

Trinity Annual Report for 2020

PRESENTED ON JANUARY 31, 2021

ZOOM ANNUAL MEETING

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Vestry Meeting for Elections following with a Zoom Meeting.
(Elect Junior Warden and appoint Clerk, Secretary and Treasurer)

Minutes of the Annual 2019 Meeting of January 26, 2020

Call to Order: Called to order at 1:13 p.m.

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was given by the Dean and Rector, The Very Reverend Dr. William Stomski.

Quorum established by Chancellor Kait Flocchini.

The Agenda for Annual Meeting of 2019 was presented. There were no amendments proposed. Harvey Fennell moved to accept the Agenda as proposed. Howard Bennett seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor, no objections. Motion passed.

Minutes of January the 2019 Annual Meeting - No amendments proposed. Motion to accept minutes as proposed made by David Carbon, seconded by Laura Wallace. Vote: all in favor, no objections. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Howard Bennett reported 219 pledges for a total of over $600,000. This included 37 pledgers that were new pledgers or who transferred from regularly contributing to pledging.

Howard Bennett acknowledged Barbara Small, for her tireless work as the Choir Director and Pat Gardner, for her support as an accompanist. Without them the music program would not be running as smoothly as it is. Barbara Small updated her report about new members to the Choir—there are now seven men who have joined recently.

There were no questions of the Committees.

Bonnie Strader moved to accept the Committee reports as presented. Rich Charlat seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor, no objections. Motion passed.

Election of New Vestry Members

Fr. William presented the slate of Nominees: Cleta Dillard, Jeannie Arps, Terry Cain, Margaret Zuccarini. All are nominated for full 3 year terms. There were no nominations from the floor. Margaret Zuccarini moved to accept the slate as presented. Jean Carbon seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor, no objections. Motion passed.

Election of Delegates for 2020 Diocesan Convention

Fr. William read the names of the people who are nominated to be delegates for the 2020 Diocesan Convention.

Robert Andrade, Howard Bennett, Terry Cain, Lindsay Campbell, Jim Lamb, Larry Kirk, Guy Moreno, Diane Sheldon, Ernie Westbrook were presented. Four Alternates: Jade Hickman, Stephanie Tall, Cleta Dillard , and Bonnie Strader were nominated. Motion to accept made by Margaret Zuccarini and seconded by Robert Andrade. Vote: all in favor, no objections. Motion passed.

Election of Endowment Board Member

Fr. William presented that Mimi Butler has been nominated to serve on the Endowment Board. David Morgan moved to close the nominations. Bonnie Strader seconded that motion. Nancy Fennell moved to accept the nomination as presented. John Lilley seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor, no objections. Motion passed.

Presentation of the Budget

Treasurer David Morgan presented the budget for 2020. He referenced that we have started with a deficit budget for the last few years and like before, Trinity finished the year in the "black." David commended the congregation for their generosity and the Vestry for its careful stewardship of the finances.

Fr. William thanked David for his service as a Treasurer for Trinity - his donation is invaluable.

Report of the Associate Priests
Fr. William referenced Canon Rick and Canon Mikayla's reports in the handout. There were no questions of the Canons. Fr. William reported that the growth in our education is a leader in the diocese and congratulated the congregation on its commitment to that growth.

Reports From Senior and Junior Warden
Fr. William referenced Senior Warden Robert Andrade and Junior Warden Lynne Charlat's reports. There were no questions of the Wardens.

The Capital Campaign video was presented again.

Report of the Rector: State of the Church
Fr. William commended the congregation for all of the contributions already pledged to the Capital Campaign.
Fr. William identified 2019 as a "growth" year that was challenging as we grew into a program church.
Fr. William thanked the clergy, Vestry, and staff for their hard work and commitment in the past year.
Fr. William declared "there is a spirit of welcome" in our congregation. Fr. William described the efforts he, and the other leaders of Trinity, extend that spirit into all that we do in the community.
Fr. William commented on Trinity's governance and that the success of the program church depends on committed lay leadership and volunteers. Formation of a Parish Council and FFA Committee enables Trinity to continue growing and increasing organization. These committees enable Fr. William to pivot to focusing more on spiritual development.
Fr. William also commented on the increase in the educational and spiritual enrichment that has happened this year. Fr. William listed all of the educational opportunities available to the parish, sharing all of the positive comments about, and experiences in, our educational offerings that he has received this past year.
Fr. William also commented that the giving of this past year has been outstanding. He reviewed that the Vestry has set deficit budgets in order to take risks to bring on Rev. Mikayla and bring the salaries of the clergy up to national standards. And yet, we have ended the year without a deficit because of the generosity of the congregation. Fr. William reviewed that part of the proposed deficit budget is accounting for the hiring of a new Music Director.
He reported that the parish has not drawn funds from the Endowment Fund in the last few years, which, with sound investing, has resulted in the current Endowment Fund balance of $925,000—very close to the goal of $1,000,000.
Fr. William also commended the congregation on the commitments to the Capital Campaign, where we have already received commitments of 80% of the funds needed for the construction projects and 30% of the pledged funds are already in the bank.

Recognitions: Fr. William recognized Jade Hickman for her continued commitment to the youth and education formation of the parish. Fr. William also recognized members that are always at the church and committed to service. Fr. William recognized David Chute for his tireless work at the church, including serving at services and helping with maintenance. Fr. William also recognized Julia Leneaux for her gift of helping in numerous area—she is like Superman, she can step into the phone booth and change herself to meet the current need of the parish.
Fr. William recognized Senior Warden Robert Andrade and Junior Warden Lynne Charlat for all of the hard work, vision, and support they have provided throughout this challenging year.

Dean's Award - the Triquetra Pin- presented to an individual that Fr. William sees as a model of faith and of servanthood. This person has sacrificed endless hours in service to the church, sees goodness in all, and has always focused on problem-solving. Fr. William expressed his gratitude for the individual working so closely with him throughout the year. The award is presented to Howard Bennett.

Announcement of the Senior Warden for 2020
Fr. William reviewed that the role of the Senior Warden is to serve the congregation and support the Rector. He reviewed the history of Senior Wardens during his tenure at Trinity and his appreciation of those people for the gifts they have brought to the role. Fr. William announced that Jim Lamb will be the Senior Warden for 2020.

Celebration of Vestry Transition:
The existing Vestry and new members came forward. The whole gathering sang "Here I am, Lord." The outgoing members were divested from the Vestry and they were re-dedicated as members of the parish. Fr. William offered a prayer for the new and outgoing members of the Vestry. The new members were commissioned.
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Harvey Fennell, seconded by Julia Leneaux. Vote: all in favor, no abstentions, no objections. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Special Vestry Meeting for Elections (January 26, 2020)

Minutes of the Special Vestry Meeting
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
January 26, 2020

Present:
Father William Stomski, Dean/Rector
Jim Lamb, Senior Warden
Lynne Charlat, Junior Warden

Others Present:
David Morgan, Treasurer
Kait Flocchini, Clerk

Robert Andrade, Jeannie Arps, Howard Bennett, Terry Cain, Lynne Charlat, Cleta Dillard, Jim Lamb, John Lilley, Gretchen Wolfe, Margaret Zuccarini

Absent: Eloy Ituarte and Lindsay Campbell

The Senior Warden established a quorum at 2:24 p.m.

