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ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 12, 2022

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Canonical Requirements Concerning Quorum and Eligibility to Vote
- IV. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 6, 2021
- V. Reports:
 1. Rector
 2. Wardens
 3. Treasurer
 4. Trinity Academy
 5. Choir School of Hartford
- VI. Proposed Bylaw Amendment
- VII. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election
- VIII. Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members
- IX. Swearing in of Vestry Officers, New Vestry Members
- X. Feedback – Questions, Joys, Concerns of Members of the Annual Meeting
- XI. Setting the date for the 2023 Annual Meeting (Trinity Sunday, June 4)
- XII. Other Business
- XIII. Blessing
- XIV. Adjournment

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CLERGY

The Rev. Dorothea M. Littlepage Rector
The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick..... Assisting Clergy
The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith..... Assisting Clergy
The Rev. Jon Widing..... Assisting Clergy

STAFF

The Rev. George A. Chien (UMC, MCC) Digital Missioner
Ms. Michelle Horsley Director of Music Ministries
Ms. Fran Times-Mack Parish Financial Manager
Mr. Vincent Pacileo Facilities Manager
Ms. Barbara Roos Assistant to the Rector

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VESTRY & OFFICERS JUNE 2020 to JUNE 2021

OFFICERS

Mark MacGougan Warden
Kathleen J. Peterson Warden
Kenneth (Casey) Rousseau Treasurer
Jacob Troiano..... Assistant Treasurer
Alan Rice Clerk

Class of 2019 (term ending June 2022)

Leslyn Clark

Catherine Rowe

Kate Steven

Class of 2020 (term ending June 2023)

Althea Francis

Heather Kramer

Marsha McCurdy Adell

Class of 2021 (term ending June 2024)

Suzanne Blancaflor

Valerie Pogue

Jennifer Stephens

Convention Delegates

Casey Rousseau (term ending 2022)

Suzanne Blancaflor (term ending 2023)

Convention Alternates

Jacob Triano (term ending 2024)

Catherine Rowe (term ending 2024)

THE PARISH OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Hartford, Connecticut 06105

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

TRINITY SUNDAY, 6 JUNE 2021

- I. Call to Order: This meeting was called to order in person in the Sanctuary by The Rev. Dorothea (“D.”) Littlepage at 11:34 a.m.
- II. Opening Prayer: Rev. D. led the Opening Prayer after calling this meeting to order.
- III. Canonical Requirements Concerning Eligibility to Vote: A parishioner must be at least sixteen years of age and be supporting the church financially to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. Twenty parishioners constitute a quorum, thus the forty-six parishioners present (41 in person, 5 on Zoom) are more than sufficient.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 7, 2020: J. Alan Rice moved that the minutes from the Annual Meeting in June 2020 be accepted; Kate Byroade seconded the motion which then passed unanimously at 11:37 a.m.
- V. Reports:
 - a. The Rector’s report was delivered in the form of this morning’s sermon.
 - b. Wardens: Martha Freimuth expressed her thoughts on what a wonderful parish this is and how dutiful the lay leadership has been, especially the Vestry. Martha urged everyone present to consider serving in a leadership position. Tom Oberholtzer agreed heartily with the praises offered by Martha.
 - c. Treasurer: Casey Rousseau drew our attention to the 2020-2021 financial report, found on the church’s web site. He also projected the report on a screen and walked the Assembly through the facts and figures.
 - d. Trinity Academy: A written report can be found in the Annual Report for May 2020-May 2021.
 - e. Choir School of Hartford: Michelle Horsley, Organist and Director of Music Ministries, spoke about the activities of The Choir School of Hartford. A full written report can be found in the Annual Report (Draft) May 2020-May 2021.

f. Capital Campaign: The Right Reverend Andrew Smith spoke about the state of this campaign. He thanked everyone for their generosity and faithful giving. Bishop Drew spoke about the need to upgrade the fire safety infrastructure on the church campus. He called attention to the need to refurbish the interior even though the funds are insufficient at this time. Donations seem to have plateaued; we have raised approximately \$643K of our goal, \$725K. Refurbishing of the parking area is also an area of concern and need. Bishop Drew requested suggestions from parishioners for ways to help the Capital Campaign leadership (i.e. Bishop Drew, Mark MacGougan, Dave Desmarias) bring in the remaining pledges to the Campaign for Trinity. Bishop Drew announced that Patrick Reid, Capital Campaign Administrator, has accepted a new full-time job and will no longer be working with us. We are happy for Patrick and wish him well. We greatly appreciate his efforts on behalf of Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford, CT.

VI. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election: See report in the Annual Report (Draft) May 2020-May 2021. The names “Jennifer Stephens” and “Valerie Pogue” should be added to the slate of nominees for Vestry At-Large, to bring that total to three. (The Annual Report had already been printed for dissemination before these two names could be added.)

The Rev. George Chien moved that the Vestry be allowed to fill the second warden’s position, left vacant by the retirement of Tom Oberholtzer in May 2021. Kate Byroade seconded this motion which then passed unanimously.

Enid Oberholtzer made a motion, seconded by Amy Arlin, that the Clerk of the Vestry cast a single vote in favor of the slate of nominees as amended. The motion carried, and the slate presented by the Nominating Committee was duly elected at 11:59 a.m.

VII. Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members: Rev. D. expressed gratitude for and explained the canonical role of wardens. She presented gifts to outgoing Wardens Martha Freimuth and P. Thomas Oberholtzer from the parish. Rev. D also thanked J. Alan Rice for his service as warden, which ended in 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Trinity conducted all worship services and meetings via Zoom in 2020, so there was no opportunity to acknowledge and thank Alan in-person. Grateful and enthusiastic applause from the Assembly ensued.

VIII. Swearing in of Vestry Officers, New Vestry Members and Delegates: Newly elected officers, vestry members and delegates were sworn in.

IX. Feedback: Questions, Joys, Concerns of Members of the Annual Meeting: The Assembly asked questions and shared joys and concerns regarding the parish. Recognition and thanks were extended to everyone who helped keep this church afloat during the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown of the past fifteen months.

- X. Setting date for 2022 (Trinity Sunday, 12 June 2022): Kate Byroade made a motion, seconded by Bishop Drew, to set the date for 12 June 2022. Motion was approved unanimously at 12:21 p.m.
- XI. Other Business: None
- XII. Blessing: Rev. D. gave the blessing.
- XIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Percy Williamson at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen J. Peterson, Clerk

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Rector's Report

The Rector's report will be delivered as a sermon and then incorporated into the final report after the Annual Meeting.

Wardens' Annual Report 2021-2022

“After the Clouds, the Sun”

The flag and seal of the City of Hartford feature the Latin phrase “post nubila phoebus”, which means, “after the clouds, the sun”. Because of the covid pandemic, the past few years have been pretty cloudy for Trinity Church and its staff and members. We’ve lost friends and loved ones. We’ve lost jobs and schooling opportunities. We’ve lost opportunities to go places, experience things, and see people that would have meant a lot to us. Our worship together has been prevented or attenuated by restrictions. Our God, who is faithful, has walked these difficult years with us and kept us going.

