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2017

Annual Report

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Annual Meeting
February 11, 2018

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6:40 Dean’s Remarks

7:00 Call to Order and Appointment of Clerk

7:00 Balloting

7:20 Construction Update

7:25 27th Street Plans

7:30 Stewardship

7:40 Financial Report

7:50 Window Appeal

7:55 Senior Warden’s Report
   Bishop Search
   Dean Search

8:05 Dean’s Awards

8:15 Introductions and Election Report
   Retiring Vestry Members
   Newly elected to 2018 Vestry
   Introduction of Senior Warden

8:20 The Blessing and Adjournment
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Annual Meeting  
February 26, 2017


Dinner at 5:30 pm.

Dean Baker led dinner prayer.
The Dean's remarks:

Dean Baker led informal discussion at 6:40 pm.

He spoke about the recent growth in church attendees, young families in particular.

Rev. Kathy Hopner spoke about family and youth ministries.

Dean Baker called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
The vestry clerk is Laurie Moulton

7 slots open for vestry. 7 nominees are available for these slots:
Kirk Bone, Randall Cheek, Mary Hustler, Candace Miller, John Nickols, Thomas Ott, and Elisabeth Padula.

Motion to close nominations - Motion on the floor, seconded, and motion carried.

Diocesan Convention:
11 slots available. Nominees:
Keira Christianson
Nancy Sweet
Sue Clark
Kirk Bone
Gina Schumacher
Jessie Orgambide
Charis Hill
George Henry
John Kraynak

Motion to close nominations - Motion on the floor, seconded, and motion carried.

The Church Strategic Plan
Dean Baker spoke about the church strategic plan.

5 areas were identified as being important by the congregation:
Worship
Inviting
Diversity
Children and Youth
Connections

Strategic Priorities and implementation were reviewed.

Dean Baker spoke about discussion groups and events available during the Lenten season, as well as opportunities for working with other faith communities.
The yoga program that is currently happening on Sunday afternoon, is being moved to Friday evenings.

Dean's address:
The dean is celebrating his 11th year at Trinity Cathedral and looking forward to remaining in the years to come. He encouraged parishioners to join a ministry, pledge, look for new-comers, and get connected on social media.

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Stewardship Report:
Nathan Daily presented the stewardship committee report and thanked stewardship committee members for their service and thanked the parish for their continued support of the Cathedral.

Review of 2017 Stewardship Appeal

Financial Report - Pat Ronne, Treasurer (See handout)

Senior Warden's Address -- Jason Lyons
Jason spoke about lessons learned in running a church, and the importance of the congregation in assisting with this.

Junior Warden's Address--Peter Perera
Peter recognized members of the facilities committee and thanked them for their service. Invited members of the congregation to join this committee and spoke about building improvements that have been made over the past year and goals for 2017.

Dean's Awards - Dean Baker presented Dean’s Award to Ann Rothschild, Karen Hustler, and Dana Chamness.
Outgoing vestry members were thanked by the Dean.

Introduction of Senior Warden--Kirk Bone
Closing prayer by Rev. Lynell Walker
Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Laurie Moulton, Vestry Clerk
This is my twelfth and final annual report for Trinity Cathedral. I would like to begin by reflecting on my entire tenure, and then focus on this final year.

When I arrived in 2006, I experienced a congregation that was working well in all areas: worship, education, youth and family, music, etc. There was a palpable spiritual depth and a generosity of spirit. I was blessed with priest mentors in Canons Winnie Gaines and Grant Carey. Trinity Cathedral was a spectacular place to worship and grow as a Christian. At the same time, the cathedral faced significant challenges. The Cathedral had experienced a decline in attendance for several years. There was a deficit in the annual budget of about $200,000. We also had approval from the city for a new cathedral; the cost of the first phase of this project was estimated at $18 million. The facility was in disrepair.

We laid off some staff in order to align our expenses more closely with our income. Then the recession hit and many parishioners lost income, leading to a reduction in giving. Our budget deficit continued. Fortunately, right when we needed it, we received estate gifts from generous parishioners. Estate gifts have continued to cover our ongoing deficits to this day. To help our long-term financial situation, the vestry adopted a windfall gift policy that requires that a portion of estate gifts go into the endowment. Last year we adopted a long-term financial plan with annual targets for eliminating the drawdown from reserves. Despite these financial challenges, the ministries at Trinity have thrived.

In my 12 years as dean, some of the strong aspects of the ministry remained strong and for the most part, unchanged. Our worship is reverent with strong preaching and excellent music. Our pastor care is better than I have ever seen in any church – largely because of our large cadre of Stephen Ministers. This program has been a cornerstone of the Cathedral for decades. We continue to offer a remarkable array of classes and programs for adults.

We went through a transition in our youth and family ministries when Nancy Tennyson retired. The Rev. Kathy Hopner has brought us a sensitivity toward the challenges contemporary families face. She has shifted some aspects of the program, concentrating experiences on Sunday mornings when it is easier for families to make it to the Cathedral, and giving parents resources to nurture faith development of their children at home. We also added the Rev. Megan Anderson to the staff, strengthening our ability to connect with young adults. I would like to reflect on a few significant events in the life of the Cathedral.

First, the transition to full marriage equality. When marriage became legal in California the first time, Trinity hosted the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson. This significantly raised the profile of the Cathedral among the LGBTQ population in Sacramento and when the Prop 8 fight began, Trinity was poised to take a leadership role as a representative of pro-LGBTQ Christians. I was also given the opportunity to take a leadership role in the Episcopal Church, chairing the Special Committee on Marriage that led the change in our church canons in 2015 which allowed for marriage equality. Not everyone in the Cathedral was comfortable with this change and we lost some members over this issue.

Second, in 2009 Sacramento county eliminated all funding for winter homeless shelter. That winter the
Cathedral responded to an emergency request and began housing and feeding people on evenings when it was particularly rainy and cold. The next winter, Sacramento City and County based their “Winter Sanctuary” program on Trinity’s ministry. Our homeless ministry transitioned from an emergency response to a weekly on-site ministry of dinner and sometimes overnight accommodation.

This marked a significant change in our outreach philosophy. In 2006 the outreach committee spent their time primarily allocating outreach funds to various organization. Now the outreach committee coordinates ministries carried out by members on and off campus.

In 2017, the clergy developed a rule of life to help us maintain our spiritual grounding in a world that seems be losing its moorings. The Rule of Life invites us to take on four commitments: connect (to God) daily, practice community (weekly,) do justice and stay loving. These four practices continue to shape our community life together.

In 2017 we began a study of racism using Jim Wallis’ book America’s Original Sin. When we finished the study, there was strong interest in intentionally partnering with predominantly African American congregations. On February 26 we will be hosting an event where Trinity members will be invited to join predominantly African American congregations in the social justice work. This is a great opportunity for us to create relationships that can counter the divisiveness in our culture.

We will be launching a new program to help us bridge divisions between “red” and “blue” members of the Cathedral through a program called Better Angels.

Finally, our staff continues to transition. To decrease our expenditures, we have eliminated several part-time positions. Last year we eliminated the Facility Manager’s position held by Dana Chamness. This year we are eliminating the positions of Communications Coordinator (Wendy Mustain,) Kitchen Manager (Ken Hearne,) and the Director of Adult Spiritual Formation (the Rev. Pamela Anderson.) These decisions are never easy. Each of these persons have been a cherished part of our community and have led us in important ways. They will be dearly missed.

The Rev. Kathy Hopner is moving to part-time so she can spend more time with her husband Vic who is now retired. The Rev. Megan Anderson will take on overall responsibility for spiritual formation from cradle to grave. Kathy will help with the youth and children. We are looking at other staffing needs as we make this change in our spiritual formation program.

