trinity Church on Saturday, October 24.



Commissioned by the Vestry in 2014, Partners for Sacred Places undertook an in-depth strategic planning study of all aspects

of the life and ministry of Trinity Church, including The Choir School of Hartford and Trinity Academy. As a part of this process, they interviewed a total of more than 45 individuals drawn from the parish, the Choir School and Trinity Academy, as well as a number of community leaders from in and around the Asylum Hill community.

Based upon those interviews and their study of parish operations, Partners has recommended a period of 12 – 18 months in which we as a congregation take certain action steps in preparation for a possible capital campaign beginning sometime in 2016.

It is important to stress that taking these steps in no way commits the parish to actually go forward with conducting a capital campaign. As it turns out, all of these steps are important to work on in order for Trinity to remain a healthy, vital and growing congregation, with or without a capital campaign.

With that understanding in mind, the two workshops are as follows:

Capital-Campaign Fundraising – 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

This workshop is based on a module of the New Dollars/New Partners Training and incorporates Partners for Sacred Places' *Complete Guide to Capital Campaigns for Historic Churches and Synagogues* as a resource. This workshop will provide comprehensive training on how to prepare for and conduct capital campaign fundraising.

Space-Sharing – 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This workshop utilizes case studies and models developed by Partners and based on their work with churches to help them develop long-term and mission-based partnerships with a variety of external organizations and groups. The workshops will include valuable technical assistance to preparing for and managing space-sharing arrangements.

A light lunch will be served to all attendees between the two workshops. While all Vestry members and lay leaders are expected to attend the workshops, Fr. Don and the Vestry are encouraging all members of the congregation to consider attending.

The workshops will be held at **Grace Lutheran Church**, located at the corner of Niles and Woodland Streets. For reservations, please call the Trinity church office at 860-527-8133. There is no charge for the workshops, as they are being offered as part of Trinity's contract with Partners for Sacred Places.



Standard Time Returns November 1

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1. Remember to set your clocks *back* one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31, or you'll be really early for church on the 1st!

Confirmation Program Starting this Fall

The very popular confirmation program, *Confirm not Conform*, which is offered every other year here at Trinity, will begin on September 27 under the leadership of Clement Mogor and Karin Peterson. The program meets for approximately 20 sessions throughout the fall, winter and spring, with a projected confirmation date in May or June. Students are encouraged to participate in the program even if they are not certain they wish to be confirmed in the spring – everyone is supported regardless of their decision about confirmation. Participation does include a commitment to attend all classes or make up missed classes.

A letter has been sent to all students who are eligible to participate in this class pursuant to diocesan and parish guidelines.

Journey to Adulthood Classes Introduce New Curriculum

Fr. Don is pleased to announce that beginning this month, our Journey to Adulthood program will be supplemented by a newly revised Episcopal curriculum for youth. The new curriculum is lectionary based, which means that each Sunday's lessons will include discussions and activities built around one of the scripture passages for the day. We will continue to consider the passages through the lens of the Journey to Adulthood motto, "Manhood and Womanhood are gifts from God; Adulthood has to be earned," and consider aspects of

self, society, spirituality and sexuality. We will also continue to include programs such as the Rite-13 ceremony and special leadership and team building activities.

Journey to Adulthood classes this year are as follows:

Rite-13 – Grades 6 & 7
Leaders: Ruth Rose & Robin D'Oyen

J2A – Grades 8 & 9 –
Leader: Marcus Clark

For the several students who are Juniors and Seniors who have

already been confirmed, a special mentorship program will be established according to the Young Adults in the Church guidelines of Journey to Adulthood.

Journey to Adulthood classes begin this year on September 20. A registration form (required for each Journey to Adulthood participant), can be downloaded from the Trinity Church website, trinityhartford.org. Click on the "Education" tab, select "Children's and Youth Formation" from the dropdown menu, and click on the link in the first paragraph.