And here we should take a moment to celebrate the resilience and faithfulness of the Trinity community. Beginning with the initial shock of a total lockdown at the beginning of the pandemic and continuing up through the current year, which has featured a very frustrating back and forth between opening-up and reimposing restrictions, we found creative ways to provide worship opportunities and music and uplift to our members. We found ways to bring teaching and discussion group opportunities. We continued our various outreach ministries and expanded our work with and support for refugees and welcomed IRIS into the upstairs of our Parish Hall. We also, thanks to those who gave generously to our Capital Campaign, made necessary repairs to our buildings and installed a new fire safety-system.

The current program year has been a bit of a roller-coaster ride for us. In the fall we had a well-attended Homecoming Sunday and the belated official installation of Rev. D as our rector. These events gave many of us high hopes for a quick return to normal. Soon afterwards, the Omicron variant forced us to reimpose restrictions and caused many parishioners to delay returning to in-person worship. Over the winter, restrictions were slowly tightened and then slowly eased. Things were starting to feel close to normal as many of us gathered for Holy Week and Easter services. However, with the Hartford area returning to a “red zone” designation, we needed to reimpose some restrictions and in-person attendance fell once again.

After the clouds comes the sun. As we reach the end of this current program year, we see signs of hope, renewal, and new life – in the lives of our members and in our common life together. In-person attendance continues to rebound whenever we’re able to lift restrictions. Online broadcast of services continues to provide a much-appreciated alternative for those who prefer to be cautious or are unable to attend in person. Officers and Vestry for the coming year represent an exciting mix of experienced hands and fresh perspectives. We have been able to enjoy happy reunions with fellow parishioners we had not seen in person for months or years, and we have been very pleased to get to know new members who have joined us despite – or maybe because of – the pandemic.

There are big challenges ahead of us. The pandemic ups and downs of the past few years have strained our connections to the church and to one another. Some of our activities and ministries have ceased to function as they once did. Pledge income is down, and we’re projecting a deficit budget for this year.

These are very serious challenges, but we look to the future with hope, knowing that God is faithful, and the people of Trinity Church are resilient, creative, and big-hearted.

Here are some quick appreciations.

Rev. D – We are very grateful for Rev. D’s steady hand, positive attitude, and faithful spirit through this challenging time – and we look forward to eventually being able to enjoy her fellowship and good humor in somewhat more normal times.

Michelle Horsley – We salute the creativity and empathy Michelle has brought to our music program and her leadership of both the adult choir and the Choir School of Hartford.

Barbara Roos – Barbara is the boiler in the basement of Trinity Church, a powerhouse behind the scenes. You may not see her, but you’d certainly notice the difference if she weren’t there.

Vinnie Pacileo – Vinnie looks after our buildings and looks after us. His medical leave this spring gives us a fresh appreciation for all he does for us.

Fran Times-Mack – Working with Casey and Jake, our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Fran keeps the church’s finances in apple-pie order. We wish the numbers were better (we’re looking at a deficit this year), but we always know the numbers are correct and up-to-date.

Lay Leaders and Volunteers – Trinity is blessed to have many parishioners who are willing and able to take an active role in organizing and supporting all kinds of activities and ministries. Thank You to the vestry members, the quadrant leaders, the committee chairs, the committee members, the liturgical assistants, the teachers, the garden and grounds tenders, the singers, the prayer team, the ACF organizers, the refugee resettlers, the giving-tree donators, and on and on. A very special Thank You to Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano, and the virtual vergers whose ministry makes online worship possible.

Associated Clergy – We are very much blessed to have ordained church members who are generously willing to help with preaching, celebrating, pastoral calls, and other important tasks. Thank You to Drew, Frank, Horace, George and Jon. (George is Mr. Asterisk of this group, as his ordination was not under the auspices of The Episcopal Church. Somehow, he is able to be a blessing to us anyway.)

We want to end this report with a brief word about our role as wardens this past year. Neither one of us believed we had a call to a normal multi-year tenure as warden. We each agreed to serve a one-year term as warden with the intent that our year in the role would represent a pivot. That is, one of our key goals for the year was to facilitate a transition to a new generation of lay leaders. We thank the parish for trusting us with this role and supporting us in it throughout this year. And we thank Rev. D., who honored our desire for a one-year term and who made the most of the time by recruiting a great team to replace us.

Submitted by Mark MacGougan and Kathleen J. Peterson, *Wardens*

Organist & Director Of Music Ministries Report 2021-2022

Trinity Episcopal Church is celebrating another full, albeit unusual year of thriving musical programming! The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to thwart many plans and to humble us into adaptability. Through it all, we have found creative solutions and inventive ways to continue growing our musical community and deepen our faith through it.

The program year kicked off with a full week-long, in-person Choir Course Week for The Choir School of Hartford, which included workshops, rehearsals, masterclasses, and fun activities every day from 9:00am-5:00pm. The week included sessions such as Medieval Music Notation with Dr. Anna Zayaruznaya (Yale musicologist), String Theory & Overtones with Ms. Debbie Stowell (Music Education student at The Hartt School), Vocal Masterclass with Mr. Benjamin Rauch (Private Vocal Coach / Instructor at The Hartt School), and Intro to Bells with Dr. Jonathan Reuning-Scherer (Director of Music, Emanuel Lutheran Church). Other activities included rhythm circles, composition sessions, harmonization projects, conducting, chant, world music, notation exercises, liturgical music. We also assembled a fully functional pipe organ with the OrgelKids kits we borrowed from the Greater Hartford Chapter of The American Guild of Organists! We balanced our brain-heavy music sessions with the light-hearted fun of scavenger hunts and community-building games, with the week culminating in a walking tour downtown Hartford and a trip to the Wadsworth Athenaeum! We also unveiled our brand new website, thanks to board member Bram Wayman. Visit it at:

www.ChoirSchoolOfHartford.org The Choir School board also held many fruitful discussions about new ideas and new structures for most effective, forward-thinking paths. In the spring, the first quarterly Choir School newsletter was released, which will hopefully grow our engagement and keep the public updated on our activities. In May, connections were made with Grace Academy and Jumoke Academy in hopes of recruitment and partnership. The Choir School was also represented at the Trinity Academy Block Party in mid-May, 2022. We hope to continue finding ways to bring the organization outside the wall of the sanctuary while honoring our commitment to our Trinity Episcopal home base.

The Adult Choir kicked off in early September, with a “homecoming” Sunday on September 12th, where both choirs sang together in person for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. It was a joyful reunion! Then in October the church hosted a large-scale Halloween event of the Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists called Pipescreams. The event began with snacks and ghost stories read around a bonfire in the Memorial Garden, followed by a costumed organ concert in the sanctuary. We are grateful for an interview segment on NPR as well as ample promotion by the AGO, which helped make the event a wild success. The sanctuary was packed with costumed concert-goers from a broad community inside and outside the church. The performers ranged in age from 13-70 and there was much choreography, including giant spiders on forklifts, dry ice spilling off the balcony, jump scares, potions, and other festive nonsense. Halfway through the concert, the performing organist magically disappeared, and the entire crowd was led out of the church by a lantern-lit processional while candy was distributed. The second half of the concert took place at Asylum Hill Congregational Church.

