



THE MUSIC OF THE CATHEDRAL

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“After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music,” writes Aldous Huxley in his novel, *Music at Night*. If so, Christ Church Cathedral is well versed in expressing the inexpressible. Not only is the cathedral blessed with the beautiful voices of many fine singers in its choirs, its musical instruments are growing in number and add a valuable resource to the continuation of a rich tradition. Whether it is singing praises to God in worship, or creating music for no reason other than pleasure, the cathedral holds musical excellence, in diverse forms, as a core mission.

This year, the cathedral took steps to expand its musical resources with the purchase of new two instruments. The first is a continuo organ, thanks to a generous grant from the H.B., E.W. and F.R. Luther Charitable Foundation. The organ is being built by Juget-Sinclair Organbuilders and is scheduled to arrive at the cathedral in August of next year.

The second instrument that the cathedral will be adding to its instrumental assets is a double French harpsichord built by William Dowd of Boston in 1983. Funding for this purchase also came from the Luther Charitable Foundation and the generous contributions of cathedral members. Modeled after ones built by

the 18th century Parisian builder Etienne Blachet, the harpsichord is being rebuilt by Glenn Giuttari. Delivery is planned for this month. Considered excellent both for continuo playing and for solo repertoire, the harpsichord will be dedicated in a special recital by Professor Edward Parmentier of the University of Michigan on Sunday, October 23, at 5:00 p.m.

The harpsichord and continuo organ will take their place among the cathedral’s Holtkamp organs (one in the nave and one in Centennial Chapel), three grand pianos, an upright piano, Whitechapel handbells and, of course, the church tower bells, which are also considered to be a musical instrument.

“Each of these musical instruments contribute to the cathedral’s ability to offer the finest in music for worship services, recitals and concerts,” says Stephan Casurella, the cathedral’s director of music. “But they are also resources for members of the greater Cincinnati community to make music in the resonant space of the cathedral nave or in the more intimate setting of Centennial Chapel.”

Many have found inspiration at the cathedral because of its music. They find the spiritual and cultural life of the city enriched because of the wealth and diversity of the music the cathedral offers – thanks in part to an array of musical instruments.

from the interim dean

REVISION

The word revision comes from two Latin words: the verb *videre* – to see or look at, observe, to consider, be aware, or think over; and the prefix *re* which means again. To see again!

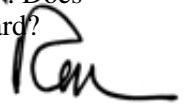
Revisions of any kind, whether the revised edition of a manuscript, or the revised life of a person who has “seen the light,” usually result from “taking a hard look again” at what really needs to be said or lived. Seldom do two people see the need for revision at the same time and even if they do, they often don’t agree with what that revision should be. The real foundation of revision is not what should be, but what is already taking place and how that will influence our next action. It means to look again, observe again, or consider again what the present reality is. It also means to collaborate with one another and risk verbalizing what the invitation for the future may be.

God is now calling Christ Church Cathedral into a significant time of re-visioning through the Vestry’s establishment of a Strategic Planning Team. That team is presently inviting members of the congregation to consider again, to

observe again, to think over again who we are as individuals and as a church family. Responding to God’s call to re-vision is the foundation upon which a new future will be envisioned – a future that celebrates the past as it has been, recognizes the present that is now, and engages in the mysterious hopes for the future.

I remember times when I was being invited by God to re-vision. Often I would want to just let things go “as is,” but then finally would succumb to going back for another look to discover something new or rediscover something forgotten. There were other times when I would want to go over things again and again, even when people were telling me: “Enough is enough!” Re-visions are both a challenge and a grace – enlivened by the Holy Spirit.

Of one thing we are certain – not everyone sees the same thing in the same way. For example, look at the letter O in the word **REVISION**. Does the O in the word spiral inward or outward?



Pre-Completions

1. I will never change my mind about ...
2. During my life I have changed my ideas, behavior or thoughts about ...
3. I resist or embrace change in my life because ...
4. Changes I have looked forward to in life are ...