Altar Flowers for 2016

If you would like to contribute to the 2016 Sunday altar flower fund in memory of a friend or family member, please fill out the form below and send it to the parish office. Indicate the names of those in whose memory you will be making your donation, and the Sunday on which you would like the altar flowers to be designated in their honor. ***It is not necessary to send in your contribution toward the flowers at this time.*** However, do return the completed form as soon as possible so the 2016 schedule of memorials can be arranged before the start of the new year. (If you would like to send in your donation now, make your check payable to Trinity Church and earmark it "Memorial flowers" in the memo space. The suggested offering is \$50 per week, the average cost for flowers.) Be sure to fill out a form for 2016 even if you contributed for similar memorials for 2015. Please note: There will be no altar flowers on the Sundays of Lent, February 14 through March 20, and forms for the Easter and Christmas memorials will be sent out separately in future issues of *The Voice*.

TRINITY CHURCH ALTAR FLOWER FUND - 2016

Please list the following altar flower memorials for 2016:

IN MEMORY OF _____

(Please print)

DATE OF MEMORIAL _____

NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (daytime) _____ E-MAIL _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

***Safe Church Training
Available This Fall***

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) offers training on the prevention of abuse and exploitation of both children and adults for all lay ministers in positions of parish leadership, paid or volunteer. These educational offerings are strongly encouraged for church school teachers and anyone who sees people in their homes on behalf of the church, e.g. Eucharistic Visitors or parish visitors, vestries and officers, and anyone who works with children and youth. All lay persons are welcome and invited to attend these training sessions. A one-day Safe Church training workshop is offered for those who have never attended a training session in Connecticut; a 2 ½ hour refresher program is available for those who took the basic workshop more than three years ago. Registration is required. For more information, visit ctdiocese.org and conduct a keyword search for "Safe Church resources."



The Choir School of Hartford

Emerald Ball

November 5, 2015

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Lincoln Culinary Institute

85 Sigourney Street, Hartford

**John Nowacki of New England Public Radio,
*Master of Ceremonies***

Entertainment by The Choir School of Hartford

Gene Bartley's Jazz Quartet

Hors d'oeuvres, Auction, and Surprises!

\$60.00 per person

For tickets, visit trinityhartford.org/Music_and_Arts/The_Choir_School_of_Hartford, call 860-527-8133, or see Enid Oberholtzer or Bert Landman.
Parking available at the Culinary Institute and Trinity Church.

Altar Flowers for 2016

Cuatro Puntos To Offer Music from Around the World

On Saturday, November 7, The Cuatro Puntos collective of chamber musicians will return to Trinity to present “Beyond Borders,” a chamber music concert offering music from diverse parts of the world. The 7:00 p.m. program will feature *Gulistan-e Nur* (“The Rosegarden of Light”) for string sextet and youth ensemble. This piece was written by UK composer Sadie Harrison, currently Composer-in-Residence with Cuatro Puntos, and is dedicated to young students from the Afghanistan Institute of Music injured when the auditorium in which they were performing was bombed last December. The concert will also include Argentine “Lullaby and Doina for flute and strings” by Argentine composer Oswaldo Golijov, Bright Chen’s “Tunes Heard in China” for solo cello, and Beethoven’s String Quartet No. 7, Op. 59 No.1, one of three “Razumovsky” quartets commissioned by the Russian ambassador in Vienna, Count Andreas Razumovsky. There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 for this event.

Cuatro Puntos, whose name means “four points” in Spanish, is a collective of chamber musicians dedicated to global cooperation and peace through the writing, performance, and teaching of music worldwide.

The group’s theme for 2015-2016 is “Musician Warriors: Celebrating those who have and do create in the face of adversity.” Throughout the year all Cuatro Puntos concert, outreach, and educational events will focus on raising awareness and

support for musicians and other artists who are being or have been unjustly silenced.