In November, we unveiled another new musical offering which was a 6-month series of monthly Compline services. These were held on the first Sunday of each month from November through March at 9pm, followed by a meditative organ program. This series was modeled after the well-known Compline series at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Seattle. Each service is was approximately 30 mins of chant and a capella choral music, modeled after the ancient monastic traditions of The Offices (otherwise known as the Canonical Hours), dating back as early as the writings of St. Benedict in the 6th century. This final mass of the day is a short service of late-night music and prayers, serving as a spiritual reflection before bedtime. Each Compline featured a professional ensemble of vocalists, often performing 6-part choral masterworks. This was a unique offering in a city where no similar programming exists. It was a gift to be able to invest in a series like this and to be able to share this with people - some of whom would otherwise never step foot in a church.

The adult choir members and choristers were also able to put together a full Lessons & Carols service, featuring works by under-represented composers. As many of us already know, for most of western music history, white men dominated the field. Women and people of color had no chance to make careers as composers for hundreds and hundreds of years. And, subsequently, most choral libraries to this day have great disparities in terms of representation. At Trinity Episcopal Church, our library currently includes approximately 2000 titles, 17 of which were composed by women, for example. (That's less than 1%.) This is very common. The aim of this Lessons & Carols service was to lift up these lesser-heard voices in a most special way. This program included works written by black composers and female composers; a tapestry of musicianship which reflected our wonderfully diverse ensembles and larger community, and the event drew a considerable turnout. We were also especially grateful for the opportunity to sing higher-level anthems after only recently reuniting in person a few months prior. Many of our choristers also participated in Emanuel Lutheran Church's St. Lucia Festival, a long-standing tradition of Swedish carols chronicling the story of the ancient martyr.

Unbeknownst to us at the time, COVID levels would rapidly rise by late December, rendering many In-person events in early January too dangerous. I am proud to report that we have no COVID cases among to choristers or choir members at this time and that we were safely able to do our large programming in December before the rates rose again. For Christmas Eve, the choir sang with an all-professional brass quintet and performed anthems by John Joubert and Harold Darke. The service also included a 30 min prelude, featuring instrumental works and a choral trio of Martha Freimuth, Alan Rice, and Ash de las Casas. Amy Arlin also sang a duet for the 5 pm Christmas Eve service, which focused on a telling of the Christmas Story for families with young children.

With a sudden spike in COVID rates in Hartford, we postponed our in-person rehearsals until late January. Upon resuming, we got back to work with masked singing in the sanctuary, where we had more room to spread out. Many of our choristers started ambitiously working through their Voice for Life workbooks to progress in their curriculum to the next ribbon color. In early March, we celebrated 6 choristers who completed another level in the RSCM program by holding an official chorister promotion during a worship service. At the end of March, our choristers participated in a Five Choir Evensong service at Trinity College Chapel, which also included RSCM programs from St. John's (West

Hartford), Christ Church (Newington), St. Paul's (Fairfield), and St. Paul's-on-the-Green (Norwalk). This was held at Trinity College Chapel and was drew a full congregation.

April was busy in preparation for Holy Week and Easter as well as a concert in early May. Our Holy Week featured special selections of choral music on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. The choirs were relieved to have a few days off afterward! The week featured selections by Gjeilo, Mozart, Moe, Hayes, Kopylov, and Vivaldi. On Easter, we were joined by a marvelous string quartet which also performed selections by Pärt, Glass, and Rowley. We took a creative approach to the beginning of Easter Sunday, choosing music on a contemplative, reflective nature to represent the mystery of Mary Magdalene at the tomb before the joyous celebration afterward. The 30-min pre-service music was an opportunity for congregants to enter this emotional space before the festive atmosphere of traditional Easter joy. Later in the service, the choirs sang selections from Vivaldi's Gloria, accompanied by strings, and finished with a triumphant singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Also in April we were able to re-open our sanctuary doors to external choral groups for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. We welcomed two outside choral concerts from University of Connecticut and The Hartt School, filling our sanctuary with music and community from beyond our walls.

On May 7th, the choristers performed alongside Voices of Concinnity in a concert titled "The Open Heavens" which honored musical depictions of heaven, with works by Esenvalds, Betinis, Quartel, Unterseher, Wallen, among others. Chi-Chi Onoh and Olivia Mogor were featured soloists and Celine Stephens joined in an ambitious sextet ensemble with Voices of Concinnity members! We celebrate the courage and hard work it takes to prepare for these performances, especially at this age. It was a real thrill for our choristers to feel what it's like to sing with an all-professional ensemble and to be musically challenged as they rose to the occasion.

Videos of all our special concerts and music services (Lessons & Carols, Collaborative Chorister Evensong, 6 Compline services, The Open Heavens, etc.) are available on our YouTube channel.

The choristers as well as the Trinity Episcopal Church Adult Choir have been consistently active during this time, continuing to sing music - new and old - every week. Our singers have remained compassionate and flexible as we navigate illness, local infection rates, and life events. We have continued meeting each week to rehearse and to build our community through collaborative music-making. We have been blessed to have had four new regular singers this past 2021-2022 season - Ash de las Casas, Kristen Williams, Adrian Dilone, and Andrew Gardner. We're also grateful for choir members who returned after spending time away during last year's season when in-person rehearsals were not yet possible. We have also benefitted greatly from the musicianship of John Michael Walker, a graduate student in music history at The Hartt School, who has served as our tenor section leader this year.

The final service of the season for The Choir School of Hartford is Sunday, June 5th, which is also Youth Sunday. Our graduating choristers - Chi-Chi Onoh and Celine Stephens - will be sharing messages from the pulpit and both choral groups (the choristers and the adult choir) will be singing some favorite anthems from the year as well as selections for Pentecost. The choristers are currently preparing their own reception following worship that day, which will include their choice of candies, snacks, and juices in the Memorial Garden. All are invited, of course, to share in their favorite treats. The Trinity Episcopal Church Adult Choir concludes their season the following Sunday, June 12th, which is also the date of the Annual Meeting. We're hopeful for an end-of-year choir party as well, dependent on COVID rates and scheduling.

As I reminisce on what we've been able to do so far in the 2021-2022 year, despite an ever-changing COVID landscape, I feel proud of the ways we've been creative in our music-making while also staying safe. With God's grace and a continued commitment within this community, our music ministry will remain strong and adaptable. It is an honor to be a part of it.

Soli Deo Gloria -

Submitted by Michelle Horsley, *Director of Music Ministries*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION QUADRANT

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Adult Christian Formation (ACF)

The Adult Christian Formation committee organizes programs in support of the ongoing spiritual formation of Trinity parishioners. During the 2021-2022 program year the programs were offered in a mix of in-person presentations and Zoom forums. The topics covered a broad spectrum, including Christian ethics, social justice and injustice, the search for a new bishop for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, the development and growth of a church musician, how to deal with obsessive anxiety over current events, having honest conversations, kidney donation, and even how to be an Episcopal millionaire. The Trinity Community for Racial Justice designed a tour of Hartford Murals, the Open Communities Alliance presented on racial disparities in housing, and the Principal of Trinity Academy provided an update on the school. Youth Sunday will include a panel of current students and some young adults who have moved on to the next stage of their lives.

The ACF committee also sponsored an Advent Quiet Day and a Lenten Series on Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman.