Voting for Leadership Positions
Junior Warden: John Lilley nominated Lynne Charlat to serve as Junior Warden. Terry Cain seconded the motion. Vestry discussed the nomination. Howard Bennett moved to closed nominations. Terry Cain seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, no objections.
Vestry voted to accept the nomination of Lynne Charlat for Junior Warden. Vote: All in favor, no objections. Motion passed.

Financial Statements:

2020 Financials: (David Morgan and Lindsay Campbell)

Endowment Fund: (Mimi Butler/Laura Wallace)



The Trinity Endowment Fund was established to promote Trinity's mission of proclaiming by work and example the Good News of God and Christ, seeking and serving Christ in all persons and respecting the dignity of every human being.

The Endowment Fund holdings with The Episcopal Church Foundation/State Street Global Advisors had a 2020 beginning value of $925,912. The ending balance as of Dec. 31, 2020 was $985,385, a gain of $59,473.

Highlights from this year include a shift in our investment strategy from a Tactical Asset Allocation to the 100% indexed option which, once implemented, the Board was pleased that for the 1st time in 2 1/2 years, we achieved our performance objectives.

The Board undertook the revision of the Trinity Cathedral Trust Instrument during the pandemic. We thank Bonnie Strader for her dedication to this project and for her time completing the word processing of the draft for our Chancellor's review.

The Endowment Board members are Chair, Laura Wallace; Secretary, Mimi Butler; Bonnie Strader; John Lilley, Vestry liaison; Father William, Dean of the Cathedral and David Morgan, Treasurer.

Rector' Discretionary Fund

People may not know, but the Rector's Discretionary Fund covers the funds all the clergy use to help address the needy that come to our door. The requests may range from housing, food, gas, utilities, transportation, etc. In addition, funds are given to

support social agencies locally or nationally such as Episcopal Relief, Food for the Poor, the Food Pantry of Reno, and CROP Walk for local hunger.

The Discretionary Fund is funded by congregant donations, the plate offering from the fourth Sunday of the month (required by canon law as one Sunday a month), and by fees paid to the clergy for weddings and funerals and baptisms.

In the past years, the clergy through a relationship with Officer Chris Carter of the Reno Police Department, have him screen and validate individuals needing to leave the area with the purchase of bus or train tickets. As of November 2020, the Rector's Discretionary Donor Restricted account (which includes the accounts for all three clergy and the deacon, and now just the two clergy and deacon) had the following activity:

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/20 …	$ 3,840.12
Funds received through the year …	6,000.00
Funds spent through the year …	6,647.68
Ending Balance as of 11/30/20 …	$ 3,192.44

Capital Campaign (Faith Like A River)

Annual Campaign "Here I Am Lord" (see the Stewardship Report, page 26 - 27)

Proposed 2021 Budget

Reports of the Wardens

Senior Warden's Report – Jim Lamb

Over my lifetime I have experienced new opportunities and challenges when accepting a new responsibility. However, I never imagined the senior warden responsibility for Trinity would evolve into what it has turned out to be! Having never served on a vestry, I found many interesting and educational lessons of how Episcopal churches in particular differ in their governance from my experiences in other church denominations and from the not-for-profit healthcare field. In addition, becoming a senior warden for the first time brought even more new educational opportunities along with a few challenges as well.

The year 2020 certainly tested our strength and will to keep our faith each and every day. In January we were looking forward to another exciting year in the life of Trinity. While we bid farewell to Canons Rick and Mikayla, we began searches for their replacements. Then COVID-19 hit the whole world! Trinity was in the midst of finalizing renovation plans for the sanctuary. Plans were underway to close the space after Easter so renovation work could begin in June, but the virus forced an earlier closing which

continues to today. In the meantime, midweek and Sunday services were broadcast via Facebook and YouTube in the sanctuary space and eventually in a temporary worship space in the parish hall. Kudos to our clergy staff and volunteers who made this possible.

While the renovation of the sanctuary was delayed several months as revisions to the scope of the design were necessary to bring the cost of the project in line with the capital budget, there were many, many volunteers who devoted time and energy to prepare items for transport to a storage facility or moved items from the sanctuary to the parish hall for use in the temporary worship space. We are so grateful to those folks who participated in this successful transfer effort.

During this past year Trinity welcomed new staff who bring with them experience, leadership, and commitment to the ministries of the Cathedral and its operations. In May, the Reverend Ruth Hanusa accepted a call to be our Canon for Parish Life. Canon Ruth is no stranger to Trinity having served many years as an adjunct priest. Dr. Gary Gordon accepted a call in July to become the first full-time Director of Music and Organist for the Cathedral. Molly Vatinel was welcomed in August to guide administrative functions as Cathedral Administrator. Judy Landis joined Trinity, also in August, as our part-time Director of Christian Education and Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) Leader. We are so blessed with the talents each of these individuals bring and for their devotion to their areas of ministry.

I appreciate working with the members of Trinity's Vestry. Vestry is our governing body for the parish and is responsible for establishing policy and monitoring the financial wellbeing of the Cathedral. In addition, I want to thank our Dean, Father William, for his spiritual guidance and to our Sexton, Carmen Lopez, and to Harold Campbell, our "fixer of all fixes" for their ongoing work this past year.

Trinity had an exceedingly successful capital campaign this year. The Faith Like a River effort resulted in over six million dollars pledged for Cathedral renovations and building a new parish hall. Thanks to all for this great achievement and to the volunteers who coordinated the campaign.

Cathedrals and churches cannot operate without the dedication of many volunteers. Trinity is fortunate to have many such individuals some of whom have been working for years in support of the Cathedral's ministries. They do so unselfishly and without expected recognition. However, we must give special thanks for their loyalty and devotion to carrying out the programs and services of their ministries. I could attempt to provide names, but I know I would miss someone. You know who you are and also know that you are deeply appreciated.

In closing I want to extend a particular expression of appreciation to our outgoing Junior Warden, Lynne Charlat. No one can appreciate the enormous responsibilities expected from one in this volunteer role unless you have served as junior warden. I have had the opportunity to work with Lynne this past year and have observed her unending

dedication to her role during some difficult times. Lynne and I have spent many hours in conversation or in meetings working to strengthen and improve the Cathedral facilities and operations. Some decisions were difficult to make and may have been controversial. However, they were made with respect and thoughtful consideration. Lynne has served for two years as Trinity's Junior Warden, and we sincerely appreciate her dedication and commitment.

The year 2021 hopefully will bring new light to what has been a very dark year 2020. As the Cathedral renovation moves forward to completion, we look forward to returning to our cathedral building to worship and praise God for guiding us through this difficult time. With the administration of a COVID vaccine we can see the day when we can gather again, to share in the Peace, and to receive the Eucharist Feast once again.

Junior Warden's Report: Renovation Committee & FFA Committee - Lynne Charlat

This year has been an incredibly busy year with the majority of my time being dedicated to the Capital Campaign Renovation and Building projects on our campus. I am grateful to Harold Campbell for holding down the fort and readily tending to the routine as well as ever new facility maintenance issues. We are blessed to have Harold's skill, expertise and cheerful willingness to respond to our needs on a moment's notice. He is a vital and integral part of our Cathedral team. When we return to more normal operations, a new Property Committee will be established. I also wish to thank all those volunteers who worked so diligently to accomplish our move out of the crypt and sanctuary in preparation for the renovation work, which as I write this, is fully underway.