I am thrilled that Kirk Bone has agreed to serve as Senior Warden during this time of transition. We have a strong group of continuing vestry members and an excellent slate of candidates for the Vestry going forward. I am confident in the leadership and the positive energy in the Cathedral as we move into a new future.

My time as Dean of Trinity Cathedral has been an absolute blessing. I will look back on this time as the pinnacle of my career as a priest and I will always be grateful for your partnership in ministry.
Pledges and Amounts since 2013

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60 new pledges and 274 renewed pledges.

* Compares current progress to last year at the Annual Meeting.
# Compares current progress to 2017 at Year End total.
I am currently serving Trinity Cathedral as her Canon Pastor. I have two primary areas of responsibility at the Cathedral: Worship and Pastoral Care. Worship involves preparation of the liturgies at the Cathedral – both Sundays and special events (like ordinations). Ministries under this category include setting the rota for preaching and celebrating the Eucharist, acolytes, vergers, flowers, altar guild, bread bakers, lay worship leaders, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, prayers of the people, transept healing ministry and wedding coordinators. While I have oversight over these areas, the details are handled by a wonderful ministry team which includes Canon David Link, Sue Clark, Kathy Twibell, Elizabeth Kenealey, Susan Hotchkiss, Kevin Donohue, Jennifer Bianchi, Jackie McGrath, Bob Giess and Brian Kempston, Jay Elmquist, Anne Arthur, Kathy Hopner, Loren Weatherly and Mary Lou Johnson, and Mary Smith. And each of them has a wonderful cadre of volunteers who help carry out their various ministries.

Trinity’s regular clergy staff is wondrously enhanced by the many non-stipendiary priests and deacons that assist in such generous ways. They include Anne Arthur, Robert Blumenstock, Tina Campbell, Art Lillicrapp, Bob Phillippi, Peter Rodgers and Jesse Vaughan. Rev. Grant Bakewell is currently doing his diaconal training and the Cathedral. We are also blessed with a new seminarian: Karen Lawler. Their faithful ministries allow the Cathedral to offer four services on Sunday morning and weekday services of holy communion and healing every weekday of the year.

The Pastoral Care piece of my work at the Cathedral involves oversight over the Stephen Ministry Program and the Lay Hospital Chaplains. Lucia Hicks, Susan Wilson and Cherie Chamness along with other leaders train and facilitate new Stephen Ministers as well as the peer support groups for those in ongoing lay pastoral care ministries. Jennifer Bianchi leads the Transept Prayer program and trains volunteers to pray for those in our community in need of healing.

In 2016 I was able to use my background in accounting to assist the Finance Committee in providing oversight on the expense side of the budget. I will continue in that role for 2018 as well. This past summer I also stood in for Dean Baker while he completed his sabbatical. It was also during this summer that we began the project of repairing the plumbing and replacing the floor in the Great Hall.

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The highpoint of my work at the Cathedral is not in the oversight, but in seeing so many people recognize their gifts for such a variety of ministries and their willingness to share them with the larger Church. Each Sunday, as an example, we are witnesses to the poets and liturgists among us who take time to write the “Prayers of the People”. Teams of people come in each weekend to adorn the church with flowers and soon Lenten “greens” for the glory of God. Choirs and musicians make glad the hearts of God’s people. There are others who are home baking bread, scoring it carefully in quarters, that Christ’s body might be broken and known to us in ways that we can catch. People who are homebound are not forgotten, people in rough situations have companions, young people reverently tend the altar, people are greeted and made to feel welcome, and the scriptures are thoughtfully and mindfully proclaimed.

I could not do the work I do without the support of Pat (Park), my dear, dear wife. She is generous in sharing me to manage the unexpected emergency room calls as well as the many meetings at night. I cherish the time we have together and look forward to some down time over the summer months.

Trinity Cathedral is a remarkable place. I came as a seminarian in 1994 and have remained here throughout my ministry. I am deeply grateful to you all for the joy that this place brings on a daily basis. May we continue to grow in faith and reach out to those who long to find a place of welcome and grace.

Blessings,

Lynell+
The Rev. Canon Lynell Walker+
It is hard to believe that this is my fifth Annual Report for fresh Expressions at Trinity Cathedral. 2017 was an amazing year to be involved in the life and ministry of this community. In addition to the ministries reported on below, I have also had the incredible opportunity of working on the Youth Ministries team with Rev. Kathy Hopner. On this team, I partner to host youth group meetings and lock-ins, teach Sunday School and Confirmation classes, and accompany youth and leaders on a week-long mission trip and other days of service. Additionally, I work heavily with our Wedding Coordinators to coordinate all Trinity Wedding requests. I counsel and officiate services for many couples who choose Trinity as their Wedding venue. Through this ministry I have had the incredible opportunity to work with young couples and connect them with the community and ministry here.

After offering monthly large group services for 4 years, this fall I worked with the Potluck Dinner Church Ministry to spread the experience and spirit of these gatherings through the formation of small groups. These 8 new groups met throughout the fall for food and deeper community formation.

In efforts to support these small groups and other Trinity ministry leaders, Rev. Kathy and I partnered to host monthly “Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter” gatherings. These trainings drew over 50 regularly engaged participants throughout the fall. In efforts to nurture leaders and cultivate deeper community, we will continue to offer these monthly gatherings. While I have had the privilege of training in many leadership and facilitation methods, I use my Art of Hosting practice the most. This can be a powerful practice for you whether you are looking to be more present to yourself, your family, or your community. I hope that you will consider joining us for upcoming gatherings!

I launched Yoga in the Cathedral in the fall of 2016 as a way for people to explore movement and spiritual practice in our beautiful sanctuary. I am happy to report that we offered free yoga on Sunday afternoons throughout 2017 that drew over 100 different parishioners and community members. The spring series was offered by a volunteer rotation of teachers, and the fall series was offered by Judi Moreno from Solfire Yoga on J Street. In efforts to continue offering opportunities for people to explore spiritual practices through movement, I am organizing a series of free group exercise classes that will be offered on Sunday afternoons in Lent at a studio a few blocks away. This will be a great opportunity to experience a variety of movement while hearing from leaders about how they experience movement as a spiritual practice. Watch the E-News for details coming out soon.

In addition to the yoga series, I offered several classes on body/mind/ and spirit wellness. For Lent 2017, I lead a meditation experience through a weekly Facebook live broadcast. In the summer I hosted meditation gatherings during the Sunday morning adult education hour at Trinity. In the fall I led two groups on
nutrition and self-care as a spiritual practice. The first was a Sunday morning adult education class that looked at self-care in the context of biblical narrative and liturgical practices. The second offering was a community Whole30 group that met weekly on Sunday afternoons. The Whole30 program focuses on buying, cooking, and preparing healthy whole foods for 30 days. As a program veteran and a holistic nutrition student, I lead a group of 8 (including Becky Barbrow, a former young adult parishioner who now lives in Chicago. She video conferenced in to be with us every week). By popular demand, I will offer another Whole30 group and another weekly meditation series on Facebook live for Lent. Over 20 people are signed up for the Lent Whole30 already. Spaces are still available if you are interested.