Committee participants this year have included Suzanne Blancaflor, Pat Bunker, Frank Kirkpatrick, Roy McAlpine, Everett Post, and Mark MacGougan, with input and support from Rev. D. Martha Freimuth is the convener. Planning for 2022-2023 program year is already underway. If you have an idea for a forum or a series, or would like to be part of the planning process, please contact Martha Freimuth or any member of the committee.

Submitted by Martha Freimuth

Book Group

Trinity's Book Group began the year by meeting via Zoom, due to the pandemic, but - thankfully, resumed in-person meetings with various folks hosting in their homes. We met on Friday evenings about every 6 weeks, from 7:00-9:00 pm, beginning with dessert, and our discussions were interesting and lively. Newcomers are always welcome to attend, whether for one session or regularly. This is not a closed "book club"!

At the end of each meeting, we selected the next book, with the only requirement being that someone in the group has to have read it. We do try to read books with varied content: fiction and nonfiction, describing different parts of the world, etc. This year we read *The Story of More* by Hope Jahren, *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman, *Go Tell It On the Mountain* by James Baldwin, *An Odyssey: A Father, A Son, and an Epic* by Daniel Mendelsohn, *Finding the Mother Tree* by Suzanne Simard, and will finish the year with *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead.

Submitted by Linda MacGougan

Christian Formation for Children and Youth/Church School

No Church School classes activities were held due to the recurring surges in the COVID-19 positivity rate during the 2021-22 program year. Five young adults, longtime members of Trinity's Church School program, were confirmed by Bishop Ahrens in March at St. Luke's in Glastonbury. We are planning to re-group and re-organize for the 2022-23 program year and will be seeking input from both parents/guardians and students over the summer.

Submitted by Kate Byroade and Clement Mogor

Godly Play

Godly Play is what Jerome Berryman calls his interpretation of Montessori religious education. It is an imaginative approach to working with children or adults, an approach that supports, challenges, nourishes and guides their spiritual quest. It is more akin to spiritual direction than to what we generally think of as religious education.

Godly Play assumes that children have some experience of the mystery of the presence of God in their lives, but that they lack the language, permission and understanding to express and enjoy that in our culture. In Godly Play we enter into parables, silence, sacred stories and sacred liturgy to discover God, ourselves, one another and the world around us. All of Trinity's youth formation was put on hold, these past couple of years, due to the presence of Covid in our state.

We rejoice in the re-opening of our Godly Play class for the five weeks in May this year with an enrollment of seven children ,and look forward to it continuing in September. Each Sunday we require a storyteller, and an assistant. Godly Play continues to be a vibrant ministry due to the dedication of these adults. If this ministry calls to you please contact Clement Mogor, Nancy Crandall or Rev D. Most assistants choose to participate on a rotating basis and can commit toas little as once every two months.

Our classroom is open at 9:45 (new time) and we join the church service about 10:40.

Submitted by Nancy Crandall (Godly Play storyteller)

FAITH IN ACTION/OUTREACH QUADRANT

Liaison: Lily Miller

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American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)

A donation of \$550 was sent to AFEDJ in December, to augment an ornament sale held in Advent. The donation was to be added so our overall gift was \$1000, designated to the Ahli Hospital. The Ash Wednesday and Good Friday donations will also be sent. Since the Faith in Action committee did not meet to decide additions, future gifts will be added. Personal donations have been made by parishioners. These did not go through the Trinity Church accounts, but directly to the organization.

Submitted by Kate Smith

Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association

Trinity Church is represented on the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association. The group meets monthly on the 1st Monday at 6:15 pm. AHNA is the working group for the Asylum Hill NRZ. Issues of development, safety, employment and quality of life are all discussed at meetings. There are representatives of the Police and Fire Departments present.

AHNA Mission: The Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association empowers and connects residents and stakeholders to improve the quality of life in Asylum Hill. AHNA acknowledges that Asylum Hill is on traditional lands of the Poqonook, Sicoag, Tunxis and Wangunk tribes. There are eight task forces developed to address current planning strategies. 1. Economic development 2. Public Safety 3. Environment/Green Committee 4. Youth Enrichment 5. Housing/Historic Preservation/Blight remediation 6. Arts and Culture 7. Human Services 8. Employment/Jobs.

A quarterly report from the AHNA meetings can be found in issues of The Voice.

If you are interested in more information about AHNA please visit the website (www.asylumhill.org) or contact me (bmorton1217@gmail.com)

Let me know, and thanks.

Submitted by Boo Morton

Church by the Pond – Bushnell Park Program

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. Matthew 25:34

Trinity Church participates six times a year in Church by the Pond at Bushnell Park, in support of the Ecclesia Ministry and Church Street Eats programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral. Trinity is one of a number of area churches who participate in this ministry and have since it began in 2011.

Volunteers returned to gathering in-person on our scheduled Saturdays, preparing bag lunches in the church kitchens, then bringing the lunches and personal care items to the park to distribute to those in need. We attended the 2 PM worship services by the pond led by Rev. D., an integral part of this ministry.

All are invited to participate, along with families and friends. Watch for articles in the VOICE, the weekly e-Voice and Sunday Bulletin announcements for scheduled dates.

Submitted by Penny Pearson, pennypearson@comcast.net
and Percy Williamson, percybwilliamson@yahoo.com

Covenant to Care for Children

Trinity Church participates in the Adopt A Social Worker program of Covenant to Care for Children in Hartford, joining other community and faith-based organizations to partner with social workers in providing special items for children in need

In 2021, we reconnected as a more active partner, contributing back-to-school backpacks in August, and holiday gifts via our “Giving Tree” in December. Trinity parishioners appreciate the opportunity to be part of this program and are most generous in their responses!

Watch for articles in the VOICE, the weekly e-Voice and Sunday bulletin announcements for news of future projects.

Submitted by Penny Pearson
pennypearson@comcast.net

Five Talents

Five Talents was formed out of the 1998 Lambeth Conference as a Christian response to global poverty and is inspired by the biblical Parable of the Talents (which teaches that we should all work to multiply the resources we are given) and the call of Jesus to minister to the poor. We do not evangelize and people of all faiths, and none, join our programs.

Our goal is to transform lives through economic empowerment, working to eradicate extreme poverty, restore human dignity and create strong, sustainable communities.

We work with local Anglican Church organizations to help train some of the poorest on earth to save, start small businesses and improve their lives. Since it was formed, we have worked in 15 countries and in 2021 we are in eight: South Sudan, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Myanmar, Bolivia and now Rwanda also.

Five Talents works through groups, training enterprising members to save money and learn business skills. We also provide literacy and numeracy training or trauma healing in conflict areas, as needed.

During the last year, we continued helping those in our programs to learn how to protect themselves from Covid and prepare to increase the number of groups we can help as the Covid situation in each country allows.

By the start of 2022, Five Talents programs had mostly returned to normal operations and are growing again, helping the poorest and most marginalized. We have strengthened our ties with the Mothers Union, the women of the church organization started in the Church of England and spread to all former British colonies. With the initial support of the global Mothers Union headquarters in London, each local country's Mothers Union has a core staff of trainers who do parenting, education and health program training. Five Talents trains those trainers on how to start strong savings groups and to teach basic business skills. With the support of Five Talents funding, they train others in the dioceses and parishes, rapidly spreading the programs throughout each country. Since both the Mothers Union staff and local trainers are part of the local communities, they are always there despite disease, conflict or natural disaster.