I have shared previously in the Trinity Times of the challenges the Renovation Committee overcame to bring the project into budget by revising costs related to the HVAC system, lighting, flooring, and millwork. There are a few items I would like to highlight in this report that I do not believe have been previously broadly presented.

- We have made the decision not to fully refinish our pews to make them look brand new, but rather to give them instead a bit of spit and polish so as not to lose either the character of the wood nor the cherished memories they hold for many.
- A design element that was removed due to cost was the proposed installation of a labyrinth into the chancel floor. Because of that, our seating will be our familiar pews. The chairs that were donated for our flexible arrangement option will now provide comfortable seating in the Bishop Lewis Chapel.
- As a result of the full reinstallation of our pews, our familiar communion rail will now be reinstalled and affixed to the first pillars on each side of the sanctuary. It will no longer be movable.
- Our new Director of Music and Organist, Dr. Gary Gordon, has re-envisioned how the choir will be seated. We will now have two sets of choir stalls, each having three tiers of seating. These two sets of choir stalls will face each other at the base of the reredos.

Dr. Gordon will direct the choir from the organ which will be placed in a central location in front of the choir.

- Additionally, a permanent unobtrusive platform will be built at the base of the reredos to connect the choir stalls and creating a semi-circle to allow for either three rows of a concert choir or seated musicians to gather in a concert setting.

As previously reported, significant concerns were revealed while disassembling our Casavant organ for removal and safekeeping. Because of the nature of the needed repairs and because we were unable to locate a suitable local storage environment for the organ, the decision was made to truck the entire organ overland to Foley-Baker's organ building workshop in Connecticut. The substantial cost associated with this endeavor led me to realize that if any work were to be done on the organ, now would be the time with the instrument already where potentially future work would be done. Dr. Gordon researched potential upgrades to the organ and submitted his proposals to the FFA Committee and Vestry for consideration. Some of the associated costs are being funded through generous prior grants from the Orvis Foundation. We are hopeful to receive a further grant this spring which would enable us to cover the remaining costs. The Vestry has approved the following repairs and upgrades to our instrument:

- Ship the 15 collapsing façade pipes to the renown A.R. Schopps and Sons in Alliance, Ohio for repair with copper linings rather than build new pipes
- Manufacture a Console Dolly to make the organ mobile for concerts
- Replace the large umbilical cord cable bundle with a CAT 5 data cable to facilitate the moving of the organ
- Update the console and relay system to the latest Solid State Multisystem (CFMII) which will bring the organ current to 2020 technology
- Install a Recorder for Multisystem (RMF)
- Install Total Recall for Organ backup
- Install Organist Palette – iPad control of organ, transposer, advanced sequencer
- Install Tuning for Multisystem
- Reconfigure Draw Knobs to include engraving and installation

While my "organ speak" vocabulary has improved many-fold since beginning this organ undertaking, it remains substantially lacking. Therefore, please direct your questions for information regarding the above technical aspects to the ones who are fluent in "organ speak," Gary Gordon and Howard Bennett!

I would like to express my gratitude to the Construction/Renovation Committee members: Harvey Fennell, John Lilley, Jim Lamb, Ed Allen, Howard Bennet, Lindsay Campbell and Fr. William for their support and commitment to this project. We believe it is prudent to finish the Sanctuary Renovation Project before turning our attention to the new Parish Hall building.

The Junior Warden chairs The Finance, Facility, and Administration ("FFA") Committee, a Standing Committee of the Vestry whose primary purpose is to assist the Vestry with monitoring and overseeing Trinity Cathedral's financial operations, facility maintenance and

preservation, and administration. This year's FFA Committee members were Terry Cain, Lindsay Campbell, John Lilley, Stephanie Tall, David Morgan, Treasurer, as well as Jim Lamb and Fr. William, ex-officio. I am indebted to all of them for their hard work during hard times. Unfortunately, Julie Demler has been unable to attend meetings since the Covid-19 Pandemic began and has been missed.

This committee has been diligent in monitoring the financial affairs of the Cathedral and I speak for all of us in saying we are grateful for the generosity of our committed givers. Additionally, with Jim Lamb's dedication to hard work, we have worked hard to create Job Descriptions for our staff positions, established a Registered Sex Offender Policy for the Cathedral, and are on the verge of completing a comprehensive Lay Employee Handbook. I am grateful for Terry Cain, who was instrumental in creating a financial blueprint to help us bring the Renovation Project under control. While I won't go as far as to say we were literally crying in our beer; the mountain was certainly very steep, and the troops grew weary. I owe a debt of gratitude to this FFA team who joined forces with the Renovation Committee to find a successful conclusion to reach our collective goals.

I have been blessed to serve together with our Senior Warden, Jim Lamb. His steady hand, calming demeanor and penchant for night owl conversations to talk shop has kept me going through this very difficult and trying year.

What I know is that as Believers, we follow our Lord by serving others. This is how we put our faith in action; this is how we see Christ in others – by serving. Trinity Cathedral is a wonderful platform for ministry and needs your continued support and prayers.



Report of the Canon for Parish Life (Rev. Ruth Hanusa)

I began my call as Canon for Parish Life on May 1, 2020, when the Covid shut-down was already in full swing. My contract states that I am to "be involved as a pastor, as an educator, and in sharing in the councils of the congregation and of the whole Church in communion with our Dean and our Bishop . . . duties shall include, as designated by the Dean, responsibility for pastoral care ministries, Christian formation of adults and children, being a sacramental presence, and shared administrative work." To this end, I teach two new Bible studies, Bible 101 and the Ecumenical Bible study, and continue Rev. Millsap's leadership of Bible and Books; facilitate a grief group; assist with Episcopal Youth Community meetings; preach and preside at worship services; and phone or visit (in Covid-safe ways) with as many of you as I can. Thanks to the wonders of Zoom meetings, most of these activities have been able to continue (or in some cases start!) in this time of the pandemic. While not ideal, it is better than the nothing we would have otherwise. Still, I am longing for the day when most of my activities with you will be face-to-face and that by the time the 2022 Annual meeting rolls around, I will have had many in-person opportunities to know many of you on a deeper level. I am delighted that I was called to this position and get to use the gifts I have been given. Thank you for entrusting me with this work.

Ministry Reports

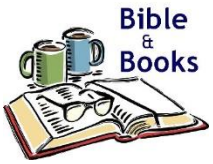


Education Ministries

Adult Forum Bible Study: (Fr. William)

The Adult Forum, that typically meets during the 9:45 AM Sunday School time following the 9:00 AM Service, in January and February were following the study of the Christmas story – comparison of the Luke and Matthew accounts, and on into Epiphany with a review of the baptism of Jesus accounts. We then did a study of the scripture accounts of the day that would parallel what the children's Sunday School would be focused on. Once the pandemic closed down our facilities, we eventually started with eh summer months a Zoom virtual Class that would focus on the Gospel account of the up-coming Sunday. A class was also offered for Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 PM. Persons who express an interest in the class are forwarded the Zoom invite weekly.

The Sunday morning class has 18 people enrolled with an average of 12 attending regularly. The Tuesday Class has 5 enrolled and averages 3 a class. Many comments have been made as to how increased knowledge of the texts and context have contributed greatly in hearing more from the sermons.