Five years ago I bought the Episcopal Church-wide Ashes-to-Go movement to Trinity. Each Ash Wednesday a team of lay people and clergy from Trinity and St. Paul's offers "Ashes-to-Go," a new approach to a centuries-old Christian tradition, throughout the day at various public places in Sacramento including outside both churches, at the Rapid Transit Station, and in Caesar Chavez Park. Each year our team, outreach, and sites have grown immensely. In 2014 I launched the program with 8 ashes ministers, and in the following years we doubled that with 16. In 2016, a representative from Rio Vista joined us so that she could bring the ministry to Rio Vista in 2017. I am excited to offer Ashes-to-Go again in just 3 days. This year we welcome back many returning ministers, while also welcoming 5 new leaders. Our team joins a nationwide movement that has clergy and lay people visiting transit stops, street corners, coffee shops, and college campuses to mark the foreheads of interested passers-by with ashes and invite them to repent of past wrongdoing and seek forgiveness and renewal.

On Good Friday Rev. Kathy Hopner and I led the fourth annual Stations of the City liturgy. This service blends elements of Stations of the Cross with elements of contemporary city living. Stations of the Cross originated as a way in which Christians could take a sort of pilgrimage journey reflecting on the last moments of Jesus' life. On Good Friday we shared the story of Jesus' last hours while walking to sites in need of justice work such as River City, the hospital, and the RT station. Powerful reflections were offered at each site by lay people and clergy. Our pilgrimage of over a dozen members attracted more participants from our walk around the community. I am looking forward to continuing this tradition again this Good Friday.

It has been a great joy to serve in these ways and more at Trinity. I am grateful for this community and I look forward to what 2018 has in store!

Blessings,
Megan+
Our Family Ministry program, which serves over 130 children, youth, and their families, includes the following:

Sunday School, taught by our amazing Sunday School teaching teams, offers classes for all students from preschool through high school. Due to the construction in the Great Hall, we combined the Godly Play and Preschool class for the 2017-2018 school year. We have added five new teachers this year!

Children’s Chapel is held every Sunday. After the Gospel reading, we gather to sing, pray, explore a gospel story, and do a simple craft. Children’s Chapel allows children to engage more deeply in our faith stories and practices using developmentally appropriate activities.

Our First Sunday Family Service with art and brunch is held the first Sunday of each month in the Great Hall at 9:00 am. This interactive service is designed for children and families; we welcome children as full members and participants in this service. Elie Wu, Rachel Henne-Wu, Desmond Muhlhauser, and Jack Tzimenatos are the musicians and song leaders for these services. Following the service we share a simple kid friendly brunch, and join in a variety of art activities which invite us to explore the gospel story or season of the church year. This time and space also gives families time to talk and get to know one another. Come and see the wonderful art we make!

Through the care of our amazing nursery teachers, The Nursery offers a place to explore and play for Trinity’s youngest members! The Nursery is one of the first places new families visit at Trinity; we are blessed to have this beautiful space to offer them.

Our Moms, Pops, and Tots program, which also enjoys the nursery every Wednesday morning from 10 am to 11:30, has been on hiatus much of this year due to construction at Trinity and the building of the new B Street Theatre. We hope to reopen this soon.

Parenting is the most challenging and rewarding work many of us ever do! Parenting Matters meets on the third Sunday of each month during the school year from 10:15 – 11:15. We explore questions, concerns, and issues about parenting, faith, and families, and share the joys and challenges of raising kids.

Special Events: Throughout the year, we offered a variety of activities which invited children, youth and families to grow in faith and community: In August we marked the beginning of school with the Blessing of the Backpacks. We celebrated All Hallows’ Eve and All Souls Day with our Family Pumpkin event, held on a Sunday this year due to construction. On All Saints Day we filled the Great Hall with our saint banners, and made crafts to remind us of the saints in our lives. Advent began with making Advent wreaths and our O

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Antiphon banners. St. Nicholas himself highlighted our St. Nicholas Sunday Family Service in December, which we followed with Advent crafts and brunch! On Christmas Eve we shared our pageants with over 600 people at the 3:00 and 5:00 services, and included over 60 participants! Our narrators and actors ranged from high schoolers to one month old Ava, our baby Jesus – many, many thanks to them and their families for the amazing work they all did!

On the Sunday before Lent, we hid our Alleluias in church, and on Shrove Tuesday we enjoyed the Pancake Supper. During Holy Week, we had a special Maundy Thursday Service for children and families, and on Easter Saturday held our wonderful Eggstravaganza with a pancake breakfast, Easter crafts, and Easter Egg hunt. On Easter Sunday our Alleluias rose again, and at the end of the 50 days of Easter, we celebrated Pentecost with piñatas. In August we held two weeks of Vacation Bible School with St. Michael’s Episcopal Church. We had an amazing week; over 40 children from several Episcopal churches and the surrounding neighborhood joined us. It was made possible with the help of youth from St. Michael’s and Trinity!

Episcopal Youth Fellowship
Episcopal Youth Fellowship welcomes young people in grades 6th – 12th, who gather as a community to learn, serve, and have fun. Rev. Megan Anderson, Hannah Boggs – our Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network intern for 2017 and 2018, and I share leadership for this ministry.

This has been a very busy year for EYF! We have continued working with River City Food Bank; we’re very excited about their new site at St. Matthew’s Center serving large low income and immigrant populations! We held a Lock-In during diocesan convention. We were joined by youth from throughout the diocese; Alex Leach again gave an amazing workshop on nonviolent communication. We went to the movies, held our HUGS drive, and participated in Nightwatch at Grace Cathedral with members of our youth network. Watching the early morning sun come through the stained glass windows was an amazing experience!

Mission trip: In the summer of 2017 we joined the diocesan pilgrimage program, Pathways: Journey to Reconciliation, to explore issues around racial reconciliation and environmental justice – two of the most important issues facing the church, and the focus of the work of the House of Bishops. As we traveled to the Central Valley and Yosemite National Park, we explored water, farming, food, and the path to justice while listening to the prophetic voices of John Muir and César Chavez. It was an amazing, transformative week, and we are looking forward to continuing this work again this summer.

Confirmation: Six of our youth participated in our confirmation program this year and were confirmed at the Easter Vigil. One of the highlights of this program is our trip to San Francisco to visit St. Gregory of Nyssa Church and Grace Cathedral. Grace and St. Gregory are very different from Trinity; their hospitality provides us with a profound opportunity to appreciate the diversity and breadth of the Episcopal Church.
Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network (L.E.V.N.) Over the last five years, Trinity has supported the LEVN program as a part time job placement site for one of their volunteers. We provide training in work with children and youth as the young adults explore vocations for their future. This year’s LEVN volunteer is Hannah Boggs, joining us from Indiana. Hannah has experience working with youth and young adults, and hopes to attend seminary next year.

Over the past year, I have also had the opportunity to provide baptismal preparation for a number of our families, serve on the Camp Noel Porter board and the Diocesan Youth Task Force.

Many, many people – more than I could mention - make this ministry possible: our Sunday School teachers, aides and substitutes, Gladys Hustler, all the youth who help in Children’s Chapel, our dedicated nursery staff, Rick Kenealey, Ellie Wu, Ethan Wu, Rachel Henne-Wu, and all our musicians, the Men’s Group, Sue Clark, Chris Sanft, and the altar guild, Kathy Twibel and the flower committee, Randy Cheek – our venerable and amazing St. Nicholas, Bob Geiss, and all those who make our special events possible. I am very grateful to all of you, and most especially to our parents who have been so supportive of all our ministries - you all make this possible! It is such a joy to serve here at Trinity – thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Kathy Hopner
What another great and inspiring year we had for Adult Ministries in 2017. I am consistently awe inspired by the talent that we have in our congregation and the depth to which people want to learn.

