



Tim Jeffries

Something is happening. The spirit is stirring and people are responding in new and refreshing ways. They are looking for a way to unleash the imagination of the church and to engage in God’s mission in their own backyards through practices of listening and building relationships. That is at the heart of the Missio Conference, to be held at Christ Church Cathedral on Friday and Saturday, September 30 and October 1. A pre-conference, Sustain, will be held on Thursday, September 29. You can be a part of it all.

www.missioconference.org

Missio will be a gathering of emergent leaders and fresh expressions practitioners for conversation and collaboration in (re-)imagining church in ways that are radically incarnational and contextual and embody the gospel and reign of God in today’s culture. It will be an opportunity for people in traditional congregations to dialogue with leaders of emerging Christianity, to discover innovative resources for building community with young adults, campus ministry collaboration, radical hospitality, emergent worship and missional church planting within a postmodern and post-secular world. Together, participants will explore what it means to be what the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, calls a “mixed-economy church,” where traditional congregations and new expressions of church work together to participate in God’s mission in the world.

The conference will include a talk by Karen Ward, founder of Church of the Apostles in Seattle, Washington, one of the first Episcopal emergent churches in the United States. It also will include conversation workshops by a variety of

young adult leaders on topics such as the culture of emergence, how to start a new Christian community, formation for young adults, living in intentional community, coffee ministry and third spaces, how churches can re-shape themselves as mission-shaped communities and tools for developing emergent worship services.

“If you would like to join in a conversation with others who are wrestling with the difficult questions of what parts of our (Anglican) tradition we need to carry with us and what new gifts of the Spirit we are discovering as we seek to live simply and freely as the people of God, I invite you to join us for *missio* – a fresh expressions mission conference,” says the Rev. Jane Gerdson, point person for the conference. “This conference will explore a variety of missional and emerging practices for Christian communities in a post-modern world. We will explore the ways God is inviting us to move in new ways and share the always good news in our local communities.”

The event will be curated by Episcopal Village, a mission network providing learning events in “fresh expression” outreach, in partnership with the Dioceses of Southern Ohio, Ohio and Indianapolis. Christ Church Cathedral is serving as host. The cost is \$50 for two-day event. Register on-line.

A pre-conference event, Sustain, will be held on Thursday, September 29, at the Speckled Bird Cafe, 1766 Mills Avenue in Norwood. This unique gathering will explore local food, community gardening, neo-monastic practices and building local economies through the collective living out of faith in a particular place. Hosted by the Norwood Collective and Vineyard Central and curated by Episcopal Village in partnership with the Diocese of Southern Ohio, the cost is \$55. Register on-line.

from the interim dean

There are many ways to walk through the water. The biggest problem seems to be that many of us want to walk on the water instead!

“Walking through the water” is another way of talking about moving into change and growth. Water has been the symbol of new life and birth ever since God’s spirit-breath-wind (the three meanings of the one Hebrew word *ruach*) hovered over the chaotic water in creation and brought about calm. Adam and Eve watered their garden, and Eve gave birth to Cain and Abel. Again and again throughout Scripture water has been the place of a new beginning for the people of God. And that continues even into our own lives.

and breathes on us now in those moments when we gather together around the table and share a meal. Jesus tells us that we feel the wind but we know neither where it comes from, nor where it is going. And most of us like to be in control of the winds that blow in our life! Trying to control the wind is like trying to walk on the water.

But that is only one side of the story. Each of us has already passed through water into new life. Our very birth was a water event! I suppose you, like me, can remember times of calm coming in the midst of chaos, insight blowing into the midst of confusion, and the time that the raging river became a path of dry land to the other side.

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WATER

Sometimes we may feel like we are in chaotic waters up to our necks. We may feel like Noah on board the ark with too many animals, or like Jonah, swallowed whole by the whale, and not knowing where we will end up. We may feel that we are with Joshua and the Chosen People facing a raging Jordan River that divides us from our Promised Land, and fearing that there is no way to get across to the other side. I believe that whenever we have these feelings, we are being invited to experience God’s spirit-breath-wind in our lives. Our invitation from God is to get our feet wet, and often the waters don’t part until we step into the fast running rapids.