Bible and Books (Rev. Ruth)

Bible and Books is a weekly Sunday morning study group whose leadership in the past was mostly provided by different lay participants. A book which had some connection to the Bible was chosen by Rev. Rick Millsap, and participants read the assigned material before each meeting. In 2020, Rev. Millsap's retirement followed within weeks of Covid's shutting down all our in-person activities. The group resumed its sessions on Zoom in June. By then Rev. Ruth Hanusa had consulted with those who had been attending this bible study group, and on that basis chose Walter Wangerin, Jr's, *The Book of God: The Bible as a Novel*. At over six hundred pages, this book filled up the rest of the year. In January of 2021, the group was ready to begin its study of N.T. Wright's *Mark: 20 Studies for Individuals and Groups*.

Since Covid has eliminated our 9:00 a.m. family service for now, Canon Ruth has been attending Bible and Books and provides additional background material for the group discussions.

Bible 101 Rev. Ruth)

Bible 101 was begun in August of 2020 by folks at Trinity who wanted to read Walter Wangerin Jr's *The Book of God: The Bible as a Novel*, but in a different format from that of Bible and Books. Bible 101 meets bi-weekly on Fridays at 11 a.m. Hence the pace is

slower, and by the end of 2020, the group was half-way through Wangerin's book. Like Bible and Books, participants pre-read the material and Canon Ruth is present to provide background material.

Communion Milestone: (Fr. William)



A Communion Milestone Class did not occur this past year as a result of the closing of the cathedral facilities. This class typically takes place during the Easter Season with the Milestone Celebration taking place on Pentecost Sunday.

This class is for students age 7 and older along with their parents. IT models for parents how to do "spiritual teaching" I the home. The interactive class has student learning how to use a Bible, along with learning elements of worship, architecture, ritual, the Church Year, and Communion etiquette and procedures.

Ecumenical Bible Study: (Rev. Ruth)

Ecumenical Bible Study is an import to Trinity! In 1996 when Canon Ruth was a campus minister at UNR, she began this study for faculty who were teaching the Bible to UNR students. These faculty were of various religious traditions, or none, and the focus of the study was literary and historical. The group grew and changed over the years, including welcoming several Trinity members who had become acquainted with Canon Ruth during her years as an occasional preacher at Trinity. By the summer of 2020 the group, now meeting via Zoom, came under the umbrella of Trinity's adult education program. Several of the participants are members of other faith communities, hence the name "ecumenical" in the title.

This group meets every other week, requires no preparation and uses only the Bible as a text. Throughout 2020 the group has been reading *Genesis*. Two chapters are read and discussed each session, which meets on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. Canon Ruth prepares extensively but does not prepare a lecture and the discussion is dictated by the interests of the group.

Episcopal 101: (Fr. William)



Episcopal 101 is the class offered especially for people new to Trinity or the Episcopal Church. This study for adults and mature teenagers seeking Confirmation is a , It begins before Ash Wednesday as we meet mid-week during Lent. Our completion date is for the Easter Vigil so that reception of new members (Baptism, Confirmation, Affirmation of Baptism and Transfers) may be appropriately celebrated, especially with eh Bishop present. The class was moving along well till we had to shut-down the facilities because of the pandemic and we immediately

completed the class with virtual Zoom meetings. Unfortunately we were not able to "formalize" the reception of the new members as well as the multiple Baptisms and Confirmations (which are on hold till we are once again able to do full in-person worship).

Sunday School: Children (Judy Landis)

Although I have been at Trinity Cathedral only a short time, I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received. As you know, my part time position was created following the resignation of the Rev. Mikayla Dunfee in late August 2020. Since that time, we have welcomed over 30 students in our Zoom virtual programs. God is present and active at Trinity, filling us with the Word, sustaining us, and granting His grace so that the gospel message continues to spread within us and out in the community.

My core values concerning Christian Education and faith formation are as follows:

1. Christian education for our children inspires them to grow in relationship with a loving, grace-filled, present God. Faith is a life-long journey and it bears fruit when we share our faith with others.
2. Learning is a two-way street: Just as children learn from adults, we, too, learn from our children.
3. Faith comes alive when we see ourselves as part of the Holy story, and therefore, we can integrate faith into daily life in a natural and wholesome manner.

Sunday mornings are a little different this year. First, all classes are conducted on-line via Zoom. Second, we have extended Sunday School to one hour from the original 40 minutes. Third, we encourage children and families to remain engaged in both Sunday School and church services. On the third Sunday of each month, the worship service includes a children's message and hymns familiar to them. Sunday School offers two classes appropriate for their age.

Godly Play is for children age 3 through second grade. There are two components to the Godly Play curriculum: Story and Creation. Each child receives a packet containing materials for 8 weeks of Godly Play. The packets are delivered to the children by Pat Gardner and we thank her for this much appreciated service!

The **Holy Moly** class is for older children, three through fifth grades. The Holy Moly curriculum was developed by Sparkhouse, an ELCA affiliate. Holy Moly incorporates visual, auditory, tactile learning styles while engaging with Holy Scripture. Each student receives a learner's packet specific for each session. In the past, DVD's were used during each session. The DVD's cannot be used on Zoom, so we have had to purchase the digital program from Sparkhouse for an additional monthly fee.

Godly Play and Holy Moly are successful because we have faith-filled, inspiring teachers and students who assist me. The teachers have offered their time to share their faith

with our children and I am most grateful for their gifts. The teachers are as follows: Rebecca Dixon, Gretchen Wolfe, Kait Flocchini, Dennise Howard, Laura Jolle, and Ginny Nelson. If you see them, please take a moment to thank them.
I am respectfully requesting the same budget as last year for the following reasons:

1. Craft materials, children's worship inserts, and Sunday School materials remain the same except the additional monthly fee for the digital program.
2. Due to pandemic, Sunday school and Youth have not been able to have fundraisers.

Youth Group: JYC and EYC/JYC (Judy Landis, Christian Ed and EYC Director)



EYC/JYC began meeting in October 2020. We continue with Trinity's prior objective for EYC: "To develop healthy lives of faith, through four intentional actions: Growth, Creation, Prayer, and Service." Due to the current pandemic, we felt a need to add another objective: "To provide a forum which connects youth to one another and the church." For this reason, we have involved clergy in addition to young adult leadership. EYC meets on Sunday afternoons through Zoom at 12:30 p.m. We have had attendance ranging from 3 to 7 on any given Sunday.

God is actively working through the hands of our youth, leaders, and clergy to fill us with opportunities to encounter the gospel in meaningful ways. Father William has provided youth with creation inspiration! I particularly loved the Jesse Tree project. We explored the Holy Family ancestry and were encouraged to explore our own family tree. The Rev. Ruth provides the prayer theme. I particularly enjoyed the presentation of a Simchat Torah service coupled with our guest , Rabbi Myra: "rejoicing of the Torah." The music, the dancing, the joy, of this celebration was so catching! We thank Father William and the Rev. Ruth Hanusa for sharing their gifts with us.

Jade Hickman and Guy Moreno have been helping to lead EYC this year. We all enjoyed their scavenger hunts, the Psalm readings, and their emphasis on the revised common lectionary for any given Sunday. We thank Guy and Jade for sharing their gifts with us as well.

We are a young group. We are all getting to know one another. We are a group striving to remain connected in challenging times. My hope is to continue to grow as a group, lifting up one another in prayer, fellowship, and sharing in order to build healthy lives of faith.