Here are the highlights:

**Thursday Night at the Cathedral** had the following classes (listed is the name of the class and then the facilitator(s):

- Gnostic Gospels – Susan Hotchkiss
- Richard Rohr Study – Dennis Hock, Eileen Harvey, Bruce Roy & Kay Skonieczny
- Baptismal Covenant – Pamela Anderson, Brian Baker, Joy Johnson, Ustadh Ayman Mohamed, Shireen Miles, Gabby Trejo
- Healthy Food Healthy Life – Cathie Anderson
- Immigration 101 – Steve Skiffington, Dennis Hock, Gabby Trejo, Shireen Miles
- Prodigal son with Art – Kelly Mieske
- America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and a Bridge to a New America - Brian Baker & Pamela Anderson
- The Protestants are Revolting! – Morey Lloyd
- Advent Writing Workshop – Pamela Anderson & Bruce Roy
- An Advent Garden – Susan Bush & team
- Charlie Brown Christmas special
- Understanding the Enneagram – Jay Elmquist & Pamela Anderson
- Pastrix by Nadia Bolz-Weber – Brian Baker & Pamela Anderson
- Special Music – Ugandan Children’s Choir “I Am Family”

**Lenten small groups:**

During Lent, we invited the congregation and community to adopt a rule of life. Rules of Life are common in monastic communities. They consist of a set of commitments that members of a community pledge to follow.

Our Rule of Life for the Trinity season of Lent had four components:

1. Connect Daily: Commit to a daily spiritual practice
2. Stay Loving: Respect the Dignity of every human being
3. Practice Community: Worship and study together
4. Do Justice: Strive for justice and peace in the world

Secondly, we focused our preaching and teaching on the Baptismal Covenant which consisted of the following questions. 14 different Adult small groups participated in a 5 week series that focused on the following questions:

- Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**Lunch Bunch**

Everything Belongs – Kay Skonieczny
Baptismal Covenant Conversation – Pamela Anderson
Adult Spiritual Formation
The Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

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Trinity 101: The Soul of Creation (Richard Rohr webcast)
Toxic Charity – Eileen Harvey-Qualset
Hillbilly Elegy – Pamela Anderson
Advent Poems, Prayers and Paintings – Pamela Anderson

Sunday Mornings Adult Spiritual Formation
Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer: Led by Tina Campbell & Lynell Walker
Baptismal Covenant Conversation – Brian Baker & Pamela Anderson
Holy Health and Wellness Practices – Megan Anderson
An Advent Adventure – Morey Lloyd
Poor People’s Campaign – Pamela Anderson, Shireen Miles & Shane Livigne

Sunday Morning Journey
Amy Dierlam led regular classes with varying components of prayer, meditation, guest speakers such as Melanie Moulton who discussed “Food as a Spiritual Practice”. Additionally, Amy led curriculum based studies throughout the year such as the Living Compass Advent booklet- Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.

Women’s Retreat
The annual women's retreat was held April 29-May 1, 2016 at Mercy Center Auburn. The theme was “Going to the Center.” We looked at ways that we could spiritually go to the center through different workshops: Taize music, tai chi, stations of the cross, writing, art and the labyrinth. There were 25 participants who stayed the full weekend and 8 participants who came up for the Saturday program. The evaluations for the weekend were extremely positive.

Voices of Faith
Donna Arellano – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
Canon David Link – The music of Herbert Howells
Susan Hotchkiss – Women of the Protestant Reformation
Wanda Arnold- the Long Silence
Immigration – Lawyers Julie Montgomery-Ott, Mona Tawatao & Sarah Torres
Bruce Roy & Derek Murray – Poems, Prayers & Promises: the Music of Our Lives
Al Gore’s Ted Talk – facilitated by TREE (Trinity Respecting Earth and Environment)
2017 Goldman Environmental Prize Award Videos – facilitated by TREE
Guatemala Water Projects – facilitated by Ethan Casaday & TREE

Journey with Jesus
The Journey with Jesus formation group (catechumenate) culminated on Easter Vigil with the baptisms of Michael Coleman and Terry Gilmete. Additionally, the Journey with Jesus formation group culminated on Easter Vigil with the confirmation, reception or reaffirmation in faith for: Michael Coleman, Terry Gilmete and Jeff Edwards.

Small Group Bible Study
Kelly Mieske led weekly Bible studies on Sunday afternoons using a teaching style called lexio divina.

Speakers
Valve Turners (4 environmental activists) – Putting Our Lives on the Line for our Climate Emergency

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Rev. Dr. Shauna Hannan, Lutheran Seminary Professor in Berkeley – “Hospitality: an Old Practice for a New Era.”

Matthew Fox & Javier Lemus: “Earth Day Everyday: A Conversation of Art and Spirituality” (Javier’s art work hung in the Cathedral and Matthew Fox preached on Earth Day)

Thomas Merton film screening - Morgan Atkinson documentary film maker

Dream Workshop – Peter Fritsch all the way from Budapest, Hungary

Conversations on Race – Nell Braxton Gibson, author

Conversations on Race – Joseph E. Marshall, author

Nadia Bolz-Weber to come February 23, 2018 with over 300 tickets sold so far.

**Fellowship Groups**

In the Fall we offered new Fellowship Groups to create community. (The ones that are marked have chosen to continue and are still active.) They are as follows:

- Trivia at Track 7 with Marc and Pamela Anderson
- Tuesday Morning Group with Susan Hotchkiss
- Healing and Prayer with Ted and Elba White
- Hiking Group with Amy Dierlam & Jackie McGrath
- Women’s Breakfast with Susan Bush

**Tuesday Morning Group**

Susan Hotchkiss led this group as a continuation of the fellowship groups from 2016. She led such conversations on the Book of Psalms, the Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong, etc.

**Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) Service**

Trinity Cathedral hosted the annual TDOR service on November 19. This is the time when we remember all those in the transgender community who have been murdered around the world from the previous year. They are named and remembered. In 2016, 96 names were read. In 2017, 163 names were read. It is clear that Trinity is an important hub for the transgender community to come together and find healing.

**Men’s Group**

The Men’s Group met on the 2nd Saturday of every month for breakfast and a group meeting with the exception of some Saturdays due to construction in the Great Hall. They hosted the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner, hosted the Easter breakfast, assisted with the Hanging of the Greens, helped with Floyd School activities, assisted with the clearing out of the Great Hall for repair, etc. The Men’s Group also held a Men’s Conference at St. Augustine’s of Canterbury this past September with a large turnout.

**On Going Programs**

One Bodhi Tree Buddhist Meditation Wednesdays with Sam Mieske.

Writing Group with June Gillham on Thursday afternoons

Trinity Respecting Earth and Environment (TREE)

Daughters of the King

Adult Ministries Appreciation held the first Sunday in May

**Adult Spiritual Formation Team**

The Adult Ministries Formation team for 2017 consisted of Bruce Roy, Kelly Mieske, Eileen Harvey, Dennis Hock, Derek Murray, and Jay Elmquist. Thank you all for your faithful service and dedicated commitment to strengthening the Adult Ministries program at Trinity Cathedral.
Adult Spiritual Formation

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Thank you to Donna Howard, Kevin Sanders, Marion Welch and our kitchen team for cooking our incredible TNAC dinners.

And thank you to our amazing custodial staff with whom they make everything run so smoothly!

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Adult Spiritual Formation Director

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Education for Ministry (EfM)

Submitted by Susan Hotchkiss

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. The EfM program developers at the School of Theology of the University of the South believe that the foundation for bringing Christ to the world lies in a Church empowered by an active, theologically articulate laity. In the EfM group, participants encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

The EfM groups work under the leadership of mentors who have attended training and have been accredited by EfM program staff. Mentors are not expected to impart information about the Christian tradition. Instead, EfM mentors serve as guides and administrators. The mentors in 2017-2018 were Pat Ronne and Susan Hotchkiss.

