Trinity Cathedral Annual Reports: 2003 through 2018

The Trinity Cathedral Annual Report often is a lengthy document. The following bulleted items present an overview of some actions, conversations and issues communicated by some of the authors. A link to each complete Annual Report follows each set of bulleted items. Each bulleted item below contains the author’s name and position, or, the responsible ministry team.

2003
- Building with Faith Capital Campaign: pledges of $2.6 million. Need $7 million to begin construction. Dean Brown.
- Operating Budget: needs more contributions to avoid cutbacks. Senior Warden Kathleen Kelly.

Read the 2003 Annual Report here.

2004
- [Dean Brown’s last report.] Further refinement of the architectural plan for building a new cathedral. Must remodel the existing multi-purpose building and then build a new Cathedral. Dean Brown.

Read the 2004 Annual Report here.
2005

- Anthony Thurston, retired dean of the Cathedral in Portland, Oregon became interim dean, completed his contract, and returned to Portland. [Bishop Lamb then served as Interim Dean.] The Rev. Brian Baker was called to serve at Trinity Cathedral. *Interim Dean Bishop Lamb.*

- New Communications Team, responsible for internal and external marketing of the Cathedral. Monthly Great Hall Family Service begins. Building with Faith project approved by the city planning commission and by our local neighborhood associations. *Senior Warden Chris Lee.*

- Cathedral joined the Family Promise program. Participated in Habitat for Humanities partnership with Center of Praise. Cathedral Building Project: Sacramento Design Review Board and Planning Commission approved design. Sutter Community Hospital expansion approved, including parking garage with 500 spaces for Trinity Cathedral. Still need to raise millions of dollars; $700,000 additional pledged in 2005, total pledged $3,700,000 at end of 2005. *Canon Jim Richardson.*

Read the 2005 Annual Report here.

2006

- There is a need to revisit the Cathedral building project. Cost to build is approximately $15,000,000. Vestry will discern the financial feasibility of this project as well as the level of grass-roots support in the congregation. Attendance has increased, deficit has reduced. *Dean Baker.*


- Dean Brian Baker was installed on June 11, 2006. The Vestry, faced with a significant deficit even after special fundraising and cost reduction, as a last resort, needed to reduce staff. *Senior Warden Al Lammers.*

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2007
• “It is apparent that we are not able at this time to move forward with the $18,000,000 new Cathedral design that has been approved by the City.” Organized and set up administrative structures. Hired Parish Administrator and Administrative Assistant. Junior Warden launched the effort to air condition the Cathedral. Created Communications and Evangelism Council. Started feeding non-members at Thursday Night at the Cathedral suppers. Formed a new Social Justice Advocacy Group. Hosted Tibetan Buddhist monks who created a Sand Mandala and 4,000 guests visited to see it. Looking for better ways to serve the diocese. Dean Baker.
• Parish Administrator duties include (1) facilitate communications within the parish and between Trinity and others; (2) Organize and supervise the office volunteers; (3) Assist the Dean in personnel management; (4) Oversee projects; (5) Other duties as required by the Dean. Parish Administrator Jerry Paré.
• Lots of maintenance and upgrade facility work accomplished, coordinated by Junior Warden Rob Stoinoff. Building and Grounds Coordinator Dana Chamness.

Read the 2007 Annual Report here.

2008
• Continued efforts to raise the profile of the Cathedral in Sacramento. Refined advertising in Sacramento News and Review. Added casual Saturday night service. Increased ministries of service to those in need. Vestry passed a balanced budget for 2009 containing $200,000 cuts in expenses with no loss of full-time staff. Dean Baker.
• Office volunteers provided about 3,500 hours of service. Ongoing improvement to service programs and newsletters, implementation of the weekly “E-Newsletter.” Began development of the catechumenate process at Trinity Cathedral. Parish Administrator Jerry Paré.
• Pledge History - total number of pledges: 2007=448; 2008=370; 2009=398. total amounts pledged: 2007=$1,015,436; 2008=$955,037; 2009=$1,053,551. Stewardship Ministry Team.
- Fountain and benches purchased and installed on patio. Exterior painted. Replacement of partitions in Great Hall. New fire suppression unit in kitchen installed. **Building and Grounds Coordinator Dana Chamness**

- Repairs and replacements to pews, carpets, lighting, cabinetry, in the Cathedral. Many other repairs and upgrades to grounds. **Junior Warden Rob Stoinoff**.