I respectfully request the same budget for 2021 for the following reasons:

1. Cost of the activities and materials will remain the same.
2. Due to pandemic, the EYC have not been able to raise funds (Selling of Christmas Greens and bake sales) as in the prior years.

Library

Many are not aware that we have a significant Library in the crypt of the cathedral building directly below the Bishop Lewis Chapel. We are grateful fort he work of Lucy Bouldin and Dorothy Walrath who maintained and organized the library collections. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic with eh closing of our facilities, as well as closure for the cathedral interior renovations, the library is not accessible.

Music Ministries

Music Program: Dr. Gary Gordon



My journey with Trinity began in November 2019, when I discovered the posting for the music director position. I was inspired by the vision and compelled to apply. Now, I am blessed by God's calling to partner with you in ministry, as we serve Reno and the Diocese of Nevada. On one hand, everything about starting a new job in the midst of a global pandemic has been challenging. Add to that a major renovation and things are exponentially more difficult! However, I am bolstered by the knowledge that "all things work out for the good of those who love God and are called according to God's purpose".

I am deeply indebted to the people who made the transition for both myself and Trinity easier through many acts of service:

- Barbara Small and others who worked tirelessly on the music library.
- Members of the vestry – especially Howard Bennett, James Lamb, Lynne Charlat, Margaret Zuccarini, David Morgan, and Lindsay Campbell, along with clergy and staff.
- Members of the choir and hand chimes, who offered words of support and remained flexible over the past few months

I want to especially honor Howard Bennett, Barbara Small and Jim Heller for sustaining the music ministry through the music director search. Thank you!

Looking ahead, the music ministry will continue on a limited basis until the vaccine is well distributed and the covid-19 cases start to diminish. However, there are many things we have to look forward to in 2021. Returning to in-person worship, a newly renovated worship space, the start of a cathedral choir school, participating in Artown and serving as a venue for our communities' musical groups, are just a few of the wonderful things in our future!

As God's people and residents of this high desert landscape, we must never forget that spending time in the wilderness, either literally or figuratively, is a necessary part of our

journey. God promises to sustain us. God will deliver us and faithfully provide for our needs in ways we cannot fathom. Do not lose heart dear brothers and sisters.

Hand Chimes Choir: Jim Heller

We played a prelude for the Children's Service on Christmas Eve – 4:00 PM (2019). Because of members changing plans we were unable to do other services. We played again a prelude on the 1st Sunday of Epiphany (January 2020).

After a short break, we began practicing music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our rehearsals ended when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral closed down. The Hand Chimes Choir has been dormant since.

In September, some members expressed interest in resuming practices if we socially distanced and observed mask and hand sanitizing protocols. Unfortunately, that was not to be because of protocols established by the state, county and diocese. It is not known at present when music ministries will start up again.

I would like to thank Dawn Brisbane, Howard Craig-Aakervik, Margot Davidson, Katherine Griffin (not a Trinity parishioner), Helen Heller, Nicole Jo, Guy Moreno, Nancy Richards and Lucy Seddon for all they have contributed to this ministry.

Finance, Facility and Administration Committee (FFA Committee)

(For a report, see the Junior Warden's Report on page 8)

Serving the FFA during the 2020 year were the following: Lynne Charlat (Junior Warden), Jim Lamb (Senior Warden), David Morgan (Treasurer), Lindsay Campbell (Assisting Treasurer), Terrie Cain (Vestry), John Lilley (Vestry), Stephanie Tall (member at large).

Order of the Daughters of the King (St. Hildegard Chapter) / **Angel Tree Project**



Carolyn Hoffmann, St. Hildegard of Bingen Chapter President

Daughters of the King are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun, and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

The Order of Daughters of the King, Saint Hildegard of Bingen Chapter at Trinity currently has twelve members, with one new Daughter being admitted this year. Our newest Member Rebecca Dixon was installed in October (see photo above).

The Angel Tree is our annual service project. During this season of Covid-19 our Angel Tree program was accomplished virtually, except of course the wrapping and delivery of presents to over 115 children at Stead Elementary School.
Thank you to all who made this Christmas a reality for these children.



We are a prayerful Order. Our Zoom monthly meetings focus on our spiritual growth and prayer for the Trinity family. We are here as a support network for the parish. We always ask for your prayers and we always welcome women to join us. More about the Order can be found at www.doknational.org

Outreach Ministries

Baby Bundles (Ann Crase and Sue Lombardi)



Baby Bundles are supplied to the local hospitals to mothers with newborns from donations presented from members of St. Catherine's and Trinity Cathedral. With the closing of the cathedral facility, not only because of the pandemic but also for the renovation, Baby Bundles moved to the storage area of Conference Room B. Since Hospitals have not been willing to take items because of the pandemic we have temporarily closed shop. We did spend time organizing our materials.

Blessing of the Animals



This year, with St. Francis Day on Sunday, October 4, and in light of the pandemic shut-down of in-person worship and gatherings, we elected to celebrate the Blessing of the Animals with a "drive-by blessing." Father William was on retreat so that Rev. Ruth and Father Julius were available in our parking lot at 12:30 PM to receive families and their pets. Three cars came.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)

Episcopal Relief and Development is **Episcopal Relief & Development** is an international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church. It was established in 1940 as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Episcopal Relief and Development works in approximately 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the U.S. and the Middle East. They build partnerships with local Episcopal and Anglican dioceses and related organizations based on need, capacity and available resources.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)works with church partners to rebuild after disasters and empower people to create lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease. Working in close to 40 countries, their programs impact the lives of approximately 3 million people. Their international development programs seek to mobilize local resources and expertise toward sustainable, community-led programs that address poverty, hunger and disease.

The four core program areas are:

- Alleviate hunger and improve food supply
- Create economic opportunities and strengthen communities
- Promote health and fight disease
- Respond to disasters and rebuild communities.

We continue to keep envelope for this special giving in the pews, but since we have not had in-person worship since the beginning of the pandemic with March of 2020, we simply encourage members to make contributions as you are so moved and able. 2020 again was a year with multiple natural disasters - hurricanes, floods and fires.

Food for the Poor (Dean's Lenten Challenge)

Food For The Poor, Inc. (FFP) is an ecumenical Christian nonprofit organization based in Coconut Creek, Florida, United States that provides food, medicine, and shelter, among other services, to the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In 1982, Ferdinand Mahfood began Food For The Poor to aid the poor and downtrodden in Latin America and the Caribbean. Clergy members of many Christian denominations, including Episcopalian, Lutheran and Roman Catholic, are the core of the organization, preaching throughout the United States about the need in the countries they serve.

Since 1982, Food For The Poor has distributed more than $12 billion worth of food, medicine, housing materials, water and other aid to the poor of the Caribbean and Latin America. In 2007, the charity migrated its headquarters from Deerfield Beach, Florida to Coconut Creek, Florida. As of 2020, Food For The Poor employs more than 300

people out of its Coconut Creek location, in addition to employing members of the Clergy as speakers across the United States.

In the past several years Father William began a Deans Challenge during Lent for receiving alms (contributions) to be able to collect funds to build a duplex concrete home. This past year because of our closing of our facilities in light of the pandemic, our Lenten Food For the Poor visitor and program were cancelled.