The participant registration fee is $375 per year. Trinity Cathedral EfM alumni and parishioners have created a scholarship fund for those who need assistance. The EfM group at Trinity Cathedral currently meets every Sunday afternoon from September through June. Each year, Trinity Cathedral hosts the EfM graduation service for all EfM graduates in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

Are you interested in joining an EfM group? See http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm, or contact Clergy Advisor Rev. Megan Anderson, at megan@trinitycathedral.org.
Newcomers Report for 2017

The Newcomers Group met almost every Sunday in 2017. We had many visitors and Newcomers join us. We were glad and had fun meeting new people who came to Trinity to visit Sacramento, relatives and friends and came to Trinity Cathedral as well. We gave away lots of gift bags and we presented lots of Membership Certificates to many people who completed the Newcomers series. It was great to meet visitors and others who were new to Trinity. We went to Dean Baker’s home many times during 2017. Everyone enjoys the special time we have with our Dean.

Many Newcomers found ministries at Trinity in 2017. All the way from ushering to chalice bearing and hospitality, including feeding and caring for the homeless, right here at Trinity Cathedral. You are always welcome to find your own ministry at Trinity. If you need help we would be glad to assist you.

The Newcomers Group continues to meet at 10:15 AM in Room C each Sunday morning. We talk about lots of things at Newcomers and usually learn something new. Everyone is welcome to join the Newcomers Group. Even if you are a long time Episcopalian or brand new to Trinity you will enjoy meeting Newcomers and others at Trinity in the Newcomers Group.

Randie Strike
Newcomer / Volunteer Coordinator
In 2018 the hospitality committee is rebuilding and in need of new members and volunteers for special events. Through our Floyd School program championed by Nancy Tennyson we became aware of Ken Hearne who assists Thomas Bush on Sunday mornings. Ken makes coffee and cleans up following Sunday morning services. He has earned the reputation of someone who keeps our kitchen facilities clean and in order.

Elizabeth Pierce (Betsey), our Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Coordinator is a volunteer. She oversees the tables Thomas Bush, a favorite janitor, sets up before 7:30 for our coffee hours. Betsey remains to assist other volunteers who plate and service coffee hour snacks. We deeply appreciate all of the graceful and hardworking hands that help each week.

One Sunday morning there were no goodies to plate or serve at one coffee hour. Fortunately, this was an abnormality but serves to remind us that hospitality is everyone’s responsibility. We continue to need you to bring cheese, crackers, donuts, cookies and other goodies one Sunday each month.

Special events requiring kitchen facilities are the domain of the hospitality committee. They include Ordinations, Memorial Services, Christmas Eve services, the Easter Vigil, Easter Brunch, the Festival of Lessons and Carols, Blessing of the Animals and Education for Ministry (EFM) graduation services. All of these events and a few others need volunteers to set up tables, to bring food, to plate food and to offer directions to visitors.

The Flower Committee works closely with hospitality to furnish beautiful floral arrangements for prearranged hospitality functions. If you attended our Transitional Diaconate Ordination services January 20th you witnessed the outstanding presentation of food and floral arrangements for this event. Christmas Eve services also highlighted the skills and expertise of our volunteers.

We serve pie following our 4th of July service and always ask those of you in attendance to bring a pie. Vic’s Ice Cream has been kind enough to supply the ice cream we serve with the pie but we need volunteers to cut and plate the pie and to scoop the ice cream. As you can see, The Hospitality Committee offers you many opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

In conclusion, we want to thank all of you for making Trinity a welcoming and loving place to worship. We continue to covet your ideas and participation. We are particularly in need of a Special Events Coordinator and people with expertise in food preparation. Hospitality meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm upstairs in the assembly area in Room J.
Cathedral Bookshop
Cherie Chamness, Bookshop Manager

The Cathedral Bookshop continued to serve our congregation, our diocese and the Sacramento community offering books, religious jewelry, decorative items and gifts. However, our service area has not been confined to Sacramento! We have “taken the bookshop on the road” several times attending clergy conferences and conventions in nearby dioceses. That, together with our thriving mail order clientele, makes us a valuable resource throughout Northern California!

I am very grateful for our faithful volunteers whose dedication and hard work make the Cathedral Bookshop a wonderful success.

Tina Campbell
Matt and Ruth Fitch, Off-site Meetings
Lorna Griess
Harlan King
Mark Lacher
Kathleen Montgomery
Candace Miller
Mary Myrick
Kevin Sanders
Chris Sanft, Technical Support
Sandy Thompson
Susan Wilson, Bookkeeper
Vaughn Wolff

Outreach
Community Dinner
Submitted by Loren Weatherly

Trinity Cathedral’s Community Dinner ministry welcomes all who are hungry, lonely, need companionship, or need shelter for a few hours. Our guests enjoyed a light meal, off the streets, in a safe place, the Great Hall at Trinity Cathedral. Community Dinners are served between 6 pm and 7 pm on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday monthly. The women and men who are our guests for Community Dinners are our sisters and brothers and God is in them. We who volunteer do so because we believe this is what Jesus would have us do. All are children of God, made in his image. Volunteers provide and prepare and serve the meal, and may work as many dinners, or as few, as their schedule allows. There are many opportunities to help. A team captain, the designated representative of Trinity Cathedral for the evening, is in charge of all aspects of the dinner. Our team captains in 2017 were Sue Clark, Lyle Gramling, Donna Howard, Constance Rubio, Loren Weatherly and alternate, John Kraynak.

All are welcome to volunteer. Volunteers love to talk about these ministries, and we always welcome new volunteers. Please join us. Contact LyleGramling@gmail.com, Loren.Weatherly@gmail.com, Randie.Trinity@gmail.com, or any of our team captains, and we will help you get involved. We are so richly blessed by our Community Dinner ministry! We grow and live our faith, the communities we serve grow, and the volunteers live and grow with us all. God is good.
The Pilgrimage Sacramento program had a very busy year in 2017. After five months of running the dinners and overnight events without a hiccup, we suddenly had to face the demolition and reconstruction of the Great Hall and Kitchen. Taking a hiatus of service was never an option for the all volunteer team, so we had to come up with an alternative plan to continue serving our hungry and homeless neighbors. After some brainstorming and good old fashioned prayer, a plan was devised to partner with First Baptist Church Sacramento to keep our part of this city-wide ministry alive during this time of transition on our campus. This turned out to be a win-win situation for all as they had a great kitchen and facility, yet not enough man power or experience to pull off such a large effort. A large volunteer base and ministry experience were something we could easily offer and relocate to their campus, just four blocks down the street. We were able to model with them and demonstrate just how valuable this ministry is and hopefully launch them as an additional host site in the future. This arrangement worked well for everyone involved until FBCS experienced their own plumbing issues and we were left to make other arrangements until our own facility was made available again.

Kevin Donohue, Donna Howard and the tireless outreach volunteers jumped into action and came up with burger cookouts, meatball-sub dinners and even our first ever six-course "to-go Thanksgiving Dinner feast," complete with home roasted turkeys and all homemade sides. Again, not offering our traditional turkey dinner was never an option for this team. While we were unable to offer these guests overnight accommodations, they experienced the love and dedication that Trinity Cathedral is known for. Giving our guests a hot, nutritional and often locally sourced meal, in a safe and warm environment is always the priority for this group. I am constantly in awe and overwhelmed with pride as I watch this ministry team in action.

December brought us a new opportunity as we merged our Pilgrimage Sacramento program with the county-wide Winter Sanctuary model, hosting two events. This expanded program under the same umbrella organization, First Step Communities, offers dinner and shelter EVERY night from December through April 1st at one of 35 participating churches or organizations. We will be hosting two more dinner/overnight events in March (14th and 21st), in the recently completed Great Hall. We will resume serving under the Pilgrimage Sacramento model in April. If you would like to participate in this exciting and rewarding ministry please contact John Kraynak at jjkinlaca@gmail.com or Jessie Orgambide at jesse@trinitycathedral.org.