Post-Completions

1. I support others in making re-visions by ...
2. During my life the people who supported me when I chose to make re-visions were ...
3. A re-vision I am experiencing now in my life is ...
4. I find re-visioning exciting when ...



IN MEMORIAM

James A. Diamond, 1945-2011

The Very Rev. James A. Diamond, dean of Christ Church Cathedral from 1999 to 2010, died in York Hospital, near in his home in Ogunquit, Maine, on Thursday, July 21, of congestive heart failure. He leaves his wife of 40 years, Barbara M. Diamond, and a son, Christopher K. Diamond of Washington D.C. A son, Jeffrey M. Diamond, predeceased him.

A private service was held on Monday, July 25, for the family. A public memorial service will take place in November at Christ Church in Andover, Massachusetts, where Dean Diamond served from 1981-1999.

A memorial service celebrating Dean Diamond's life and ministry in the Diocese of Southern Ohio will be held this fall at Christ Church Cathedral. Details will be made available after consultation with Diamond family, says Interim Dean Ron DeBene.

Cards and condolences may be sent to the family at 33 Limestone Road, Ogunquit, ME 03907.

Cincinnati Boychoir

The Cincinnati Boychoir, under the leadership of artistic director Christopher Eanes, will again be in residence at Christ Church Cathedral for the 2011-12 program season. The Boychoir has presented top-notch musical performances throughout the Queen City, as well as around the world, and will be participating in the World Choir Games to be held in Cincinnati in 2011. (See article on page 4.)

In the coming year, the Boychoir will present three concerts at the cathedral:



A Salute to Our Troops
Sunday, November 13, 5:00 p.m.

And the Glory of the Lord
Saturday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 11, 5:00 p.m.

Cincinnati Sings!
Sunday, April 22, at 5:00 p.m.

Icons in Transformation Closing Success

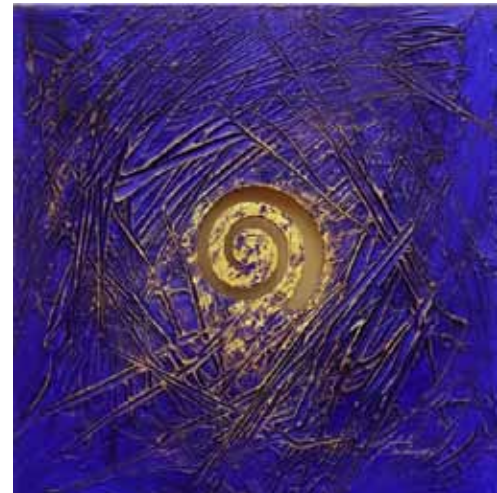
Christ Church Cathedral's Icons in Transformation closing was just as successful as its run, according to Priscilla Dunn and Mike Phillips, who co-chaired the committee that brought the impressive exhibit by renowned artist Ludmila Pawlowska to Cincinnati. Six pieces of the artwork were sold during the show run. This includes the purchase of *Life's Labyrinth* by the cathedral to hang in the library. The purchase was funded by a bequest left to the library by Anna Marie Evans, a long time cathedral member who served for many years on the library committee. She did not designate how the money was to be spent. However, she loved books and art, so the library committee decided to buy the artwork in her honor.

The sale of artwork earned the church a commission of \$3,390. Freewill donations amounted to \$6,897 for a total income of \$10,287. Expenses were \$8,075, leaving a balance of \$2,212 that will be donated to the YWCA's programs,

Girls, Inc. and Rosie's Girls. The former builds confidence and the latter builds skills.

"We chose these two programs because they resonate with Ludmila's own background as an at-risk girl in Kazakhstan," says Mike. "And we liked partnering with the YWCA because it has such a wide circle of friends among professional women in greater Cincinnati. Not a lot of money changed hands, but we helped them spread the word about their programs, and they helped us spread the word about the show."

An estimated 1,750 people came to the exhibit or saw the art while coming to the cathedral for other purposes.