Pentecost is a season celebrating how God’s *ruach* continues to make us new people with new challenges and new visions. God’s Spirit came upon Mary bringing Jesus into flesh in our midst. Jesus himself breathed upon his apostles,

In my own life when those moments occurred, I had the sense of being accompanied by another’s presence – someone taking my hand or placing their hand upon my shoulder in encouragement. In those moments I knew I was not alone. And I know that I not only have a companion on the journey, but also that I am somehow united with the many, many people who, too, have had those moments and have “passed through” to the other side.

I invite you this month to reflect on a time when you have “passed through” the waters in your life. Then if you can, tell your story to someone else. Your story may be the *ruach* of God that invites them to walk through their waters into a new land of change and growth.



Pastoral Care in capable hands

Pastoral care is an important part of the ministries of Christ Church Cathedral. And the quality of any pastoral care is dependent upon the individuals for whom this ministry is a primary responsibility. The cathedral has been blessed with warm and capable associates who carry out this mission. That tradition will be continued well with the hiring of the Rev. Henrietta “Henny” Grossoehme.



As of September 1, she is the cathedral’s new Associate for Pastoral Care, serving in this half-time position, replacing the Rev. Susan Lehman who stepped down this summer.

“Henny brings a deep passion and experience for pastoral care within a congregation,” says Interim Dean Ron DelBene. “I believe her sensitivity to people’s needs, skill for planning and organizing and her gracious pastoral personality will be a blessing to us. She will also be with us for Sunday celebrations, giving us all opportunity to get to know her.”

A native of Toledo, Henny earned a B.A. (English and journalism) at Indiana University and then completed her seminary studies at Virginia Theological Seminary. The Diocese of Ohio ordained her in 1992.

She has served as assistant rector of Christ Church in Shaker Heights (Ohio) and as rector of St. Peter’s Church in Akron. She most recently served as vicar at Grace Church in Florence, Kentucky.

Henny has also worked as a chaplain for Hospice of Cincinnati and served on two teams that provided home-care for patients and their families.

She completed her Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) with a concentration in palliative care at the Cleveland Clinic.

“I am looking forward to focusing on pastoral care,” says Henny. “Meeting people wherever they live or work, hearing their stories, and helping them find where and how God is acting is an honor and privilege.”

Henny and her husband, Daniel, moved to Cincinnati in 2003 after Daniel accepted a position as chaplain at Children’s Hospital – he is also an Episcopal priest and an area native. They have one son, Nate, a sophomore in high school. The family makes their home in Milford.

Farewell to Susan Lehman

The Rev. Susan Lehman retired from her work as Christ Church Cathedral’s Associate for Pastoral Care this summer. She stepped into the role at a critical time last year when needed and has served the congregation very well, says Interim Dean Ron DelBene. She has accepted the call as interim priest-in-charge at the Church of Our Advent.



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Dean James Diamond and his wife Barbara admire a river scene of the Queen City, a retirement gift from the congregation in June of 2010.

Memorial celebration

The choral evensong service to be sung by the Christ Church Cathedral Choir on Sunday, October 2, at 5:00 p.m. will be dedicated to the late Very Rev. James A. Diamond, as a celebration of his life and his ministry at the cathedral and in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. He served as dean of the cathedral from September of 1999 until his retirement in June of 2010. He died on July 25 near the home he shared with his wife, Barbara, in Ogunquit, Maine.

Barbara will attend the memorial celebration. A reception will follow the service.

“Jim loved choral evensong, so we thought this would be an appropriate way to celebrate his legacy,” says Interim Dean Ron DelBene.

The service music will include:

Opening voluntary: La Croix – David Evan Thomas

Responses: Thomas Tomkins

Canticles: Setting in C – Charles Villiers Stanford

Anthem: O God, Thou Art My God – Henry Purcell

Closing voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in G Major,

BWV 541 – J. S. Bach

Memorial gifts, at the request of the Diamond family, may be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development (er-d.org), Doctors Without Borders (doctorswithoutborders.org) or Christ Church Cathedral.

JAZZ

IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11/2001

On Sunday, September 11, at 5:00 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church and Christ Church Cathedral are co-hosting *In Remembrance of 9/11/2001*, a candlelit hour of jazz interspersed with periods of silence for individual meditation. The remembrance will be held at the cathedral. Music will be provided by Jim Connerley on piano, Bill Jackson on bass and Tony Franklin on drums (See jimconnerly.com for more details.). People from all faiths traditions are invited to attend. There is no charge.