Fun Fact: Trinity Cathedral offers these dinners through the generous support of the congregation. Every effort is made to keep the costs low while maintaining our usual high standards of nutrition and taste. In 2016 we served over 1,300 guests at this monthly meal at a cost of $2,425. That averages out to less than $2.00 per guest. Unbelievable.
Trinity Cathedral has been serving Floyd School (previously Jedediah Smith) since 2001. Floyd is located at 1401 McClatchy Way, Sacramento. The name of the school was changed in September of 2012 to Leataata Floyd Elementary School. To date we have sent volunteers to help in classrooms, the writing project, the office, the school garden, the Back Snack and Clothes Closet programs as well as Secret Pals.

Our Clothes Closet project is going well. In 2017 we served 41 families, with some families coming seven or eight times to get clothing for their children. Not only does the Clothes Closet serve the families and children, it is a resource for the Floyd Staff. The closet helps when the children get wet and muddy in the winter months, when teachers notice that students do not have warm jackets or other articles of clothing, when younger students have accidents, or when students wear clothing that does not follow the dress code. The Clothes Closet is open to the Floyd community on the fourth Friday of the month. We focus mostly on children’s and baby clothing especially, boys pants sizes 5, 6 and 7, socks and underwear (most often asked for). Thank you to all who donate gently used clothing for this project. We are always needing more. Special thanks to Ann Hall and Josephine Hein for chairing this valuable resource at Floyd School.

Back Snacks
We are serving about 15 families, which is about 80 to 100 people, each week with snacks to see them through the weekend. With the help of many volunteers and many parishioners who donate food and give financially to the program we are able to sustain it. The River City Food Bank provides bread for our project as well as other food items from time to time. Each Friday afternoon 1-2 volunteers go to the school to pack up the backpacks for the families and pass them out. We continually need peanut butter, oatmeal packets, macaroni and cheese boxes, Raman soup, fruit cups, and granola bars. Special thanks to Ruth and Matt Fitch, Susan Bush, Ann Hall, Josephine Hein Georgiana Pfost, Dale Reinhard for helping with this project.

Welcome Back to School Tunnel
This year a group of us met at the school at 8:15 am on the first day of school. We formed a tunnel and welcomed the students back to school with high fives, and applause. Some children were a little shy at first and walked through the tunnel timidly others came through a first and second time and loved it. Some of the Floyd Staff City Year volunteers joined in and it was great fun. We wanted to send a message that school and learning are important and we care that you, the students, are coming to school.

Trips for Kids
Our second annual Trips for Kids Benefit Auction and Dinner on February 3 raised over $12,000 to assist students at Floyd school go on field trips by paying for buses and admissions. The students went on trips to the Capitol, the Sacramento Ballet, the Sacramento Zoo, the Crocker Art Gallery and Effie Yaw Nature Center. All had fun time at the dinner and auction.

Secret Pals
Since Floyd School does not have a PTA, and we know that working in a 100% poverty school is a challenge.
for the staff, Trinity Cathedral supports the staff with the Secret Pal Program. In September staff members fill out a form to tell about themselves. It includes, birthday, favorite authors, cookies, sports teams and hobbies. Then each staff member is matched with a parishioner who signs up to be a Secret Pal. The Secret Pal sends notes of encouragement, (there are some really hard days) and small gifts or remembrances each month to cheer them up. At the end of the school year we have a luncheon at Trinity where Secret Pals and staff members meet. Special thanks to Mary Hustler for chairing this program.

We also had a Teacher Appreciation TGIF Fiesta for the teachers at the Tennyson home in May. We had authentic Mexican food and drink. Fun was had by all.

**Mother’s Day Gift Shop**
All of the children in the school were given gift bags to decorate for their mothers. Then the Friday before Mothers Day, the Mother’s Day Gift Shop opens at the school. Each child selects a gift for his or her mother and Trinity volunteers help wrap the gift to put in the bag for Mother’s Day. Special thanks Curves Gym on Folsom Blvd. for donating items for the shop. This year we held the Mother’s Day Shop in Memory of Cleo Wipff, who had sponsored this very special event for the children. Thank you and Blessings Cleo. It is always touching to see how carefully the children select something for their mother.

**Holiday Projects**
This year our committee sponsored a Christmas Shop for parents to select for toys for their children. We were able to provide 40 families, with gifts which included about 125 children. Parents were able to select the gift and a wonderful group of volunteers helped wrap and tag the gifts. Thank you to all who donated toys for this event.

As a Christmas gift to each child in the school we collected items for Christmas bags. With donations from the congregation we were able to buy 350 books, Christmas glasses, socks, candy and pencils. Other items that were donated: toothbrushes and toothpaste donated from the California Dental Association, The Sunday School classes and some individuals decorated the bags and the congregation helped fill the bags. On December 23 a group delivered the bags to the classrooms at school. Volunteers from Trinity plus Santa and his Elves helped deliver the bags to each child in each class at Floyd Elementary School. It is always a rewarding experience to see the bright faces as they open their gift bags. Thank you to Margo and Gil Hayes for purchasing the candy for the bags and Gladys Hustler for preparing materials and decorating some of the bags. A big Thank You to Marion Welch, Liz Padula and Josephine Hein for buying the books and to Marion Welch for co-coordinating the Christmas bag project.

The Floyd School Project has been well supported by Trinity Cathedral. Some of our volunteers have persuaded other groups to help with this project. To all who contribute items, time, talents, skills and money, Blessings and Thank You!

**Canon Nancy Tennyson**
Outreach

Trinity Respecting Earth & Environment (TREE)
Submitted by Ann Rothschild, Chair

TREE provides leadership in raising the consciousness of members of Trinity Cathedral regarding the need to care for God’s creation and the earth’s environment. We work towards protecting the earth’s ecosystems, safeguarding public health, and ensuring sustainability in harvesting the earth’s resources.

TREE meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6.30 pm in a member’s home.

The TREE account has a positive balance of $943.00. TREE donated $100 to California Interfaith Power and Light, and $100 to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund for fire victims.

Active members: Rev. Canon Tina Campbell, Ann Rothschild, Lyle Gramling, Grant Bakewell, GayAnn Barnsley-White, Anita Williams, Gail Bakewell, Michele Chouinard, Doug Dierlam, Kathie Nelson.

Regular activities:
TREE hosts coffee hour for the 9 am service on 4th Sundays of even months.
TREE has a used battery bucket in the office and takes batteries to recycle center.
Members write monthly TREE Tips for E-Newsletter and articles in the seasonal Cross.
TREE is listed on Trinity Website under the “Connect” button.
TREE presents its ministry regularly to Newcomers’ classes.
TREE hosts a Second Harvest table every Sunday during summer months to share parishioners’ extra fruit and vegetables with other parishioners.

Actions during Year:
• TREE held its 11th Annual Earth Day Fair in April in the patio, giving free tomato plants to all. One vendor purchased solar power at the Fair and TREE received a bonus.

• Matthew Fox preached at all services on Earth Sunday, April 23rd, facilitated by Rev. Pamela Anderson.

• In August, we presented 3 TNAC classes: Al Gore’s TED talk on 10th Anniversary of “An Inconvenient Truth” with postcards and legislators’ addresses available; short videos of 2 Winners of the 2017 Goldman Environmental Award. and Water engineer Ethan Casaday presented slides and talks about water projects in Nicaragua.