With support of Trinity Hartford and a grant from the ECCT Sustainable Development Fund, we are in the process of starting a new Mothers Union program in Rwanda, a new country for Five Talents. At the request of the Anglican Church of Rwanda, Five Talents will support a three year pilot project in three dioceses to improve the economic condition and stability of 660 vulnerable female headed households which were had hit by Covid. In addition to helping them start savings groups to pool their limited funds and support each other and giving them business skills training, Five Talents is also arranging agricultural skills training for them. The project will double to support 1,320 households before it finishes and we hope to expand it to the other dioceses in Rwanda after the three years.

Five Talents is very grateful for the key support from Trinity Hartford both in terms of its \$1,000 grant for the project and for its support for the \$7,000 grant from our diocese. Your support is very important in helping start this new program.

Submitted by Everett Post

Heads Up! Hartford

Traditionally, Heads Up! Hartford is a faith-based week-long camp uniting urban and suburban youth to improve our communities and develop as leaders. In 2021, HU!H held a modified camp, due to the pandemic. Youth attended in-person events for a few days, outdoors, otherwise, sessions were held via Zoom. One youth from Trinity participated. In June of 2022, HU!H will resume its full week of residential camp, to be held at Ethel Walker School in Simsbury.

Submitted by Linda MacGougan
Macgougans@gmail.com
Trinity's Liaison with Heads Up! Hartford

Loaves and Fishes – Food Assistance

This program, formerly housed at Trinity, and now based at Immanuel Congregational Church at the corner of Woodland Street and Farmington Avenue, serves lunch on weekdays and offers other support services to those in need in the Asylum Hill neighborhood. Trinity Church is committed to providing the meal on the third Wednesday of each month.

The meal is prepared each month in Trinity's kitchen the Tuesday before the meal is served. Meal ingredients are purchased by volunteers Kate Rousseau and family. A volunteer cooking crew, prepares, packages, and delivers the meal. Our volunteers are Louisa Cummings, Janet Wilkinson, Mary Register, Nancy Crandell, Susan Post, Karin Peterson, and Steve Zhitnik. The volunteer cooking crew provides two menus: Make -Your-Own Tuna Fish sandwiches during the warmer months and a chicken/sausage/vegetable and rice dish for the cooler months. Another group of volunteers, from Trinity and other Hartford area churches, headed by Karin Peterson, serves the monthly meal on Trinity's Wednesday at Loaves and Fishes. At this time, as we slowly emerge from Covid, our serving team is on hold. Loaves and Fishes itself supplied a serving team for May 2022, but otherwise will deliver the meals to go. We need more people to serve. Between 75 and 100 individuals are served each month, with numbers averaging in the 80's.

Individuals donations of cash and/or canned food can be made directly to Loaves and Fishes, go to: <http://www.loavesfishesministries.org/>

We need more participation from the Parish

The outstanding issue for this ministry is that we need more volunteers to reconstitute the serving team. Anyone interested in serving at Loaves and Fishes, please contact Karin Peterson.

Submitted by Steve Zhitnik
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Mbugani Parish/ Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania

In late 2021 Trinity's Faith in Action team sent \$7000 in scholarship money for 7 students from Mbugani to attend their final year of secondary school during 2022 at St. Peter's School of Tabora Diocese.

I want to thank Trinity for the generous funding provided to these seven students for the last four years.

Submitted by Heather Kramer
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Refugee Resettlement

In 2021, Trinity's Refugee Resettlement Team, together with individuals from several other faith traditions—Jewish, Congregationalist, Quaker, Muslim, and Roman Catholic—settled a family of Afghans airlifted from Kabul in late summer. This family arrived with four children, ages 2 through 7, and mom gave birth to a baby girl while the family were still housed at an American military base. All seven members arrived at their new home in Connecticut in early November.

Our dedicated and tireless team found housing for the family and furnished their new home; we have attended to long-neglected medical needs, enrolled the older kids in school, and generally helped the family learn to survive and thrive in this entirely new environment. The adults are learning English rapidly with the help of a town ESOL program and three ex-ESOL teachers on the team. Dad is employed; the oldest two kids are about to finish 1st grade and kindergarten, and the two littlest boys will be start pre-school in September. Mom is an accomplished dress-maker, and we hope to set her up with a home dress-making shop in the near future.

The team welcomes new members who would like to join in the life-saving, and exceptionally rewarding, work of resettling refugee families from around the world.

Submitted by Anne Rapkin
a.rapkin@snet.net

The Trinity Community for Racial Justice ("TCRJ")

Since our 2021 annual meeting, the TCRJ has been focusing on education and ongoing conversations regarding systemic racism; how our faith calls us to continue to address racism in our lives and community, as well as researching our church's history of racism and white supremacy.

TCRJ together with Adult Christian Formation has sponsored forums about disparities in health care and housing, and we have posted information about these topics on our web page. We have continued to support open conversations regarding racism and how white supremacy continues to effect the lives of our parishioners. We invited Greater Hartford Interfaith Alliance to speak to our Vestry about how Trinity can become a part of their important work in Hartford to work for social justice. Look for more information on the work we hope to do with GHIA later this year.

Lastly, we have completed our study of Trinity’s history of racial injustice, as required by the ECCT convention resolution 7. This work was made possible by partnering with a community of other ECCT parish researchers and archivists, as well as by the efforts of individuals from our Trinity parish, who supported with their experience, research, stories and wise guidance. The report will be published in the coming weeks and then we can begin the work of thinking about “what next”?

Submitted by Heather Kramer for the TCRJ
Rev D. Littlepage
Martha Fremiuth
Cathy Rowe
Kitty Peterson

PARISH CARE QUADRANT

Liaison: Anne Rapkin
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Casserole Ministry

The purpose of this ministry is to provide prepared meals to parishioners and their families when someone in the household is convalescing from surgery or illness, hospitalized, caring for a newborn, newly-bereaved, or experiencing any other crisis that makes food preparation difficult to manage. This past year has been a busy for the Casserole Ministry. Anyone who would like to utilize this opportunity to help care for the sick and extend God's love to parishioners during their times of need is encouraged to participate in this ministry.

Submitted by Anne Rapkin, anne.rapkin@gmail.com

Intercessory Prayer Team

Members of the Intercessory Prayer Team are available during communion at the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service to pray with you whenever you feel in special need of God's healing and comforting presence, or are celebrating a joyful event in your life or the life of someone you love. Team members meet monthly for fellowship and conversation as a means of deepening their own spiritual lives. The Team is a vital lay ministry in the life of our parish. During that portion of 2021 when church services were conducted online, Team members devoted themselves to making phone calls to parishioners who were particularly isolated due to the pandemic. Now that services have resumed in the church, the Team is back at work on Sundays.

Those interested in joining the Intercessory Prayer Team are invited to speak with the rector or with Anne Rapkin, anne.rapkin@gmail.com

Submitted by Anne Rapkin, anne.rapkin@gmail.com

Sanctuary Stitchers

The Sanctuary Stitchers, Trinity's prayer shawl ministry group, gathered both in-person and via Zoom in this program year. We appreciate the special connections for fellowship in Zoom when in-person gatherings aren't possible.