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New leader for Children's Formation

If you were looking for an outstanding candidate to take a children's ministry to the next level, she likely would look a lot like Beth Mendez, Christ Church Cathedral's new Director of Children's Formation and Family Ministries. The congregation will have an opportunity to meet and get to know Beth in the coming weeks. She started her new position at the cathedral late in August.

"I am very excited about the experience and passion that Beth will bring to her new role at the cathedral," says Canon Nancy Jones. "We had a number of good candidates, but she stood out. I think she will be wonderful and be just the person we need to take our children programs and family ministries forward. She is creative and energetic and loves children."

The Knoxville, Tennessee, native is a cradle Episcopalian, and she grew up in a family that worshipped at a cathedral. She holds two master's degrees, one in Special Education and one in elementary education – both earned at the University of Tennessee. She has taught kindergarten and preschool, worked as an intervention specialist and an educational assistant. For one year, she directed a climbing tower and challenge course at a Girl Scout camp.

Beth and her husband, John, have two children of their own – Elias, 3, and Grace, 1. The family lives in Oakley.

"I am looking forward to working in communion with the families of the cathedral," says Beth. "And I am excited for the adventures that lie ahead."

Parents are invited to an Open House Rally Day on Sunday, September 18, at 9:00 a.m. to learn more about the coming year.



Christian Formation

The Pharisees, the Fair-Minded, and the Fanatics: Who's in, who's out, and who decides
Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Forum Room

Boundaries are necessary for forming and affirming identity. But when are boundaries acceptable, and when are they unfair or unjust? Who decides who's in and who's out, in the church or in the world around us? Canon Joanna Leiserson will explore the history, the theology and the consequences of the ways in which we include and exclude, and why.

September 18: Inside out, outside in: A history of odd and normal boundaries.

September 25: Welcome to TEC, CCC, EARTH: How the Church considers the margins.

You think it's easy being an Episcopalian? Not your Normal Inquirer's Class

Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Forum Room

Find out how to live up to both the joy and the challenges of being Episcopalian. Canon Joanna Leiserson will offer vignettes, stories and lore to give you an inkling of the conundrum found in the Episcopal Church today, as she draws from Dennis R. Maynard's humorous, informative and enlightening book, *Those Episkopols*.

September 18: Does God Really Like All That Ritual? "Praise the Lord!" Episcopal-style

September 25: Can You Believe Anything You Want and Be an Episcopalian? We're not as wishy-washy as you may think.

October 2: Are There Any Episcopalians in Heaven? Or, can you get saved in the Episcopal Church?

NEWCOMERS BRUNCH

Sunday, September 25, 11:30 a.m.

For reservations, contact Kathy Noe at 513.842.2051 or knoe@cccath.org.



CONCERTS

Music Live at Lunch

Tuesdays, 12:10 p.m.

All performances are in Centennial Chapel unless otherwise listed as being in the cathedral nave.

September 6: Nathan Richard Stewart, organ (nave)

September 13: Lindsey Duncan, Celtic harp

September 20: Steel Away: Steel drum band

September 27: Brianna Matzke & Andy Villemez, piano

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Isaiah Hyman, John Dickert, Phil Hagner and Yvonne Schrotel-Murphy at last year's Ministries Fair.

Celebrating our Ministries Parish Fair

Each year, Christ Church Cathedral sponsors a parish fair that celebrates the church's many diverse ministries. Known as the Ministries Fair, the event is an opportunity for members of the congregation to learn what the cathedral has to offer and how they can become involved.

The fair is packed with displays and information tables on all the cathedral's ministries, guilds and committees.

This year, the fair will be held on Sunday, September 11, at 11:30 a.m. – immediately following the ten o'clock morning service. Come and be a part of it. Learn. Share. Make a commitment to do your part to make a difference.

And, as always, enjoy the good food!

Miracle of a key

Georgine Getty, executive director of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati, was particularly happy when she received Christ Church Cathedral's 2010 Outreach Annual Report. She tells the story of "Bill," who was homeless for the six years she worked at the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless, her previous employer.

"He used to come in every morning for coffee, and I'd tease him about his hair," she said.

But when she turned to page 3 of the cathedral's annual report, and saw a photo of Bill, key in hand, unlocking the door of his own apartment, thanks to the efforts of Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, she said it "... was like being a witness to a miracle."