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Cathedral Choir of Boys and Girls

The Cathedral Choir of Boys and Girls fosters a life-long enjoyment and appreciation of music through the singing of sacred choral compositions. In developing their musicianship skills, the youngsters are able to explore Christian faith so that singing with the choir also nurtures interests in the ministry of making music.

This citywide choir is open to any child age 7-11 (grade 2-6). No prior musical experience is required, but applicants audition in person so that vocal ability and musicality can be assessed. Rehearsals are 7:00 to 8:15 on Wednesday evenings and are based on the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Voice for Life curriculum.

Occasionally, the Boys and Girls Choir sings during worship at the cathedral, but this involvement is intentionally limited so that choristers can continue attending their own parishes.



Auditions: While boys and girls are encouraged to join the choir at the beginning of the program season (September), interested applicants may be accepted at other times during the year. **Auditions and a brief parent information session will be held on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m.**

For an enrollment form, go to christchurchcincinnati.org/music/choirs.



2012 World Choir Games

In July, 2012, the city of Cincinnati will be hosting the seventh World Choir Games. This is the largest international choral competition in the world, coming to North America for the first time, and Christ Church Cathedral will be a part of the excitement as the venue for the *musica sacra* (sacred music) events.

The World Choir Games is the signature event of Interkultur, a German-based organization that produces international choral events worldwide. Inspired by the Olympic ideal, the goal of the World Choir Games is to unite people from all nations through singing in peaceful competition. Stephan Casurella, the cathedral's director of music, is serving on the Music Advisory Committee for the 2012 Games.



PENTECOST SENIOR LUNCHEON

Christ Church Cathedral's Pentecost Senior Luncheon was held on Thursday, June 16. Holly Pratt on harp and Diane Magill on flute provided music, while Interim Dean shared a laugh with the guests.



GARDEN FLOWER DONATIONS WELCOME

The summer is not over yet, and those of you who have flower gardens are still encouraged to donate flowers or flowering branches for the Flower Guild to use in its beautiful arrangements that decorate the church each week. For more information, contact Nan Witten at nwchristchurchflowerguildmail@gmail.com.

cathedral action

Mission and Outreach Grants

The vestry of Christ Church Cathedral approved the following community grants during the first half of the year, as recommended by the Mission and Outreach Committee.

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati: \$75,000 – This grant was a contribution toward a capital campaign for the purchase and renovation of its new headquarters in Walnut Hills.

Peaslee Neighborhood Center: \$20,000 – The grant is for expenses related to an early childhood education program and a national certification.

Black Data Processing Association (BDPA): \$15,000 – The grant is for partial funding of a Student Information Technology Education & Scholarship Program that builds self esteem among youth of color through the mastery of applied computer science.

Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless: \$12,500 – This grant is for needed renovations of the organization's office space and for advocacy efforts on behalf of the homeless.

Healing, Speech and Deaf Center: \$12,500 – The grant is for architectural fees for a therapy center designed as a home environment to serve children with speech and hearing disabilities.

Episcopal Community Services Foundation: \$10,000 – The grant supports various outreach initiatives undertaken by churches in the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Oyler Community Learning Center: \$10,000 – The grant covers the costs of programs that encourage parental and community involvement, provides student attendance incentives and assistance with graduation fees, and supports athletic programs.

Summer Reading Program: \$5,000 – The grant is for a summer program that helps inner city children improve their reading abilities.

Black Data Processing Association (BDPA): \$500* – This Parishioner Volunteer Grant went toward student supplies for a training session held at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

**Parishioner Volunteer Grants are \$500 and support organizations at which members of the congregation volunteer.*

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY OPEN HOUSE

The congregation and staff of Christ Church Cathedral is invited to a "happy hour" open house at the new headquarters of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati, 990 Nassau in East Walnut Hills, on August 25, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. The open house is in appreciation for the cathedral's gift to an IHN capital campaign. The cathedral, which has hosted IHN families since 2006, awarded a grant of \$75,000 through its Mission & Outreach Committee to help purchase and renovate the new facility.