KIVA (Margaret Zuccarini)

KIVA is a Non-Profit Organization that promotes small grant-lending via the internet to low-income entrepreneurs and students in the USA and 77 countries. KIVA's mission is "to expand financial access to help underserved communities thrive."

Trinity has been involved with the KIVA organization since 2012. Since that time, Trinity has lent $11,500 to applicants in 38 countries. Each recipient repays their grant over an agreed-upon period of time, usually 12 – 24 months. Since 2012, Trinity has 'suffered' a net loss of only $51.97.

Currently, Trinity's Investment Portfolio includes enterprises ranging from pig fattening/cattle (4); farming/agriculture (3); retail (6); health (1); services/3-D printing: prostheses (1). Countries in which Trinity recently has invested include: USA (2); Tajikistan (2); Rwanda; Kenya (2); Thailand; Guatemala; Honduras; Philippines; Jordan; Cambodia; & El Salvador.

Trinity's overall Portfolio distribution has supported loans to more female applicants (62%) than male applicants (38%); historically has invested more heavily in loans to residents of the Philippines (18.5%) and Kenya (12.39%); and has invested primarily in the following sectors: food (24.8%), retail (26.5%), and agriculture (30.1%). The overarching goal when selecting loan recipients has been to support loans that enable individuals to become educated, remain healthy, and to achieve financial self-sufficiency.

KIVA's website is www.Kiva.org https://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Kiva

Prayer Shawl Ministry (Helen Heller)



The Prayer Shawl Group regularly met on Thursday afternoons in the Conference Room A, 2:00 to 3:30 pm. for knitting and fellowship. We continued to make shawls and learned some new styles and made some additional items such as scarves and hats. There are about five members who contribute shawls. Once the covid-19 pandemic happened we have not been meeting. We look forward to when this ministry can return. We miss the company of one another. **You are invited to join us – and we can teach you!**

Refugee Relocation Ministry: (Rev. Patsy Pumphrey, Deacon)

Unfortunately, there is little to report as we met only twice last year, the NNIC was quiet. Much inactivity was due to the national refugee pollical situation. Perhaps things will be different in 2021 with the new administration. I am hopeful that it will be so!

Sack Lunch Program: (Nancy Richards)



In Christ, we are called to care for our fellow man. We have the most incredible volunteers in our Sack Lunch Program faithfully doing just that. I am truly humbled by this dedication and commitment. Every lunch bag includes caring conversations, smiles and support which touches me to my soul.

With the challenges over the past year, we were able to quickly change our processes to keep everyone safe. We were already in transition to moving the program from the first floor to work from the upstairs Parish Hall and main Parish Hall entrance because of the emptying of the Cathedral space for the renovation work to take place. The wearing of masks and placing the lunch bags on a cart for people to pick-up, thereby maintaining social distancing, aids in doing so. When specific help is needed, the team response continues to be overwhelming. Ken Hines stepped up and volunteered to fill in as lead every Monday and Gene Muir valiantly leads the Friday crew. The remainder of the currently scheduled folk are Gary Parks, Nancy Petersen, Joan Peyser, Elizabeth Bethke, Joan Johnson, Barbara Small, Linda Newman, Terry Cain, Barbara Goss, Hal Goss and myself. Working the first three months of the year and impatiently waiting in the wings since March to return are Julie Brown, Ginny Lenz, Gerrie Lilly, Eric Meagher, Lori Miller, James Peterson, Bill Roche, Sally Sapunor, Diane Sheldon, Bob Somps and Marty Stancil. Tributes must go to the Flocchini family, Kait, Patrick, Josephine and Olivia who several times a year purchase and unload pallets of all the bottled water for our program. Thanks too to all the donors of dog food, especially Robyn Powers and Paul Hewen. Cat lovers bring in that welcomed supply.

Honorable mention must be paid to those who have recently had to step back from the program. Howard Bennett has faithfully served this mission for many years, working, scheduling, buying and delivering all the food contents for the lunches. Bill Beeson and Diane Dunn were dedicated to giving out lunches, every single Monday throughout the years and David Chute was always available to fill in and help in a thousand ways.
Due to the pandemic and a shelter near us being closed, our numbers have decreased a little over the past months. Regardless, those we serve, homeless and food insecure, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, are so very, very thankful and never stop telling us so. Through this October, we have handed out 7602 lunches, 83% compared to the same time last year. Included is the weekly donation to the Eddy House, the facility for homeless youth, and so appreciated by them.

Success of our Sack Lunch program rests on the diverse contributions of the many. May peace, love and hope be with you all.

St. Paul's Food Pantry: (Marty and Burke Stancil)



Canned and dried food donations have always been a part of our Sunday worship offerings, and were typically blessed on the third Sunday o the month then delivered to St. Paul's in Sparks. As a result of the pandemic, and not having in person services, we had to make some major changes in how we receive donations. It is especially critical at this time due to the number of people who have lost their jobs and children doing virtual schooling, not having the benefit of school meal programs.

Bonnie Strader came up with the idea of having drop off donations. In June we had weekly drop off days but decided that was too often. In July we transitioned to the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, giving our parishioners the option of dropping off donations in the morning or early evening. This worked extremely well. We continued to be blessed with many generous donors dropping off food, personal hygiene items, and monetary donations. However, as we got into the Autumn months and the number of Covid-19 cases in the county increased, we decided that we needed to do better in observing distancing and isolation. We have been encouraging folks to make monetary donations to the Cathedral that we may continue to support the Pantry in making food purchases.

St. Paul's Food Pantry continues to be so grateful for all the donations that we bring them.

United Thank Offering (UTO)

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

With contributions today to the 2020 UTO Ingathering, 100% of what is collected is given away to support Episcopal/Anglican ministries directly responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn.

Trinity is a past recipient of fund when we were devasted with he 1997 New Year's Day Flood that place 9' of water in our crypt. Funds were made to assist with the renovation/rebuilding work.

Parish Council

The Parish Council consists of leaders of ministries and program that work together to coordinate parish events and programs. One of their major joint tasks is to work with new members in offering opportunities to t socialize, get to know one another better, and to learn where they may have personal abilities and interest in serving the church community. The Council is led by one of our Vestry members. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Council had not been able to meet. Major events that they sponsor such as the Ministry Fair in September and the Annual Picnic had to be cancelled in 2020.

Property Committee:

Serving this past year were Julie Demler, Harold Campbell, David Chute, Larry Kirk, Joe Nishikida, along with Junior Warden, Lynne Charlat. The group had been preparing charts for emergency procedures for the cathedral facilities for emergency exiting purposes.

Again, as a result of the pandemic and closing down of our facilities, the committee has not been active and functioning. They did however assist with the help of volunteers to empty the cathedral crypt and main church of all items to prepare for the renovation contractors and workers. We are greatly appreciative of their work! Gary Parks has stepped up to become the new chairperson, and along with Harold Campbell they have been sorting through items stored in the parish hall to get to donation centers.

Social Groups

A lot of Good Men (Clyde Ikehara, John Hill, Tom Anderson)

Clyde Ikehara (cnp_reno@yahoo.com),
John Hill (jahill06@charter.net)
Tom Anderson (tom.anderson@sonoma.edu)



ALOGM was formed by Joe Duggan in 2009 to encourage all men of Trinity to come and know each other in a more causal environment. Prior to the present pandemic, ALOGM had “no agenda” monthly gatherings where we shared meals (breakfast and lunch usually) at various venues in Reno.