The cathedral awarded a \$15,000 grant to OTRCH last year.

If you have not received a copy of the 2010 outreach annual report and want to read of more miracles, you may pick up a copy at the cathedral, and or request that one be mailed to you by contacting Crystal Jones at 513.842.2063 or cjones@cccath.org.



Habitat for Humanity

Christ Church Cathedral, through the generosity of the Ensign Harry James Coombe Fund, is partnering financially with Wells Fargo and Duke Energy to sponsor the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home on Mohawk Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. Other Episcopal churches in Cincinnati are collaborating with the cathedral to help this new home become a reality. The construction date has tentatively been set for mid-October. Details will be announced about how members of the congregation can be involved.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Volunteers are needed for Christ Church Cathedral's Interfaith Hospitality Network ministry for the week of October 2. If you would like to be a part of the solution that helps families who are homeless, contact coordinator Elizabeth Brown at pbrown6644@aol.com.

COMMUNITY ISSUES FORUM

Purchase lunch for \$5.50 or bring your own.

September 15: New Candidates for Cincinnati City Council. Presenters will be Catherine Smith Mills (Republican), Kevin Flynn (Charter), Yvette Simpson (Charter/Democrat), Christopher Smitherman (Independent), Nicholas Hollan, Jason Riveiro, Chris Seelbach and P.G. Sittenfeld (all Democrats).

September 22: Pros and Cons of Repealing SB-5. SB-5 is a state ballot issue that would repeal the new public employee collective bargaining law. Representatives from We Are Ohio will speak for the repeal. Representatives from Build a Better Ohio will speak against the repeal.

PLUMB LINE NEEDS:

Personal Care Products

During September, please donate personal care products to the Plumb Line ministry. Donated items may be placed in the basket outside the Plumb Line office. Thank you.

cathedral community

PARISH *Life*

We celebrate the marriage of Sara Julnes Dehner and Patrick Daniel Hayes.

We are saddened by the deaths of cathedral members Renie Taylor and Alice Tyler, and Alma Margaret Davis, the mother of Jay Davis, one of the cathedral's service maintenance technicians.

Inductee to the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame: Vestal "Tony" Simms-Howell is being inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame for his contribution toward the progress of civil rights in Ohio. The official induction ceremony will be Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium.

Farewell: Kiara Harris, the friendly face who greeted visitors after office hours for the past four years, has left her position as the cathedral's evening receptionist. The student of the University of Cincinnati will be taking a full course load of classes in the fall.

Good Eating: Foy Knieran's recipe for the fingerling potatoes and dip had quite a following at the receptions for the Icons in Transformation exhibit. Foy is allowing the Icons committee to share this recipe with the congregation in appreciation for its support of the show.

Fingerling Potato Appetizers

Toss assorted colors of fingerling potatoes with olive oil and Kosher or sea salt and then roast at 400 degrees. Serve warm or cold with dipping sauce.

Dipping sauce:

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/2 cup plain yogurt

3 tablespoon ketchup

2 tablespoon mustard (grainy, if you prefer)

1/2 teaspoon chili powder

Mix well. Serve in a small bowl along side the fingerling potatoes.



The youth of Christ Church Cathedral and their chaperones made a mission trip this summer to the Cumberland Mountains, as part of the Mountain TOP (Tennessee Outreach Project).

A new volunteer coordinator of activities

Interim Ron DeBene recently announced that Mary Hagner has agreed to continue her active long-time volunteer work with Christ Church Cathedral as a Volunteer Coordinator of Activities. In this role, she will serve as the point person for the social aspects of all the various activities held at the cathedral each year, including the Ministries Fair, the annual meeting, the stewardship celebration, evensong receptions, Music Live at Lunch meals, the Easter brunch and other such events. She will also support the efforts of Yvonne Schrotel-Murphy and Jane Thompson, the Hospitality Guild co-chairs who organize the Sunday hospitality each week.

Mary has a gift for hospitality. She always wants to make sure that all who come through the church doors are warmly welcomed, comfortably seated and well fed. With her new volunteer duties, Mary will assure the food is ordered, prepared and served as needed with the ambience that is a cathedral trademark. And she will serve as a type of ombudsman for activities scheduled at the cathedral by the Diocese of Southern Ohio and outside organizations, making sure that their events are carried out with success.