Our members create prayer shawls and baby blankets, hats and scarves. Baby blankets were offered to the youngest members of our congregation at their baptisms, while hats and scarves were offered to those in need at Church by the Pond.

This group is open to all who create for the benefit of others, and we welcome ideas for parish and community projects, and for furthering this ministry going forward.

Watch for articles in the VOICE, the weekly e-Voice and Sunday bulletin announcements for future gatherings.

Submitted by Penny Pearson

Property Team

As always, the property committee continues to evolve, seemingly by the season!

We are tasked with all aspects of Trinity's grounds and maintenance work.

We've been supported immensely by the Capital Campaign's decision to focus on maintenance and grounds. Lots of work has been done and a change is taking place. We can see this now that we are able to return to services.

Our committee members are Peter Green, Alan Rice, Vinnie Pacileo, Boo Morton, Kathie Wilson and Bill Kofalk. Rev. D is part of the group as her schedule allows.

We accepted resignations this year from Tom Oberholtzer and Erica Weinstock. We want to thank them for their dedication to Trinity and its campus.

Erica Weinstock also steered the group of workers volunteering during the summer in the Memorial Garden.

The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Currently meetings are held via Zoom. We welcome anyone to attend. If learning about, or assisting with, the property at Trinity (inside or outside) is a passion for you, please don't hesitate to speak with a committee member or Rev. D.

We rejoice that the buildings are open! Safety is of utmost concern. We follow the guidelines of the city of Hartford and the ECCT.

We are currently continuing to improve our security systems, fire alarm systems and lighting in the church nave.

The campus continues to evolve as well! Our Farmington Avenue sign was knocked down in an auto accident. It's a nice new sign right now! Some curbing at that entrance was run over by a school bus and will soon be replaced and the area replanted. We had a visitor during off hours. It was someone looking for warmth and something to eat. The incident pointed out a vulnerability in the building which has since been rectified.

The roof, the gutters, the downspouts, the chimneys, the basement, the lawns, the Close, the Memorial Garden and the church itself are our responsibility and joy. We must own them and respect them and love them.

Thank you for your help with maintaining our wonderful space of welcome, hope and healing. And thanks to Vinnie, Trinity Academy, the staff of Trinity and the Choir School of Hartford for their faithful nurturing of our buildings and grounds. A special thanks to those who work quietly behind the scenes- Barbara Roos, Peter Green, Neill Derick and Tom Oberholtzer.

God is good, all the time. All the time God is good!

Submitted by Barbara “Boo” Morton, *Property Chair*

Memorial Garden Committee

The Memorial Garden volunteers are committed to making the gardens and Trinity beautiful and welcoming to all. Our primary responsibility is the upkeep of the gardens north of the church building, including the Memorial Garden, and the plantings along Sigourney Street. This work includes- depending on the season-raking leaves, pulling weeds, pruning bushes, mulching , applying eco-friendly weed killer to the labyrinth and paths and watering as needed. A delightful treat is the visiting and sharing that takes place as the work gets done. Valerie Pogue works planting and caring for the plants on the south of the church near the parking lot.

This year’s group had eight volunteers: George Chien, Enid Oberholtzer, Karin Peterson, Kate Smith, Peter Green, Linda MacGougan, Heather Kramer, Valerie Pogue and Erica Weinstock. We meet in the gardens each Thursday from 9:30 to noon weather permitting. We have received resignations from both Erica and Enid. They have spearheaded this group for years and will be sorely missed.

There is currently a need for someone to coordinate this group. Please speak to Rev. D or one of the wardens if this is something you would consider.

We welcome anyone and all to come and join as a Thursday regular, or as an occasional contributor.

Submitted by Barbara “Boo” Morton, *Property Chair*

Grounds Upkeep

Trinity Church is located in an historic neighborhood and is blessed with beautiful buildings and grounds. Many people use our church and buildings and see the grounds when they enter from Farmington Avenue or Sigourney Street. Passers-by also notice how the grounds look and we want to create a good impression for everyone. Our Memorial Garden and Close are both places of rest and tranquility. It takes a lot of work to keep the grounds looking at their best and this work falls on a loyal cadre of volunteers. Special thanks are due to Neill Derick for keeping the lawns mowed during the growing season.

You too can help in a variety of ways:

- Work days are scheduled a couple of times a year during the spring and fall. They take place on Saturday mornings and announcements are made in the Voice and the eVoice about upcoming work days. It involves a maximum of 3 hours but any help is greatly appreciated !

- Consider adopting a bed to maintain over the summer. You don't have to do all the work alone. You could team up with another parishioner ! It would involve doing some weeding and watering as necessary, as well as making sure that there is no trash lying around to detract from the appearance.
- Volunteering to help on a weekly basis doing easy tasks like picking up any trash that ends up detracting from the appearance of the grounds.

Please contact Peter Green for more information.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Submitted by Peter Green

WORSHIP QUADRANT

Liaison: Peter Green
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Acolyte Program

The Acolytes started serving again in the Fall of 2021. This ministry aims to develop leadership, teamwork, reverence, and to further knowledge of our faith. The training is done by the more experienced acolytes, who rehearse each Sunday, before the service begins. All newer acolytes are prepared so that they will be and feel successful in this very visible ministry.

Those who served in 2021 – 2022 were:

Kenny Okeke
Malik Allen-Thomas
Tro Moo

Jonathan Garcia
Juan Matos
Trocari Griffith-McCalop

We will occasionally supplement the ministry by asking the Ministers of Communion to carry the torches at the appropriate times.

We welcome all young people, from age 9 up, to join the acolyte ministry which will begin again in September 2022.

Inquiries to Rev. D or Mr. Roy McAlpine (860-338-4525).

Submitted by Roy McAlpine

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is an essential ministry in supporting worship at Trinity. Each week they set up and clean up the vessels used in worship and clean the Altar and Chancel area. They are also responsible for changing the altar frontal and lectern/pulpit hangings as necessary for each liturgical observation or special worship service and for ensuring that the necessary supplies for worship are ordered and organized. Though they are behind the scenes, worship could not happen without the Altar Guild. We are grateful to George Chien, Louisa Cummings, Cassandra Joseph, Kitty Peterson, and Mary Register for their dedication to this ministry. We are in need of others to join them in this important ministry. Please see Rev. D., Peter Green, or any member of the Altar Guild to find out more about this ministry and to find out how you can contribute.

Submitted by Rev. D.

Flower Guild

Trinity Church is still one of the few remaining churches that does its own flower arrangements. Since the closure of the church due to Covid 19, our Flower Guild was put on the back burner until just a year ago.

Since the church opened for in-person services on June 6, 2021, for both the 8 and 10 am services, we again began to provide arrangements on the altar with the help of summer volunteers and regular members of the Flower Guild. It has been once again been delightful to see the church and the altar filled with wonderful arrangements.

Thanks this year to Valerie Pogue for maintaining the pots with seasonal plantings outside of the Education wing. Thanks also to all those who help make the church beautiful for Christmas and Easter.

The Flower Guild is still actively seeking new members who would enjoy finding meditation and quiet time in arranging flowers.

