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THE HOSPITALITY TEAM

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Mission Statement: The Trinity Cathedral Hospitality Team creates, organizes and supports social hospitality events at Trinity Cathedral.

Hospitality is central to Christianity. The Gospel stories of picnics like loaves and fishes for 5,000; the Passover meal in the Upper Room and the invitation to a meal during which two of Jesus' disciples suddenly recognized him in the breaking of the bread..these and many other stories attest to the importance of hospitality in Christianity.

This hospitality is demonstrated at Trinity through our ushers, greeters and the Dean's welcome at services. It is manifest in the Out Reach ministries where we welcome the hungry and houseless through Safe Ground, Wednesday evening community dinners, Family Promise and many other efforts. We see our hospitality in action through the welcoming people receive for Adult Spiritual Formation events and the Potluck Dinner events that Megan Anderson organizes. We see it exercised in Family Ministry through welcoming events such as the Christmas Pageant in which all the children are invited to participate. We dedicate a staff position to welcoming newcomers.

The Hospitality Team does not oversee any of the above efforts but we support them, especially with seeing that receptions are staffed and the kitchen and equipment are available as needed.

The Hospitality Team focuses its efforts on social hospitality or fellowship. This includes:

- Sunday morning coffee hours
- Receptions for events such as the Speakers' series, Nine Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, the Easter Vigil, ordinations, funeral and memorial services and numerous others.
- The Easter Brunch
- The Parish Dinner
- The Annual Dinner
- The newly created Summer Fest

The Hospitality Team also oversees the Welcome Center and the Kitchen.

"Hospitality," the short name for the team, does not take credit for running all of the events listed above. We seek volunteers from the parish and offer support for many of these events. The Summer Fest was a team effort this year that included participation from the Men's Group, Family Ministries, the Garden ministry and the many clergy and other parishioners who sacrificed themselves to the dunk tank.

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Challenges and issues that seem constant include:

- Having sufficient hosts for the Sunday coffee hours (please sign up!)
- Keeping the kitchen supplied to meet the needs of various groups (we experience losses of utensils, pitchers and dry goods on a regular basis)
- Kitchen maintenance.

The Hospitality Teams meets at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings are open to all parishioners. You are welcome to come for a visit...and stay awhile!

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