"I look forward to working with cathedral committees and outside clients, helping them in planning and making their events run more smoothly," says Mary, who will work closely with Mark Priest and the cathedral staff in carrying out her new duties.

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Chorister steps down after five decades



When Vivian Morris was a teenager, growing up in Mt. Adams, she would go downtown to Christ Church, when the weather turned warm, to sing in the “pick-up” choir that Parvin Titus used during the summer months.

“It was just a choir to help the congregation sing the hymns,” says Vivian. She loved the music. She loved to sing. And soon the church became her home.

She took a hiatus from singing to marry husband Edward and to give birth to son Ed, but in 1960 she joined the volunteer choir that sang at the 9:30 early service. By then, the church had been rebuilt. The old church, with its nave facing south, was gone.

Vivian was to see other changes through the years – in the worship service, in the choir structure and in choir directors themselves. All totaled, she has sung for seven directors.

During her years as a choir member, the choir has performed with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati Pops. It travelled to sing at the National Cathedral and to England to be choir-in-residence at several cathedrals. She says she is grateful for these memorable experiences, but that it is the music and choir friends that she treasures most.

As the choir begins the 2011-12 season, Vivian will not be processing in with the choristers. After 51 years, the soprano is stepping down.

She is not leaving the cathedral. She is active in the Altar Guild and, now that she has more time, says she may become involved in other ways.

The church that became Christ Church Cathedral has been an integral part of most of Vivian’s life. That is one thing that will not change.

Strategic Planning: Moving forward

In the last issue of the *Cathedral Tower*, I reported that Christ Church Cathedral’s Strategic Planning Team was in the process of conducting informational meetings with members of the congregation. The purpose of the meetings – one held late in July, the other in early August – was to introduce to the cathedral membership the work of the Strategic Planning Team to date. This work included identifying five strategic choices or objectives (where we want to focus our efforts and resources) and the projects or initiatives that can serve as the vehicles to achieve our strategic aims.

The meetings were well attended, with more than 110 members actively participating. The feedback that they gave was extensive, coming in the form of detailed responses to data

sheets, comprehensive emails and thoughtful comments and questions. This information is now being used to fine-tune the initiatives. Once this process is completed, a final report spelling out a clear direction for the cathedral’s future for the next one to three years will be presented to the Vestry.

Our goal is to present our finished versions to the Vestry this month for approval. To that end, the Strategic Planning Team is meeting three more times to arrive at final wording of the initiatives. Even with the Vestry approval, the strategic plan will allow for change as circumstances dictate. I thank all the cathedral members for their valuable input and their support of this important work.

– Chuck Harris, Senior Warden

Chalice bearers

Many people live out their commitment to Christ by serving in worship on Sunday morning. Eucharistic ministers or chalice bearers are very visible, serving at the altar during the Eucharist, offering the chalice to those who come forward to receive. They are trained and then licensed by the diocese for a period of three years.

At Christ Church Cathedral, ten new people have recently become chalice bearers. They include: Susan Anuforo, Barry and Lynn Carlin, Linda Grossman, Lisa and Steve Lemen, Rusty Lockett, Ken Richards, Bob Trombley and Susan West.

“We are grateful for their willingness to serve,” says Canon Nancy Jones.

THE SOUND OF JACKHAMMERS

In the next few weeks, visitors to Christ Church Cathedral will be greeted by the sound of jackhammers. City-mandated repairs are being made to the sidewalks.



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WORSHIP

Holy Communion

Sundays, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays & Fridays, 12:10 p.m.

Evening Prayer

Tuesdays, 4:40 p.m.

In Remembrance of 9/11

Sunday, September 11, 5:00 p.m.

SEMINARS, DISCUSSIONS & FORUMS

Today's Bible Readings

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Men's Bible study

Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.

Community Issues Forum

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CHILDREN

Cathedral Choir of Boys and Girls Auditions

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Open House Rally Day

Sunday, September 18, 9:00 a.m.

MUSIC & THE ARTS

Music Live at Lunch

Tuesdays, 12:10 p.m.

Cathedral Tour

Sunday, September 4, 11:30 a.m.

OUTREACH & SERVICE

5000 Club community suppers

Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral night at the Drop-Inn Center

Monday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Celebrating Our Ministries Parish Fair

Sunday, September 11, 11:30 a.m.

Newcomer's Brunch

Sunday, September 25, 11:30 a.m.

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