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- In October, we partnered with 350Sacramento.org to host a day long academy, Plant for the Planet, at Washington Elementary School. It was the first Academy in Sacramento and 17 young people attended to learn about climate change and how to present climate facts to peers. At the end of the day, they learned how to plant trees and planted two trees on the school grounds.

- TREE continues its Coffee Mug drive—selling mugs with the TREE logo on them, asking parishioners to bring their own coffee mugs to church and save on the disposable paper cups.

- We provided recycled paper plates for Trinity’s Summer picnic in the Garden.

- At the Annual Diocesan Convention in November, Grant Bakewell continues to move for church divestment from oil and coal investment.

- There was no Christmas Crafts Fair this year, owing to construction in the Great Hall.
2017 was another banner year for the Cathedral Music program!

The Cathedral Choir continues to maintain a standard of singing which is the envy of many Cathedral and Parish choirs across the nation. They sing the highest quality choral repertoire week after week, always striving for excellence. The choir loves to sing Choral Evensong on selected Thursdays of most months during the choir season, keeping alive one of the most beautiful of Anglican traditions. Highlights included our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, our Thirtieth Annual Diocesan Choir Festival, conducted by Canon James Walker, from All Saints' Church in Pasadena.

The Cathedral Choir is looking forward to our choir pilgrimage to England in July of 2020. The choir will be “in residence” at Beverly Minster in Yorkshire (one of the largest parish churches in England), and mighty Durham Cathedral, singing the daily Evensong services, and a round of three services on Sunday.

The Celebration Choir keeps me on my toes all year round, with their tremendous sense of community, worship, and humor. They always seem game for whatever I throw at them, always working with a smile. We have made a concerted effort to increase congregational singing, with a “song of the month” scheme, and occasional congregational rehearsal before the service begins. And we are ever expanding our repertoire from many different traditions including Jazz, Gospel, African-American, and Hispanic traditions. We are pleased to welcome new members at any time!

The Cathedral Handbell Ringers have taken a hiatus this year, with hopes to restore the budget for a paid director in 2019. Nonetheless, some members have helped the Cathedral Choir in providing handbell parts for liturgical pieces during the year.

Our small chamber choir Resurrexit sang the Office of Tenebrae during Holy Week, presenting one of the most deeply profound services of the year.

I celebrated thirty-three years as Canon for Music at Trinity Cathedral in November. I have been here at the Cathedral for more than half of my life! It has been an amazing journey, and I am ever grateful for the opportunity to do this work.

I am ably assisted by a dedicated and gifted part-time music staff: Mary Wiley Smith, Bernadette Rose Modok, Christine Miller, Derek Keller, and Patrick Kenealey, choral scholars; and Kamilyn Davis, Director of Choristers.

Most of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the nearly seventy volunteers who put in hundreds of hours to make music at Trinity Cathedral. In addition to their choir duties, most of them participate in other Cathedral programs including Stephen Ministry, Vestry, EFM, Altar Guild, Flower Committee, and more. You are the lifeblood of our program, and your unique gifts and dedication are deeply appreciated, not just by me, but by all who worship here at Trinity Cathedral!

We have welcomed several new members to all of our choirs this year, and would be happy to welcome you as well!

Canon David Link, Director of Music
Nearly every week of the year, there is a flower committee team planning for and adorning the cathedral for Sunday services. Not only do we place arrangements at the altar, but also on the reredos, in the columbarium, and in the Great Hall for Family Service. In addition, the entire committee makes preparations for and adorns the cathedral and great hall for Christmas and Easter. As part of our ministry, we prepare flowers for special events such as diocesan ordinations and memorials held on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

In 2017 we created floral arrangements for several memorial services, Floyd School Teacher Appreciation Day and Graduation Ceremony and Family Promise’s Mother’s Day Dinner. We repurposed regular Sunday flowers for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We “coordinated” wedding flowers, monitored the Advent wreath-making table and adorned the cathedral for three ordinations. It is easy to see how your TEC Flower Committee has a very busy ministry.

The “Weekly Flowers Calendar,” located on the bulletin board in the office hallway, reminds parishioners of a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones, or the anniversary of special occasions. To do so, you may sign up on the “Sunday” of your choice, fill out the provided form and include a donation to the flower committee for that week’s flowers. Your dedication lines will appear on the front page of that Sunday’s service program. Even before the service begins, your fellow parishioners may take note and pray for you, as you honor a loved one, or give thanks for the blessings in your life.

We continue to streamline our weekly procedures in order to allow more time for our creative efforts. We work within a five team format—one team for every Sunday in the month, with a fifth team covering the less frequent Fifth Sunday. As it happens, we have lost a few of our long-time members due to moves and retirement. We are hoping to spread the word….the flower committee is always seeking new members.

In an effort to entice those of you who might be interested in joining the flower committee…we welcome you to visit with us on any one of our “workdays.” Team members meet on Friday, or Saturday mornings, depending on the team. It is a privilege to work with beautiful flowers; it is a blessing to be part of a group of people who are eager to share their enthusiasm. So, although you might not otherwise think of yourself as particularly creative, would you be willing to join in as we learn from one another? We offer on-the-job training!

The flower committee looks forward to a productive 2018, as we do our very best to contribute to the sacramental life of the church by creating floral arrangements that symbolize new life, hope and the beauty of creation.

Kathy Twibell
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Chairman/Trinity Cathedral Flower Committee
Worship

Vergers

Elizabeth Kenealey, Canon Verger

Vergers carry on a long Anglican tradition of assisting clergy in public worship and are seen in regular attendance at our principal services and on special occasions. Vergers organize and lead processions, escort readers, intercessors and special guests, and make certain that everything is in readiness for services. Vergers are licensed as Eucharistic Ministers and receive ongoing training. Canon Grant Carey and Elmer Swanson, who died in 2014, together developed the role of verger for Trinity in the early 1990s. The ministry that Elmer and Canon Carey started is evolving and growing, providing support to clergy and congregation during worship services. Our vergers include Janice Ranton, Mike Pinkerton, Jeff Zentner, Sue Clark, Don Taylor, Pat Ronne, Andre Jensen, Jay Elmquist and myself.

Lectors

Elizabeth Kenealey, Canon Verger

Trinity Cathedral lectors are the lay people of Trinity that read the Bible lessons at the worship services. On Sundays, lay people participate in the worship service by reading the appointed lessons for the day. Lectors are scheduled a month ahead and receive their assigned readings so that they may practice as they find need. It is a wonderful way to become involved in worship. We currently have 60 lay lectors. The opportunity also exists for lay people to read lessons at any of the weekday services by merely speaking to the Celebrant for that particular service prior to the beginning of the service.
Eucharistic Minister
Submitted by Chris Sanft

Trinity has a vibrant and active Eucharistic Minister program. Eucharistic Ministers assist in taking the bread and wine from the altar to the people in the congregation. On a normal Sunday we have 12-14 Eucharistic Ministers at 3 services. Our total number of Eucharistic Ministers is over 45. Our need currently is only at 730. A Eucharistic Minister needs to be a baptized confirmed member and have a strong appreciation of the Eucharist. Training is offered 3 times a year. A Eucharistic Minister serves under the direction of the Canon Verger and the Sacristan on Sunday. If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister or just looking for more information, contact Randie Strike, Chris Sanft (Sacristan) (chris@sanft.org) or Elizabeth Kenealey (Canon Verger).