“Beyond Music”, the second of the two concerts being presented by Cuatro Puntos at Trinity Church this season, will take place on April 23 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Hartford Symphony Concertmaster To Perform with CVSO

Leonid Sigal, Concertmaster of the Hartford Symphony, will be the featured soloist when the Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra opens its 2015-2016 season with a 3:00 p.m. concert at Trinity Church on Sunday, November 8. Mr. Sigal will join the orchestra in a performance of Mendelssohn’s enduringly popular Violin Concerto in E minor. Also on the afternoon’s program will be Beethoven’s Egmont Overture and Dvorak’s cheery Symphony No. 8, written on the occasion of the composer’s election to the Prague Academy. Joseph Hodge, Music Director for both orchestras, will conduct.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00 (\$12.00 for students and seniors). As is usual with CVSO concerts, children under 12 will be admitted free.

Subscriptions, which offer tickets to all four 2015-2016 concerts for the price of three, are also available through the CVSO Web site at ctvalleysymphonyorch.com.



Trinity To Host November 11 Veterans Observance

Trinity Church, in collaboration with other Asylum Hill churches, will sponsor a special religious observance on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. Featuring a color guard provided by the office of the Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard, the service will include music, a guest speaker, and time to honor all veterans of military service, both living and departed.

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend what we hope will become an annual observance sponsored by the Asylum Avenue Christian Community.

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is November 13 at 5:00 p.m. Please send your articles to voice@trinityhartford.org. (If you want to submit your article in hard copy form, you will need to deliver it by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, when the office closes for the weekend.) This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **December and January**. Your parish event belongs in *The Voice*. Thanks!

Calendar Orders Due Soon

The time to order 2016 liturgical calendars is coming up! These calendars list all the Church’s feast days and other observances along with the appropriate liturgical color for each day of the year. They’re available for \$3.00 each. If you’d like to order one, please contact the church office at 860-527-8133; orders are due by November 16.

September Vestry Notes to the Parish

The Trinity Vestry met on Tuesday, September 15, in the Library at 7:15 pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:19 by Fr. Don. Opening Devotions were led by Percy Williamson, who read a passage by Joyce Rupp.

On the consent agenda, the Vestry approved the minutes of the June meeting and ratified the election over the summer, by electronic vote, of Tim Watt to fill a vacancy on the Vestry. Fr. Don welcomed Tim to the Vestry along with Claire Blissett, who was unable to attend the June meeting.

Treasurer Janet Wilkinson presented highlights from the financial report, which indicates that pledge income is running significantly behind projections, but that the budget is nonetheless showing a slight surplus because of cost savings being realized on the expense side. The Vestry encourages all parishioners who are presently behind in their pledges to attempt to bring them current as they are able.

In action items, the Vestry approved a three-year lease with Trinity Academy to run through June 30, 2018. Also unanimously approved was the concept of constructing a playscape somewhere on or near the Trinity grounds, with a request to Trinity Academy staff to submit a proposal that will address issues of access, safety and liability.

In the Feedback portion of the meeting, positive feedback was given regarding the celebration of the 8 a.m. summer Eucharists at the labyrinth end of the Memorial

Garden. Kudos were also expressed for Don Cook and all those who helped to make the parish picnic such a success, even though the threat of inclement weather forced the meal inside to Goodwin Hall. The outdoor Bounce House and Gladiator activities were big hits with children and youth, and it was noted that a family with children walking down Sigourney Street came inside for the picnic and the children enjoyed the activities while their parents enjoyed conversation inside.

Warden Percy Williamson reported on completion of the roofing project for the Parish House and handed out guidelines for Vestry persons acting as greeters on Sunday mornings. Warden Alan Rice gave a report on the start-up of classes at Trinity Academy, which now consists of 15 4th graders and 13 3rd graders. He also spoke about the Emerald Ball fundraiser for The Choir School of Hartford, which will be held on November 5, encouraging all Vestry members to support this event.

Deacon Bonnie Matthews spoke about the St. Francis Day activities, consisting of a Blessing of the Animals in Sigourney Square Park, being planned by Deacon Postulant April Alford-Harkey and Deacon Bonnie. On Sunday, October 4, all parishioners are encouraged to bring their pets to church for a special blessing of the animals which will be a part of both the 8 and 10 a.m. services that morning.