The Plumb Line Ministry

Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel ..." – Amos 7:8

You can help make a difference in the lives of those who seek rental assistance through Christ Church Cathedral's Plumb Line ministry with your donations. First, each time you grocery shop, pick up an extra item or two – jars of peanut butter and jelly; cans of vegetables, fruits, soups, tuna and complete meals such as beef stew; boxes of macaroni and cheese or spaghetti with a jar of tomato sauce. Also needed are personal care items – toothpastes and toothbrushes; soaps, shampoo and lotions; deodorants. Leave these items in the basket outside the Plumb Line. Consider making it one of your spiritual practices to leave a couple items in the basket each Sunday.

Second, become a Plumb Line volunteer. With your donation of time you can help families, many with children, get through these difficult economic times. For more information, contact Toni Grate at tgrate@fuse.net.

This article on the Plumb Line is the final one in a five-part series that looks at the ministry and how it functions. – Editor



WALK TO END HUNGER

The 5000 Club team, consisting of members of Christ Church Cathedral, fellow Tuesday evening supper volunteers and friends, turned out in full force on Monday, May 30, to walk to end hunger by raising money for local food ministries who obtain many of their provisions from Cincinnati's Freestore/Foodbank.

cathedral community

PARISH *Life*

Rejoice with us over the baptism of David Edward Benjamin Strohm, III, on June 5. He is the son of David Strohm, II; grandson of Gina Strohm.

Celebrate with us the confirmation of Joel Miguel Chanvisanuruk and Robert John Vance, III, on the Day of Pentecost, June 12. Bishop Thomas Breidenthal was the officiant.

Wedding Bells: Eric Brown, son of Prince and Elizabeth Brown, married Aby Castro in San Francisco on July 9. Both Eric and Aby previously worked for law firms in

New York City. After the wedding, they moved to Portland, Maine, for a year where Eric will serve as clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals and Aby will work for a nonprofit providing legal services for small business. Eric attended Cincinnati Public Schools, Yale College and Yale Law School.

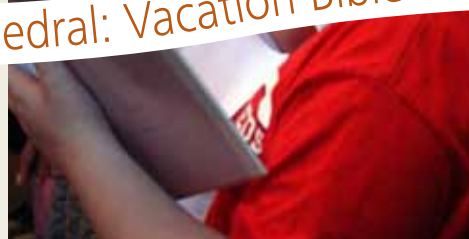
Voice Recital: One of the cathedral choristers, countertenor Daniel Moody, is giving a farewell recital on Sunday, August 7, at 5:00 p.m. at the cathedral. He has been a committed and vibrant contributor to the cathedral's music ministry at Christ Church Cathedral for the past

two years, and is now departing to pursue further studies at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. He will be joined in the performance by special guests Audrey Luna, soprano; Andreas Kirtley, tenor; Sujin Kim, pianist; and Susan Petersen, cello. You are invited to attend. Admission is free; reception follows performance.

Photography Exhibit: One of Constance Sanders's photos, *Fall Overlook*, has been selected for a juried exhibit at Redtree Art Gallery and Coffee Shop, located in Oakley at 3210 Madison Road. The exhibit runs through August 6.



Scene at the cathedral: Vacation Bible School and Choir Camp



Vacation Bible School photos by wangnews.net | Choir Camp photos by David Thomson.

cathedral updates

Strategic Planning Update

Since my last article on the development of a Strategic Plan for Christ Church Cathedral, there has been a huge amount of activity and significant progress. Let me recap:

Why do a Strategic Plan?

There are two reasons we are doing this now:

1) The world for mainline churches (including Episcopal) is changing. We are aging, membership is declining, young adults don't view us as meeting their needs, *etc.* One goal of our plan is to keep us focused on initiatives (old and new) designed to keep us relevant.