Submitted by Percy Williamson and George Chien, *Co-Chairs*

Hospitality/Sunday Fellowship Hour

Because COVID-19 continued to be a factor, hospitality was on hiatus during regular services in 2021 - 2022. We look forward to resuming hospitality.

Submitted by Rev. D.

Usher Ministry

The Usher ministry has not been able to function fully during Covid. Previously it relied on a loyal core of volunteers who helped out every week greeting parishioners and visitors as they arrive at the church. However, due to Covid many of the usher responsibilities like handing out programs, taking up the elements to the altar and collecting the offering have been curtailed. Some volunteers are now willing to return to their previous duties. Bill Kofalk continues to serve as the Head Usher and will soon resume scheduling the usher duties each month. Bill's faithfulness ensures that the Usher ministry runs smoothly each and every Sunday.

Our former heard usher, Neill Derick, still serves as an usher when needed. If you are interested in serving as an usher, please speak to Bill Kofalk and he will be happy to provide you with more information.

Submitted by Peter Green, *Worship Quadrant Leader*

Worship Assistants

In normal times Trinity has a large number of parishioners who assist at worship in a variety of roles.

The theme of unpredictability continued during the 2021 – 2022 church year. Sunday services have gradually transitioned back to in-person services simultaneously live-streamed on You Tube. We are sincerely grateful to everyone for their patience and flexibility during this time of transition back to (almost) normal.

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers have had limited opportunity to function this year. Since in-person services resumed on a regular basis communion has been administered in one kind (bread) only, with wine distributed in individual cups and with use of the common cup – depending on the current COVID situation.

Cathy Rowe has become one of the (physical) vergers, joining Roy McAlpine.

Casey Rousseau and Jake Troiano, our 'virtual vergers', have done an outstanding job in preparing our various forms of digital worship and communication and in overseeing the actual services and other events in real time. Their efforts continue to be vital in allowing the Trinity community to stay connected. They have pioneered a role which will continue into the future with our hybrid services.

All of us look forward with great anticipation to something more closely approximating, normal as we move further into 2022.

Submitted by Ray Wilson, *Coordinator*

Worship Leaders

Members of Trinity Church have been conducting weekly Sunday services on Sunday at the Caleb-Hitchcock nursing facility (part of the Duncaster life care community) since 1984. It was possible to conduct a few services during 2021, when COVID appeared to be going away. Then the next surge hit and Caleb-Hitchcock went into an extended lockdown. When the lockdown ended Caleb-Hitchcock no longer had sufficient staffing to support the services. We continue to be in touch with them and try to plan for the future.

We were saddened to learn the Jeff Fournier, the staff member who had coordinated the services for Caleb-Hitchcock died of lymphoma in April.

The Sunday service at Caleb-Hitchcock has been very important to its congregation (normally, pre_COVID, 15 to 25 residents and visiting family and friends). It provides the opportunity to do something 'special' and familiar on Sunday morning, as most of the residents did for most of their lives. We see residents with significant cognitive problems who are able to be involved in the service - particularly familiar hymns and texts such as the Creed and Lord's Prayer. This is truly a rewarding ministry for both the congregation and the Worship Leaders. We are eager to resume. Updates will be circulated as more information from Duncaster becomes available.

Anyone who would like to explore this ministry further can talk with Ray Wilson in order to get more information.

Submitted by Ray Wilson, *Coordinator*

AFFILIATED MINISTRIES

12-Step Programs

In 2021 Trinity Church welcomed back the Friday night Narcotics Anonymous support group. They meet every Friday night from 7:00 pm to approximately 8:15-8:30 pm. According to their group leader their average attendance is 10 to 15 people.

Submitted by Barbara Roos

Goodwin Legacy Circle

What can each of us do to help secure the long-term vibrancy and mission of Trinity Church? One important step is to include Trinity Church as one of the beneficiaries in your will.

More than thirty parish members have taken this step. Together, we are the Goodwin Legacy Circle (formerly known as the Heritage Society).

If you would like to join the Goodwin Legacy Circle, the first step is to update your will or estate planning to include Trinity Church. You should do this with the help of an attorney. The second step is to fill out a brief Legacy Circle form. You can get a form from the church office or from Mark or Linda MacGougan, who are the current co-chairs.

Each of us at Trinity Church has benefited from the funds that were donated in the wills of parishioners who have gone before us. The members of the Goodwin Legacy Circle believe that it is now our turn to do our part for future generations.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Roos at the church office or Mark or Linda MacGougan at (860-561-1588 or macgougans@gmail.com).

Submitted by Mark and Linda MacGougan, *Co-Chairs*

Trinity Academy -Where Students Discover the Love of Learning 2021-2022 School Year In Review

Hello from Trinity Academy of Hartford!

We are grateful to have welcomed some normalcy back this school year. Students have been on campus regularly and are excelling on their testing. Our mid-year testing showed that our students are on track to gain well over a year of growth, which means that we are still outperforming Hartford Public Schools! Our dedicated staff, families, and of course, students, have all helped to make this achievement possible.



We are excited to announce that we welcomed a new Director of Development, Kylie Heiner, in March. Kylie has a decade of teaching and educational administrative experience. She has approached her new role in Development with so much love and excitement for our students. We are so happy to have her!

We are actively working to increase our enrollment from 40 students to 50 for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. We currently have 11 student applications in, among all grades. Kylie has launched the school's Annual Appeal with a goal of raising \$120,000 to help support these 10 additional students. We are well on our way to reaching that goal and would love any support you can provide!



Additionally, we are excited to announce that we are bringing back our Annual Gala in the Fall of 2022! Save the date for a night out in late October or early November at the Goodwin Building downtown. The Goodwin lobby has been the site of many glamorous weddings and other fundraising events over the years and we are thrilled to be able to hold our Gala at this beautiful site. Join us for a night of eating, casino style gaming, socializing, music and of course, a silent auction. Further information will be coming out shortly. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are forever grateful to Trinity Episcopal Church for their continued support and generosity. Please make plans to come see us soon to meet Kylie and to tour the school. We would love to show you all the amazing things we have been up to!

Submitted by Allison Bernhard, *Principal, Trinity Academy*

The Campaign for Trinity Program year 2021-2022

The Capital Campaign for Trinity: Celebrating A Place of Faithful Service to Hartford was launched four years ago as a program to restore Trinity's buildings – and in so doing to build up the church community and the wider community we serve. It was originally planned as a three-year program, but like many large projects took longer than planned.

We have continued to receive donations through this program year, and we are grateful to the parishioners and others who have given so generously over the course of the Campaign. Overall, the Campaign has received more than \$641,500 in donations to date, and there is an additional \$41,700 in pledges that are still being fulfilled.

The Campaign funded many projects over its first three years, including the Parish House porch, boiler renovations, gutters and repointing, nave lighting, choir loft railings, AV equipment, and security improvements. The principal project funded by the Campaign this year was the replacement and modernization of the fire-safety system for the entire complex. This is not a particularly visible improvement to our facilities, but was critical for making sure that our church will continue to be a safe place for all who visit here. The fire-safety project also drew on parish budget funds, as the Capital Campaign was not able to fund the full cost.