Fr. Don reported that all Christian Formation activities will begin September 20, with the exception of the Confirmation class, which will

begin the first week of October. He reminded all Vestry members of the workshops being provided by Partners for Sacred Places on Saturday, October 24, at Grace Lutheran Church, to which all parishioners are invited. He also announced that Trinity will be sharing Thanksgiving Service this year with Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday evening, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. The service will be held at Grace with Fr. Don preaching and Bert Landman, Trinity Precentor, leading a community choir that will meet at 6 p.m. at Grace for a single rehearsal. Fr. Don also announced that Trinity will be hosting what is hoped to be our first annual official Veteran's Day observance on Wednesday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. The service will feature state and local dignitaries along with a color guard from the state office of the Adjutant General.

The remainder of the meeting featured Fr. Don presenting highlights of the report of the Mission Discernment Initiative Group. Fr. Don cautioned those who were hoping the report will provide answers to questions about Trinity's future. Its purpose is not to answer questions but to raise questions that will assist our entire community in discerning how God is calling our congregation to further God's mission by following where Jesus is leading us in our community. There will be a Town Hall-style meeting to review the report following the 10 a.m. service on September 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 with prayer.

Calendars Needed!

Thank you for the many calendars you have brought in over the past several years for my clients. I'm still working with them on using the calendars to record their appointments, and many of them are doing well. They are all so happy that the people in my church have sent them the calendars, and I am, too.

Please keep bringing your extra calendars in! Wall calendar, purse or pocket size: someone will be glad to have it. Hand them to me on Sunday morning or leave them on the nametag table in Goodwin Hall – or call me at 860-561-4068 and I'll pick them up.

– Helen Hart

Thanksgiving Eve and Day with Grace Lutheran Church

Reviving a tradition from several years ago, Trinity Church will join our brothers and sisters of Grace Lutheran Church and their Pastor, the Reverend Rick Kremer, for a special Thanksgiving observance on Wednesday evening, November 25. The service will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran, located at 46 Woodland Street (the corner of Niles and Woodland Streets) in Hartford. Fr. Don will be the preacher for this special holiday service. The Grace Church parking lot is located behind the church, off Niles Street.

Bert Landman invites anyone who wishes to do so to be a part of a choir that will meet at Grace

Church at 6:00 p.m. on the 25th to prepare some traditional Thanksgiving favorites for the service.

On Thanksgiving Day itself, Grace Lutheran will be offering a day-long Open Doors program, beginning with breakfast in the morning, and continuing on with lunch in the afternoon, and movies and games available for the rest of the day. All Trinity parishioners are invited to be a part of any or all of these special Thanksgiving Day activities.

Please note: *There will be **no** service at Trinity Church this year on Thanksgiving Day, November 26.*

All Saints' Flower Bulb Project



Again this year, we are offering Trinity's members and friends the opportunity to donate flower bulbs in memory of departed friends and family members. Over the past several years, we've planted hundreds of bulbs in memory of our members' loved ones. This year's bulbs will be planted on the parish grounds this fall to enlarge the beautiful floral display that will greet us in the spring of 2016.

For a suggested offering of \$1.00, you may name a person in whose memory a bulb will be planted. The bulbs will be ordered in time to be blessed at the altar on All Saints' Sunday, November 1. Please send your contribution for the bulbs and the form below to the parish office by Tuesday, October 27.



I (we) wish to donate _____ bulbs for All Saints' in memory of:

My name: _____

Enclosed is \$_____ (suggested offering of \$1.00 for each person named; checks should be made out to Trinity Church and earmarked "All Saints' Bulbs" in the memo space).