- Underwritten by $20,000 Diocesan grant. 18 ads in the Sacramento News and Review. Enhanced visitor gift bags. Focus groups in Midtown to learn of their spiritual needs. Introductory DVD about Trinity. **Communion and Evangelism Council, Canon Kathleen Kelly**.

- SoJust’s goal defined by Dean Baker: educate, motivate, and support parishioners in their varied personal advocacy ministries. Provided meetings, forums and emailings on Millennium Development Goals and other topics. **Social Justice Advocacy Team**.

Read the 2008 Annual Report here.

**2009**

- “I am learning that much of my ministry, and the ministry of the leadership of Trinity Cathedral, is simply to create space, and infrastructure, for God’s Spirit to live and move and have its being.” Vestry and staff read and discussed Stephanie Spellers’ **Radical Welcome**. After prayerful consideration, approved a request to house homeless folks overnight at Trinity Cathedral when the weather was rainy or cold because it fit with our mission. A ministry to people on the margins of society became more clear. **Dean Baker**.

- Communications, formerly part of the Communications and Evangelism Council, transferred to the Operations Manager. Ongoing development of the Saturday Night Service, with music leadership by Kamilyn Davis. Assisted Newcomers’ Group, Kin Group, Stephen Ministry. **Canon Kathleen Kelly**.

- Pledge History - total number of pledges: 2008=370; 2009=398; 2010=404. total amounts pledged: 2008=$955,037; 2009=$1,053,551; 2010=1004587. **Stewardship**.

- New catechumenate program, “Journey with Jesus,” began January 2009, a year-round program, formed by Canon Kelly,
Canon Walker, and Operations Manager Jerry Paré. *Operations Manager Jerry Paré.*

- Outreach Ministry shifted to a more direct focus on key service organizations that Trinity parishioners support. Parish survey showed that over 200 organizations are supported by parishioners, many of them the core group supported by the Outreach Ministry. *Parishioner Burt Douglass.*

**Read the 2009 Annual Report here.**

**2010**

- Developed procedures to host homeless individuals without significant disruption. Developed guidelines for guests so we could be a sanctuary respectful to members and guests. Working to make sure the Cathedral is welcoming and safe for members as well as guests. Canon Kelly has begun a new ministry at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Hemet. “Trinity Cathedral has been significantly impacted by the economic challenges felt in our wider community. We are faced with the challenge of less financial resources.” *Dean Baker*
- New summer youth volunteer program. Eight contributed 1500 hours to Trinity. Hospitality Team supported the kitchen renovation project by adapting operations and rewriting procedures. Hired a Kitchen Manager. *Operations Manager Jerry Paré.*
- Congregation Commission on Ministry (CCOM) works with individuals who feel called to various kinds of ministry within the Church. Recommended Andrea Baker for ordination to the diaconate and the priesthood. Working with Virginia McNeely, who is at the School for Deacons. Also working with others in various stages of discerning their call. Clergy advisor role transferred from Canon Kelly to Dean Baker. *CCOM Chair Tom Pace.*
- Kitchen renovation accomplished because of an anonymous donation. Trinity Welcome 2009 raised funds to redecorate the classrooms, assembly, offices, refinishing of the chancel floors, and...
restoration of the north and west exterior doors to the Cathedral. Trinity Welcome 2010 raised funds to redo six restrooms, goal was not reached, sufficient funds available to redo two restrooms. *Junior Warden Ruth Fitch.*

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**2011**

- “The mission of the Cathedral is not to provide religious services, like pastoral care and worship, but to provide an arena where people can grow in discipleship.” Continued ministries such as Sunday and Thursday classes, EFM, and our many worship services, Stephen Ministry, Jed Smith School, cooking and feeding homeless people. Began a hospital chaplain program. Created part-time positions for newcomer/volunteer coordinator, communications coordinator, and youth and adult spiritual education coordinator. Worldwide financial challenges have impacts on the church. More young adults and families are getting involved. *Dean Baker.*
- Priorities for Communications Coordinator: facilitate design/development of new website; develop a catalog of ministries currently active; ministry support; improve visibility in the community.
- Volunteers donated, prepared, and served 51 Thursday Night Community Dinners (TNCD) and a Thanksgiving dinner. The meals are for those attending service on Thursday night and those in need within our community. TNCD *Coordinator Tracy Tschanz.*
- Hospitality Ministry now includes the Welcome Center and the Funeral/Memorial Services Reception Coordinator, the Special Events Coordinator, and the Coffee Hour Coordinator. *Chair Rosemary Braxton.*