Worship

Stole Stitchers
Submitted by Annette Braddon-Walker

The Trinity Cathedral Stole Stitchers group prepares a stole that is given to each person being baptized at Trinity. Member, Pat Menz, cuts out and sews stoles in 3 sizes, infant, child/youth, and adult (length of 30”, 40” & 60” respectively), and the stitchers pick up a stole for decorating at their leisure. A Christian symbol is applied in counted cross stitch; pattern and color are the stitcher’s choice. Pat prepared 11 new stoles for us to stitch, and we completed stoles for 17 baptisms. Stitchers are Linda Aston, Sue Clark, Pat Djubek, Margo Hayes, Jaccie Irwin, Pat, Menz, Laurie Moulton, Gina Schumacher, Joann Sprogis, Bobbie Yelverton, and myself, Annette Braddon-Walker, TCSS Coordinator.
Worship

Lay Worship Leaders
Submitted by Loren Weatherley

Trinity Cathedral has an active group of lay worship leaders who lead Daily Morning Prayer, Compline, and Daily Evening Prayer. The leader prepares for the service, comes to the Cathedral, opens the doors, welcomes participants, leads those present in worship, and closes the doors. In 2017, leaders were Sue Clark, Susan Hunt Hotchkiss, Susan VanDyke, and Loren Weatherly. We feel called to this ministry because it opens our hearts and minds to see worship as remembrance – of the One God, of the Triune God, of our sometimes-broken relationships with ourselves and with others, of our need for healing, thanksgiving and celebration. We pray that the Holy Spirit might lead you to experience this ministry. Please contact Clergy Advisor Canon Lynell Walker at lwalker259@aol.com for more information.

Pilgrimage Evening Service
Submitted by Loren Weatherley

Lay members of Trinity Cathedral led an evening service of scripture and prayer for guests attending Pilgrimage Sacramento (formerly called Safe Ground). Each third Wednesday, Pilgrimage Sacramento dinner was served in the Great Hall at 6 pm and the service in the Cathedral began at 5:45 pm. This evening service invites those who are marginalized, dispossessed, unhomed, outcast, or alienated from God, into a sacred space. Some have never been inside a church. Many, from a variety of faith traditions or none at all, have been chased away from houses of worship and told they are not welcome. Scripture and prayers in this service speak to the special needs of the women and men who are guests at Pilgrimage. At the conclusion of the service, guests may light votive candles, or kneel and pray privately, or meet with members of the Cathedral who are available for private, one-on-one prayer. There is much holiness; the presence of the Spirit fills the evening. Those who lead these evening services want to share this very special ministry. Come and see. Be a blessing. Be blessed.

In 2017, leaders were Jean Alford, Georgianna Pfost, Susan VanDyke, and Loren Weatherly. For further information, please contact Clergy Advisor Canon Lynell Walter at lwalker259@aol.com, or any of the leaders.
Vestry Nominating Committee

The Vestry Nominating Committee’s primary responsibility is to recruit potential new members for the Vestry at the end of each calendar year (and any other time when a vacancy occurs). The Nominating Committee each year is comprised of the Vestry members whose terms expire that year.

Lay members of the Vestry are elected each year at the annual meeting for three-year terms. According to Cathedral and Diocesan policy, former members of the Vestry are eligible for service again after waiting one year. Vestry members are leaders of the parish and are usually recruited from the ministry teams where they serve. The Nominating Committee recruits from the entire congregation and encourages all eligible congregation members to apply.

Each member of the Vestry has agreed in writing to the following:

1. Have a strong personal commitment to Jesus Christ and to carrying out His ministry in our community by using their spiritual gifts.
2. Be open to guidance by the Holy Spirit.
3. Be a communicant in good standing of the Episcopal Church, regular in prayer and worship.
4. Attend monthly meetings and two vestry retreats each year, paying expenses associated with Vestry retreats.
5. Serve on at least one special purpose committee – examples: Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee, Garden Committee, Nominating Committee, Building Committee, Dean’s Support Committee.
6. Be a pledger of record who is a tither or whose pledge gives serious indication of working toward a tithe.
7. Pray weekly for a segment of the parish.
The Dean’s Award is given annually to individuals who have distinguished themselves through their devotion and unstinting efforts on behalf of Trinity Cathedral & its many ministries in the parish, the diocese, & the community.

PREVIOUS YEARS RECIPIENTS:
1977  Dick Wollesen
1978  Betty Bailey, Carol Claussen, Caroline Craig, Caroline Jenkins
1979  Pat Lix
1980  Ed Hollingshead, Vicki Hollingshead, Brian Johnson, Mary Lou Johnson
1981  Phyllis Comstock, Becky Naman
1982  Robert Gaines, Charles Gray, Jr., Doug Witt
1983  Harry Katzakian, Norma Katzakian, Delores Wollesen
1984  Emma Hehn, Marsha Nemzek, Olive Whitmore
1985  Gavin Craig, Myrletta Downes
1986  Patricia Hill, Raymond Mackey, Nina Sellers, Miles Snyder, Karl von den Steinen, Susan Roman Wilson, Marge Witt, Billie Woodfin
1987  Kathryn MacFarland Cayler, Liz McClatchy, Sylvia Roach, Nancy Tennyson, Kathy Warriner, Carolyn Wiley
1988  Celeste Comings, Randie Strike, Terry Strike
1989  Anne Arthur, Jan Grader, Lonita Norris
1990  Grant Carey, Chris White
1991  Michael Crosse, Edith Fiscus, Jesse James, Paul Menz, Pat Menz, Charlotte Perry, Jackie Wynne
1992  Ernest and Susan Brown, Matt and Ruth Fitch, Claudia Woods
1993  Harry Crawford, Lucile Crawford, Edison MacFarland, Margaret MacFarland, Jean Hart, Kathleen Montgomery, Richard Moody, Roberta Moody
1994  Randy Cheek, Karen Harris, Elinor Hickey, Jim Richardson
1995  James Appleby, Rane’e Les Callett, Gina Schumacher, Wes Tennyson
1996  Noma Ratzlaff, Norma Wiley, Ted White, Hal Tindall, Frida Tindall
1997  Brian Kempton, Dolores Kistle, Eleanor Langpaap, Lori Korleski Richardson, Timothy Taylor
1998  Gladys Hustler, Jean Lacher, David Link, Joye McKetty
1999  Harriet Beskeen, Jerry Boyd, Mark Lacher, Susanne Phipps, Ken Piercy
2000  James M. Parsons, Caryl R. Learned, Nadine E. Welty, LeRoy S. Naman
2001  Timothy Menz, Michael Reichle, Patricia “Pat” Underwood
2002  Kathleen Kelly, Alan Lovett, Pat Matthias, Tina Thomas
2003  George and Esther Burns, Winifred Gaines, Ben Kenealey, Alma Mason, John Tennyson
2004  Emily Beile, Annette L. Braddon-Walker, Anne T. Braxton, Dorothea I. “Doey” Peeler
2005  Robert “Bob” Reinhard, Merrill Starr
2006  Mary Hustler, Eddie Lee, Elizabeth Kenealey, Jeanette McCracken
2007  Amy Dierlam, Rick Kenealey, Barbara Mackey, Rob Stoinoff
2008  Lynn Clifford, Tony Farina, Sally Smith, Tom West
2009  Sue Clark, Nancy Earl, Christopher Lee, Becky Naman
2010  Bob and Dale Reinhard, Chris Sanft, Anita Williams
2011  Suzanne Armer, Bill Chisum, Cindy Chisum, Dorothy Malcolm
2012  Farel Brosio, Bill Simmons, Loren Weatherly
2013  Kevin Donohue, Cheri Meadows, Robert Phillippi
2014  Nelson Lucas, Susan Wilson, Vaughn Wolff
2015  Kirk Bone, Laura Jestes, David Lindgren, Richard Trumbly
2016  Dana Chamness, Karen Hustler, Ann Rothschild