While the Campaign outreach will be drawing to a close, we will gratefully accept continued donations – whether new gifts or fulfilling existing Campaign pledges. The buildings of Trinity Church continue to require attention, and we believe capital maintenance is a worthwhile investment. These buildings not only lift our hearts to God, they also serve our community with an elementary school, a choir school, 12-step programs, and many other important programs and activities. Going forward, we invite parishioners to consider adding a Building Fund pledge to their annual pledge to the parish.

Submitted by Mark MacGougan and Drew Smith, *Campaign Co-Chairs*

THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR 2021-2022 ANNUAL MEETING

OFFICERS (1-year terms)

Wardens

Leslyn Clark 1st term

Timothy Watt..... 1st term

Clerk

Kathleen (Kitty) Peterson 7th term

Treasurer

Kenneth (Casey) Rousseau..... 4th term

Assistant Treasurer

Jacob Troiano..... 4th term

VESTRY – At-Large

3-year term: Cassandra Joseph

Jacqueline Lucier

DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

Marsha McCurdy Adell (3 year term)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2023 Annual Meeting

2nd term to expire 2023: Walton Brown-Foster, William Kofalk, Kevin Rennie

1st term to expire 2024: Kate Steven, Catharine Rowe

SACRAMENTAL SUMMARY
JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2021

SACRAMENTAL SUMMARY

The following information was submitted to The Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut and to The Episcopal Church in the 2021 Parochial Report:

Total Sunday & Saturday Evening Eucharist: 65 in person, 22 online

Total Weekday Eucharists: 7 in person, 0 online

Total Private Eucharists: 0 in person

Daily Offices held on Sunday: 9 in person, 15 online

Daily Offices held on Weekdays: 0 in person, 41 online

Sunday services were regularly held at 8 am and 10 am and weekday services were regularly held at Noon on Thursdays.

BAPTISMS:

Sebastian James Thraen.....November 7, 2021

BLESSINGS OF MARRIAGE:

Natalie Belinda Smith and Corey Teonne Smith.....September 24, 2021

CONFIRMATIONS:

Jane Kodichukwumma Mogor.....February 28, 2021

Margaret Helen Rousseau.....February 28, 2021

MEMORIAL SERVICES/BURIALS:

Date of Death/Date of Service

JoEllen Gleave Jansing.....May 21, 2021 / June 12, 2021

James L. Register.....May 28, 2021 / June 19, 2021

James David Register.....July 15, 2021 / July 30, 2021

How do I get involved with or find out more about...?

Choir School of Hartford

- Susan Post, Chair of the Board

Christian Formation (Clement Mogor, Liaison)

- Adult Formation, Martha Freimuth
- Book Group, Linda MacGougan
- Church School, Clement Mogor, Kate Rousseau
- Godly Play, Nancy Crandall
- Nursey Caregivers, Clement Mogor
- Parish Life (picnic/special events), open

Communications

- Trinity Church Website and Social Media, George Chien
- Weekly E-Voice, Barbara Roos
- Quarterly 'The Voice' Newsletter, Kathie Wilson

Faith in Action/Outreach (Lily Miller, Liaison)

- American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ), Kate Smith
- Church by the Pond, Penny Pearson, Percy Williamson
- Covenant to Care for Children, Penny Pearson
- Heads Up Hartford!, Linda MacGougan
- Loaves and Fishes, Steve Zhitnik
- Refugee Resettlement, Anne Rapkin
- Trinity Academy Support, Leslyn Clark

Goodwin Legacy Circle

- Mark and Linda MacGougan

Office Volunteers

- Barbara Roos

Parish Care (Anne Rapkin, Liaison)

- Casserole Ministry, Anne Rapkin
- Intercessory Prayer Team, Anne Rapkin
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Rev. D.
- Sanctuary Stitches (Prayer Shawl Ministry), Penny Pearson

Property Team

- Boo Morton

Trinity Academy

- Allison Bernhard, Principal
- Kylie Heiner, Development Dir.

Trinity Church Archives

- Liz Kirkpatrick, Archivist

Trinity Community for Racial Justice

- Heather Kramer

Worship (Peter Green, Liaison)

- Acolytes, Roy McAlpine
- Altar Guild, open
- Choirs, Michelle Horsley
- Duncaster, Rev. D.
- Flower Guild, Percy Williamson & George Chien
- Hospitality, Jennifer Stephens
- Lay Worship Assistants (Lectors/Intercessors), Rev. D.
- Ministers of Communion, Rev. D.
- Ushers, Bill Kofalk
- Vergers, Rev. D.

Appendix I
2021 Financial Report and 2022 Budget

The 2021 financial report and 2022 budget will be delivered during the Annual Meeting and then incorporated into the final report after the Annual Meeting.

Appendix II

Swearing in of Vestry and Commissioning of Lay Leaders

The newly elected leaders gather at the front of the altar.

Outgoing Warden: On behalf of the congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church, I present:

N.N. elected Warden
N.N. elected Warden
N.N. elected Clerk
N.N. elected Treasurer
N.N. elected Assistant Treasurer

N.N., N.N., and N.N. elected Vestrypersons at large

N.N. elected (other positions elected)

Rector: Have these leaders been elected by the congregation or appointed by the vestry in accordance with the bylaws of our congregation?

Outgoing Warden: They have.

Rector: *(to the new leaders)* Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the position to which you have been elected?

Leaders: I do.

Rector: *(to each individual)* N.N. Will you faithfully carry out the duties of (Warden/Clerk/Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer/Vestry Member) of Trinity Episcopal Church according to the Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, and in accordance with the By-laws of this Parish?

Response: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

Leaders: I do.

Rector: *(to the congregation)* Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

Congregation: *We will.*

Rector: In the name of this congregation I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ.

Leaders Amen.

Rector: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All *Amen.*

Appendix III : Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Text in Current Bylaws

3.5 At or before the regular April meeting of the Vestry, the Nominating Committee shall propose a list of nominees, who shall be willing to serve if elected, which shall include at least one name, and no more than three names, for each elective position to be filled at the ensuing annual parish meeting. The elective positions to be filled shall include the two Wardens, Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, three members of the Vestry for three year terms, additional elective offices as necessary to complete unexpired terms which have not been filled by action of the Vestry pursuant to Section 8.2, delegates and alternates to Diocesan Convention, the succeeding Nominating Committee, and nominees to such additional bodies as the Vestry may direct. The Nominating Committee may revise its list after consultation with the Vestry, after which it shall be promptly and prominently disseminated to the Parish.

4. Of the Vestry

4.1 The Vestry shall consist of:

(A) the Wardens, Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, all of whom shall be

elected for terms of one year at the annual meeting and who may be re-elected at the succeeding annual meeting, provided, that a warden may serve no more than four successive one-year terms unless a fifth successive one-year term is needed for appropriate continuity and overlap between the two Wardens; and of

(B) At-large Vestry members of whom three shall be elected at each annual meeting by a majority of those present and voting for a term of three years, and such others shall be elected at each annual meeting as may be necessary to complete unexpired terms. No at-large member of the Vestry shall be re-elected to the Vestry after the expiration of at least two years of continuous service unless s/he has had an interval off the Vestry of at least one year.

Proposed New Text

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Rationale

These change to the bylaws allow flexibility in the size of the Vestry as the needs of the congregation fluctuate.

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