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**2012**

- Ministries to the homeless have become a normal part of our life as a congregation. This has increased the economic diversity of the people who attend, and younger adults have joined who wanted to be a part of a church that was serving people living in poverty.
Public community dinners moved to Wednesday night, in coordination with Safe Ground, so that we could have a community dinner every Wednesday in a month. Campus is open to everybody during the day and early evening. Increased lighting behind the offices. Thursday night at the Cathedral dinners resumed. Raised the money to purchase the 2 lots on 27th Street next to the Cathedral. Dean Baker.

- Raised $120,000 to purchase the 2 lots on 27th Street. Vestry authorized beginning the planning phase. Long term city approvals are underway that will allow us to build when we are ready. Vestry hired a Landscape Architect to develop a facilities master plan. Vestry has discussed the candidacies of 5 parishioners seeking ordination. Senior Warden Kirk Bone.

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2013
- Canon Nancy Tennyson retired, Rev. Kathy Hopner hired to lead Youth and Family Ministries. Canon Grant Carey and Canon Winnie Gaines retired. Diocese grant funded hiring of Rev. Megan Anderson to reach out to young adults in congregation and to those participating in yoga. Yoga provided an opportunity to connect with people outside the church. Dean Baker.
- Need more instruction with clergy, ministry leaders and staff so that the management of website content can be decentralized leading to a more frequent updating of content. Cathedral Cross, a catalog of the many ways individuals can become involved, is printed in color and mailed to 1,000 households, and on the website. Need more authors from the ministries. Much remains to be done to fully communicate the opportunities at Trinity Cathedral. Communications Coordinator Wendy Mustain.
- Combined ministries Safe Ground and Community Dinner together fed over four thousand people in 2013. Deacon Steve Skiffington.
• Community garden established in 27th street vacant lots. Parishioner response is positive. AmeriCorps workers and Senior Gleaners provided assistance. Much work still to do. Coordinator Anita Williams.

• Vestry met in retreat with Canon to the Ordinary Britt Olson for Trinity Cathedral’s first Mutual Ministry Review (MMR). It’s a way to celebrate what’s been done well and what might be done better, and to plan and evaluate ministry. At the request of the vestry, the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) reviewed the Cathedral’s development and renewal efforts, with recommendations. The Cathedral continues to welcome those who are homeless or hungry. Lively discussions occur in the vestry and in the congregation and often we do not agree. Senior Warden Loren Weatherly.

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2014
• New programs reaching out into the community: Ashes to Go, Stations of the City, Tuesday night coffee shop bible study, Potluck Church, the Day of the Dead Potluck Church. Lutheran-Episcopal Volunteer Network (LEVN) internships continue to serve the needs of our teenagers. The Rev. Anne McKeever departed. The Rev. Pamela Anderson assumed leadership of Adult Spiritual Formation on a part-time basis. The Rev. Diana Turner, whose interest is serving veterans, began as a non-stipendiary clergy. Dean Baker.


• Master plan for building and grounds appearance is nearly finished. Community garden outreach included participation in the Interfaith Gardening Community Network. Planter boxes completed; when fully rented, the Garden will provide $1200 annually for maintenance and additional projects. Junior Warden Kevin Sanders.

• Ministries attached to Outreach: Community Dinners, Family Promise, Floyd School, Safe Ground Pilgrimage, Trinity ACT. Deacon Steve Skiffington.

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2015

• The Rev. Kathy Hopner has added 2 parenting groups, one for parents with younger children and one for parents with teenagers. West Transept redesigned to accommodate carpet, toys and a rocking chair. New, younger families are joining the church. Funds raised to repair and expand the Cathedral Organ. Outreach continues to be an essential component. Veterans’ ministries are growing. Launched speaker series including Matthew Fox, Yvette Flunder and the City of Refuge Gospel Choir, and Dewitt Jones, and small groups for discussion of these presentations. Launching fundraising to repair stained glass windows in the West Transept. Dean Baker.