The E-Mail distribution has increased to 64 men and the monthly attendance averaged about 20+ men. Several events have seen the attendance exceed this number. The “First Saturday” breakfasts are obviously always on a Saturday and other monthly events are

scheduled during different days of the week with weekend events drawing the higher attendance. During the Pandemic, our monthly meetings have ceased but we have had a few small gatherings for lunch and breakfast that helped to keep the group in contact. All men of Trinity are welcome at our events.

The group also supports various events and activities of the Cathedral such as setting up Parish Hall for the Angel Tree dinner, working the Shrove Tuesday Pancake, manning the BBQ at the Annual Picnic and Ministry Fair, and helping parishioners with various tasks.

Divinely Fine Women: (Liz Boog)

With no agenda and no formalized meetings, Divinely Fine Women (DFW) offers all women of Trinity Cathedral the opportunity to get to know each other better at comfortable and welcoming social events throughout the year. Members get together once a month in members' homes or in restaurants, usually for lunch.

This year we have been having mostly meetings on Zoom due to the pandemic. This has made it challenging for our members to stay in contact with each other. We have been calling each other, sending notes and postcards, and doing our best to stay connected.

During "normal" times, we enjoy gathering at members' homes and even at the Atlantis in December of 2019, hosted by Miss Lucy. We have also done outings to various locations around Reno, for example the Pinot's Palette for painting and lunch.

One of the most popular events every year is the joint dinner with A Lot of Good Men (ALOGM) usually held in late summer.

Organized about twenty years ago by four original members known as the Qwerky Quartet, the group still enjoys gathering and visiting. Although DFW is predominantly social, the group has also taken the responsibility of sending cards to parish members who need comfort. Members also contribute to the Food Pantry.

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Spirituality



Centering Prayer: (Joan Peyser)

- Number of People Involved: Anywhere from 8-15
- Total Number of Hours: 1 hour per week = 52 hours

Centering Prayer is a daily spiritual practice that is encouraged by a weekly support group, a time when we pray in silence for 20 minutes together. For eight years Trinity

Cathedral has offered this spiritual practice in a sacred space to an ecumenical community.

The Cloud of Unknowing,[1] a spiritual classic written in the 14th Century by a nameless author, teaches us to pray without ceasing and shows us that a dialogue with Mystery is not only possible but is in fact "the work of the soul that most pleases God." Anonymous explains what he means by "the cloud of unknowing," and how this prayer helps us silence our analytical minds, freeing our hearts to love. He keeps reassuring us that we need only one thing: "a naked intent," a "simple reaching out" to God that is this "cloud of unknowing." Contemplation requires us to be still, if we want to get acquainted with its discipline, because God cannot be grasped with our minds, only by our love, as Jesus told the curious, well-educated lawyer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Anonymous makes this same point when he teaches us that "we can't think our way to God," saying, "That's why I'm willing to abandon everything I know, to love the one thing I cannot think. [God] can be loved, but not thought."

After our twenty-minute prayer in silence, we have been reading contemplatively using a series of booklets from the *Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton* (and other voices). "The selected readings move participants in and out of four dimensions of contemplative living – *Awakening* to an ever-deepening awareness of "true self;" *Contemplation* of a life experienced from a God-centered perspective; *Compassion* in relationships with others; and *Unity* realized in our undeniable and essential interconnectedness with all of creation. . ."[2]

Since March, because of the pandemic, we have met every Tuesday via Zoom from Noon (silence begins at 12:10) to 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!

I want to thank all those folks who have participated so faithfully in this ministry that we do together from various faith traditions. I especially want to thank Judy Anderson who, although has not been able to participate because of health issues, continues to be a part of the group in prayer behind the scenes.



[1]The Cloud of Unknowing with the Book of Privy Counsel, A New Translation by Carmen Acevedo Butcher
[2]Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton, ed. by Jonathan Montaldo & Robert G. Toth

Prayer Chain (Lindsay Campbell)

The Prayer Chain is a way for the parish to be linked and to support once another with prayer, especially during times of ill-health, hospitalizations, grief, and life's challenges and struggles. Names are submitted by email to Lindsay Campbell, or to the office where Molly refers them to Lindsay. The Prayer Chain is a confidential list, and if folks request so, most are added to the Prayers of the People lists with our worship Services. They are held there for two months.

Retreats

Typically, we have hosted three retreats a year – An Advent Day prior to Christmas, a Lenten Day retreat weeks before Holy Week, and an early outdoor retreat at a local park in June. However, we have not been able to plan such event

Thursday Healing Service: (Father William and Gary Gordon)

The Thursday 12:10 PM worship service for years has served as a mid-week Eucharist as an outreach to our immediate down-town community. We would see on an average 3-6 individuals. We have had attending as many ad 15. With covid-10 and a need to move to virtual worship we eventually deleted the celebration of the Eucharist (keeping it for Sunday only) and formulated a service that was respectful of our Communion fasting and inability to receive anointing, but would be contemplative and focused on prayers for healing. We observed this time initially with a Service with a sermon from a rotation of all of our clergy. We then decide to add music and took on a Taize' style service.

We thank Father William, Rev. Ruth, Father Julius and Father John, along with our church musician, Gary Gordon, as well as our Altar Guild representative, Juliette Leneaux for the work and devotion.



<u>Stewardship Committee and the Annual Pledge Campaign</u> (Terry Cain & Lindsay Campbell)



"Here I Am Lord" was the theme of this year's stewardship campaign at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, reflecting how we give ourselves to God's work, commit our lives to God's service, and use God's gifts to bless those around us. A key message of the campaign was that although in-person worship has been temporarily suspended, Trinity remains virtually open and continues to offer and expand inspirational worship opportunities, ministries, outreach, and other undertakings supporting its mission. Stewardship pledges support all these activities.

To continue the momentum of previous years, the proposed 2021 asking budget was about $780,000, a necessary increase of 7 percent over the current budget. In support of the campaign and this goal, the vestry unanimously declared in September that because joyful giving results in personal spiritual growth, it committed "to giving not only our time and talents, but also to giving financially through a pledge to the mission and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral."

In early October stewardship packets with detailed information on the asking budget and pledge forms were mailed to all parishioners. Over the following six weeks, a series of "Ministry Moment" video broadcasts reinforced this information and featured parishioners, clergy, and staff discussing a small sample of Trinity's service, healing, and outreach ministries:

- *2021 Asking Budget:* Senior Warden Jim Lamb, Junior Warden Lynne Charlat, and Treasurer David Morgan described the 2021 stewardship asking budget and the financial needs of the Cathedral.

- *<u>Outreach Ministries</u>:* This program described two outreach ministries that meet human needs in our local community. Nancy Richards talked about Trinity's Sack Lunch Program, and Marty and Burke Stancil discussed how they volunteer their time to manage donations for the St. Paul's Episcopal Food Pantry.

- *<u>Parish Ministries</u>:* Three of Trinity's compassionate parish ministries were highlighted: Carolyn Hoffman discussed Daughters of the King; Joan Peyer described Centering Prayer at Trinity; and Ken Hines talked about the eucharistic visitor program.

- *Music:* Gary Gordon, Trinity's Director of Music and Organist, outlined a vision for the Cathedral's music ministry.