Hospitality Hosts

October 4

Charles & Nicole Locario
Clement & Ifeoma Mogor

October 11

Boo Morton
Rich McMenamy
Valentina Moore

October 18

Tom & Enid Oberholtzer
Agatha Okeke

October 25

Maung Chint-Aye & Cha Lae
Maung Oo & Ma Aye

November 1

Israel & Lawretta Onoh
Valerie Pogue

November 8

Jack & Penny Pearson
Antoinette McCrary

November 15

Alan Rice &&
Elena Zhidkova-Rice
Ruth and Winston Rose

November 22

Jon & Jane Reik
Nelson & Migdalia Rivera

November 29

Steven & Yasmeeen Ross
Kate & Casey Rousseau

News from Trinity Academy

As you would guess, starting school is a busy time with lots of materials to organize, duties to define, building maintenance to be performed and new families to welcome. We started school on August 25 with sixteen fourth graders and 12 third graders after several students decided to attend elsewhere. This fourth grade is unusually focused, exhibits good behavior most of the time and is more mature as a class than one would expect. We like to think that it is the fruit of the good work that they did last year as third graders.

This year we've had additional issues getting every qualifying student on a bus. While we are very happy to have Hartford Public Schools provide bus service, getting everything settled (the stops, drop-offs, pickups and address changes) is challenging, especially with new students added in late August.

We are blessed to have all of our staff but one return from last year. Our mentor teacher will assist in third grade and help with reading/writing in both grades. The principal will also be helping third graders adapt to a different environment as we work to create

community and assist in their maturation process.

Placement testing in reading and writing for new third graders and current fourth graders continues. About a third of our students need extra help in language arts – more than half of our new students are performing below grade level.

Fourth graders spent a day at YMCA Camp Chase (as they did last year) and enjoyed lots of pool time, with four students passing their swimming test. Thanks to the community at Duncaster in Bloomfield, where our students take weekly swimming lessons.

As an elementary school, we now require more space for children to play. On Friday, September 11, we had 20 volunteers from The Hartford on hand for the entire day cleaning out the driveway areas behind Goodwin Hall to prepare them for use for traditional playground activities such as hopscotch and four-square. They also cleaned out the Memorial Garden and courtyard areas.

We welcome everyone to join us for Third Thursdays for an opportunity to see Trinity Academy in action.



All Saints' Bulbs

Church School News

As we begin our fall season, it is comforting to know that God's words and promises never change. Our continuing journey together is inspired by hope, strength and courage in understanding God's purpose, power and authority in our lives. Let us continue to pray for our leaders, parents and volunteers as they guide our children in today's world. Listed below are the Church School lessons planned for October and November. Classes are held on the second floor of the Education Wing.

Grades 4-5 Sundays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Classroom 4:

October 4 – *God's Big Picture (Mark 10:2-16)*
October 11 – *Jesus and a Rich Man (Mark 10:17-31)*
October 18 – *Sacrifice and Serve (Mark 10:35-45)*
October 25 – *Crying Out (Mark 10:46-52)*
November 1 – *Faithful Relationship (Ruth 1:1-18)*
November 8 – *Giving All (Mark 12:38-44)*
November 15 – *Signs of Hope (Mark 13:1-8)*
November 22 – *Two Kingdoms (John 18:33-37)*
November 29 – **No Church School**

Godly Play – Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Room 3:

Children age 3 through 3rd grade learn about stories of famous people from the Bible and from our Christian heritage. Parents are asked to bring their child/children upstairs to Room 3. The Acolytes will bring the children back to rejoin their families in church at the Peace in time for Communion. **Of special note:** When there is a Baptism at the 10:00 a.m. service, *there will be no Godly Play*.

October 4 – *The Flood and the Ark*
October 11 – *The Great Family*
October 18 – *Moses*
October 25 – *The Ark and the Tent*
November 1 – *The Exile and Return*
November 8 – *The Story of Samuel*
November 15 – *The Story of Jacob*
November 22 – *Jonah, the Backward Prophet*
November 29 – **No Church School**

Crafts and Activities Sundays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Classroom 4:

Young children waiting with their parents for siblings attending 11:30 classes are invited to activity time on the second floor of the Education Wing.

– Lynda Curtis, Coordinator of Church School and the Nursery



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FALL EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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<i>Page 5</i>	November 15 8:00 p.m. Compline
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