• Thursday Night at the Cathedral (TNAC) classes included Trans 101, a conversation with the transgender community, and Mental Heath 101, a conversation with those struggling with mental health and the resources that are available. A women’s retreat, and a men’s retreat were offered. Many new small groups formed for speaker series discussions. Many new classes were available. Rev. Pamela Anderson.


Read the 2015 Annual Report here.

2016

• Increase in weekly attendance by the end of 2016, with significant growth in younger adults and young families. Vestry created a long-term financial plan. We began a strategic planning process to strengthen communications, financial sustainability, and our ministries. Facilities Manager resigned; that position will not be filled because of budget constraints. Dean Baker.


• Served as Field Education Supervisor for seminarian from CDSP. Worked with Rev. Kathy Hopner on Cathedral Youth Ministry and Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network (LEVN). Coordinated
wedding requests and provided marriage counseling. Founded the Yoga in the Cathedral program. Continued work with Potluck Dinner Church. Rev. Megan Anderson.

• Children, Youth and Family Ministries include Sunday School, Children’s Chapel, First Sunday Family Service, Nursery, Moms Pops and Tots, Parenting Matters, Baptism, Episcopal Youth Fellowship, Mission trips, Capital Episcopal Youth Network, Confirmation, LEVN. Rev. Kathy Hopner.

• Adult Spiritual Formation includes Thursday Night at the Cathedral classes and dinner, special events such as the Trinity Institute program “Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice: Listen for a Change,” Trinity Cathedral’s Speaker Series, Lunch Bunch, Women’s Retreat, Voices of Faith, Small Group Bible Study, EFM, Fellowship Groups. Rev. Pamela Anderson.

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2017

• [Dean Baker’s final report.] “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 pastoral 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.” To decrease our expenditures, several part-time positions were eliminated: Facility Manager, Communications Coordinator, Kitchen Manager, and the Director of Adult Spiritual Formation. In 2009, Sacramento County eliminated all funding for winter homeless shelter. Trinity Cathedral began housing and feeding people on evenings when it was particularly rainy and cold. Our homeless ministry has transitioned from an emergency response to a weekly on-site ministry of dinner and sometimes overnight accommodation. Dean Baker.


• “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.” Canon Pastor Lynell Walker.

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2018
• [Interim Dean Jim Richardson’s first report.] 2018 clergy and staff
departures: The Very Rev. Dr. Brian Baker; the Rev. Megan
Anderson, the Rev. Pamela Anderson; the bookshop manager; a
custodian. Budget deficit led to reducing staff and not filling vacant
positions. Two major building projects completed in 2018:
replacing the Great Hall floor and installing new canopy umbrellas
in the courtyard. Challenges: Calling a new Dean; welcoming our
Bishop-elect, the Rev. Canon Megan Traquair. “The heart and soul
of Trinity Cathedral are the many ministries we have that continue
to thrive.” Interim Dean Richardson.
• Year End: total number of pledges: 2014=354; 2015=381;
2016=347; 2017=326; 2018=348. total amounts pledged:
2014=$967,237; 2015=1,008,655; 2016=$978,989;
• “This Annual Report gives all who read it a chance to better
understand why we are a million-dollar operation and to appreciate
all that happens in this sacred space.” Has responsibilities as
Canon Pastor, worship details, Finance Committee, and Associate
Dean. Associate Dean Canon Lynell Walker.
• Children, Family and Youth and Ministries serve over 140 children,
youth and their families. These include Sunday School, Children’s
Chapel, First Sunday Family Service, Vacation Bible School,

- “Pastoral care… At Trinity Cathedral, is a broad net that holds care receivers and care providers alike, lay and ordained, and wraps us in the sure knowledge of God’s presence in our times of need.” *Rev. Canon Anne Arthur.*

- Ongoing Adult Formation small groups are Tuesday Morning Group, Lunch Bunch, Sunday Morning Spiritual Journey Group, Writing Group, Order of St. Luke Prayer and Healing Bible Study. Thursday Night at the Cathedral offers dinner and opportunities to learn. *Director of Adult Formation Susan Hotchkiss.*

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