2) We are in an interim period and soon will start the search for a new Dean. Before we start the search, it has been discussed and Vestry has agreed that the best way to hire a new Dean is to develop a plan that says who we are and what direction we want to go. We then hire a Dean who has the skills and desire to help us get there. So the strategic plan becomes a key element in doing a successful search.

What has happened?

Earlier this year, the Vestry hired Harry Kangis, a professional consultant who helps organizations develop their strategic plans. Recent local clients include the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Episcopal Retirement Homes, Forward Movement and the Cincinnati Zoo.

A strategic planning team (SPT) was formed. Members include: Prince Brown, Megan Emery, Susan Sargen, David Thomson, Bertie Ray, Sarah Johnson, Lorna Harrell, Kathy Jose, Jane Page-Steiner and Interim Dean Ron DelBene. The two wardens were asked to join *ex-officio*.

Since April, the SPT has held seven meetings, many lasting 4+ hours. Three of these were part of a four-session agenda that our consultant planned. We focused on defining our goal for the next one to three years, developing five strategic choices (where we want to focus our efforts and resources) and developing specific plans (three to five for each strategy) that will help achieve our overall objectives. Plans are projects or initiatives that will bring each strategy to fruition.

Captains were selected for each strategy and they formed teams to further develop each strategy. Part of their effort entailed meeting with members of the congregation active in one of the five strategies, the clergy and the staff. The result of these many meetings was gathering insights and information which proved helpful in further identifying what plans or initiatives we need to act on over the next one to three years.

The result of these numerous (and sometimes lengthy) meetings is that all stakeholders are in agreement on the

direction of the five strategies and the 20+ plans, initiatives and projects we want to act on during the next year.

Having accomplished the above, the SPT met with the Vestry in July and went over our objective statement, each strategic choice and the 20+ plans that have been identified. Vestry is in agreement that we are on the right path.

Next Steps

This led us to the point where we are ready to share where we are with the congregation at large and get your feedback to help further clarify or modify the plans. We have already held one meeting on Sunday, July 24. Over 40 people attended. Our next meeting will be Sunday August 7, at 11:30 in the undercroft. If we need to schedule a third meeting to accommodate the congregation, we will do so.

Conclusion

Over 500 hours, contributed by over 60 individuals, have gone into this process. I truly believe that once the congregation has had the opportunity to learn about and offer feedback on the strategic plan, we will be ready to present to it to the Vestry for final approval and begin the process to (1) implement the plans, initiatives and projects and (2) take the next steps in moving forward on our search for a new Dean.

We, the SPT team, are pleased to be able to present our work to you.

— Chuck Harris, Senior Warden

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calendar

August at the cathedral

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WORSHIP

Holy Communion

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

Evening Prayer

Tuesdays, 4:40 p.m.

Cathedral in the Park

Mount Echo Park
Sunday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

CLASSES

Men's Bible study

Thursdays, 8:00 a.m.

Strategic Planning Update

Sunday, August 7, 11:30 a.m.

CHILDREN

Summer in the City

Vacation Bible School

Sundays, August 7 & 14, 10:00 a.m.

MUSIC & THE ARTS

Cathedral Tour

Sunday, August 7, 11:30 a.m.

Voice Recital

Sunday, August 7, 5:00 p.m.

OUTREACH & SERVICE

5000 Club community suppers

Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral night at the Drop-Inn Center

Mondays, August 8, 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 28, 11:30 a.m.

Fun HIGHLIGHTS IN AUGUST

Vacation Bible School

Sundays, August 7 & 14, 10:00 a.m.
Bring your children for the last two trips to Nazareth, as it was when Jesus was a boy. They will be able to visit his mother Mary, go to the marketplace, eat and have other fun – and be back to Cincinnati and the year 2011 by 11:45 a.m.!



Sunday, August 21 10:00 a.m.

Worship in the beauty of Mt. Echo Park. Enjoy fellowship and a picnic after the service. Sandwiches and water will be provided after the service. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you would like.

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 28, 11:30 a.m.
Join the fun and make your own ice cream treat in the undercroft following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.