- *Christian Education:* This episode focused on the array of Christian education opportunities for our youth. Judy Landis (Christian Education Director/Episcopal Youth Community Leader), along with Sunday School teachers (Rebecca Dixon and Ginny Nelson) and two participating families (Kait, Josephine and Olivia Flocchini and Gretchen, Luke, and Jack Wolfe) talked about Trinity's Sunday School programs.

- *Spiritual Aspects:* The Reverend Ruth Hanusa and Father William Stomski shared their perspectives on some of the spiritual aspects of stewardship.

These programs were well received and remain available on Trinity's website. Thanks to parishioner Kurt Mische for hosting these Ministry Moments and to Gary Gordon for his technical assistance.

So that our membership databases could be updated, the pledge cards also invited respondents to verify their contact information.

The Vestry and Stewardship Committee are most grateful for those who responded financially throughout a difficult 2020 and extend heartfelt thanks to those who returned their 2021 pledges! As of the initial November 15 campaign deadline, more than 150 pledges totaling more than $400,000 had already been received. Additional pledges are being received for inclusion before the vestry needs to adopt a final 2021 budget. If you have not yet pledged, please consider doing so. You can submit your pledge by returning the pledge form mailed to you earlier; by pledging on-line at www.trinityreno.org; or by sending an email with your pledge information to finance@trinityreno.org.

Support Groups

AA/NA

This support group is organized by attorney Tom Hall from our community, a frequent visit to our parish. This "AA-style" support group is for professionals in our community dealing with addiction.

Circle of Friends (Dorothy Walrath)

This small group has been in existence for several years now and mainly are single women living on their own. They telephone with a chain call to check in and make sure everyone is doing well. If they have any particular needs, this contact allows for ministering to one another.

Grief Group: (Rev. Ruth)

The Grief Support Group is a drop-in group for those who have lost someone through death. Meeting via Zoom for now, participants introduce themselves, say who it is who has died, about how long ago and then share whatever they would like about their grieving. The only rules are to listen well to one another, don't hog the conversation and keep other's comments confidential. One of the gifts that participants get is a community of folks who are going through what they are experiencing. They don't feel so alone in their grief. Canon Ruth leads these groups and she provides some gentle teaching along the way as the need arises. As with all of Canon Ruth's groups, new members are always welcome.



Sound Journey: (Rev. Ruth)

Sound Journey is the brainchild of local musician Jonny Cosmic who blends the sounds of drums, the didgeridoo, Tibetan metal bowls and tingling bells in a forty-minute relaxing session. Participants lie on mats on the floor while Jonny works his magic with the sounds. The sessions have drawn folks who are grieving the loss of a loved one, those receiving chemotherapy, and others who just need good healing for their bodies. Sessions are at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month; attendees contribute a free-will offering. In 2020, Sound Journey met in January and February, but it has been on a hiatus since March due to Covid restrictions. Hopes are that we can resume our sessions sometime in 2021. We will keep you posted!

You Are Not Alone: Support Group for those Suffering from Severe or Chronic Illnesses

You are Not Alone met faithfully every third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. for five years, until Covid shut it down. Its goal was not to fix, but to listen and pray for those who were struggling with tough diagnoses. Rev. Rick Milsap was the group's leader and and prior to his retirement he announced it would not reassembled. There have been a couple of enquiries received by Canon Ruth to restart the group and meet for now via Zoom, but at this writing the interest for reconvening is thin. Hopefully, energies and interest will rise before too long and You are Not Alone will again be meeting regularly.

Worship Ministries

Acolytes



All youth who are in the fifth grade till high school graduation can serve as an Acolyte at the 11:00 AM Sunday service, Feast Days, and special services. But we also have adult acolytes! Their ministry is to assist during the service in various ways.

- All are trained to light the Office and Altar candles and to extinguish them afterwards.
- All can carry Torches in the Procession, Recession and Gospel Reading. These candles are important because they light the Sanctuary, Cross and Gospel Book.
- Many of the older youth acolytes are physically capable to be the Crucifer. They carry the cross in the Procession, Recession, and the Gospel Recession.

Other tasks include:

- Ringing the Sanctus bells during the Eucharistic Prayer,
- Holding the large Offering Basin that is used to collect the offerings from the ushers and give to the Deacon,
- Assist the Celebrant in the washing of her or his hands by pouring the water over their fingers into the silver bowl (lavabo) and providing a towel for drying.

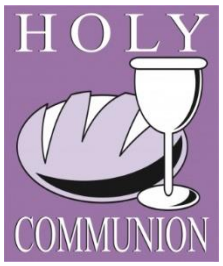
Rev. Mikayla took over the acolyte program, did most of ht training. But all of this shut-won when we were losed because of the covid-19 pandemic. Our Acolytes are: Leah Dixon, Aubrey Dixon, Sofia Zapeda, Abi Lardner, Luke Wolfe, Jon Burleson, Rikku Dowd, Cate Viney, and Naomi Thomas.

Altar Guild: (Juliette Leneaux)

The work of preparation for worship is an on-going and vital ministry that often goes un- recognized. It is a 'behind the scenes" ministry that sets up the chancel and altar areas for worship, and then dismantles, cleans up and tends to the linens and inventory of items needed for our Eucharistic celebrations. It is a ministry of prayer and of love. It enables the volunteers to have an added and profound understanding of worship and our rituals.
Juliette Leneaux is the Altar Guild chairperson with four teams to serve at least once a month. The teams are headed by Ann Crase, Pat Ikehara, Juliette Leneaux, and Carol Roman. We are great to all of the men and women who serve this ministry!

Generally, there are five services to prepare for each week, but as a result of Covid-19 shut-downs and the closing of the cathedral facility for renovations, the teams have not been able to function. Juliette has often been a solo act to continue to serve with the two services we offer each week remotely through our web-page virtual worship.

Eucharistic Ministers: (Fr. William)



Eucharistic Ministers are adult, active members who volunteer and undergo special training by the rector to serve at the altar as chalice bearers. They serve the wine from the chalices. They are required to undergo training and be certified by the Diocese through the Commission of Ordination and Licensing (a five-year certification). We are grateful for all of these adults that serve this program and are most diligent and faithful in their service. All four weekend Services require having at least one to two Eucharistic Servers. We double up on the number when it comes to major festivals such as Easter and Christmas.



Eucharistic Visitors: (Howard Craig-Aakervik)

Eucharistic Visitors are trained, diocesan licensed, active members of the parish who are commissioned to take the reserved consecrated Sacrament to members of the faith community who are homebound or infirmed. This ministry keeps the members in touch with the congregation in spirit and prayer.

Eucharistic Visitors are dispatched each Sunday with Communion Kits to members of Trinity who have requested a visit. When the current pandemic is over, parish members wishing to have the Sacrament brought to them need only contact the parish office and your visit can be arranged on an agreed day.

The beginning of the pandemic brought an end to home visits, but we could continue contact with parish members by phone. Visits with the residents of the Lakeside Health and Wellness Center were stopped in February of 2020. Group phone visits were developed for Park Place Assisted Living residents until residents had to be quarantined in their apartments in late May of 2020. There were six visits to Park Place before the quarantining with sharing of the Sacrament from December 2019 to February of 2020. There were six group phone Morning Pray visits from March to May of 2020.

Trinity's Eucharistic Visitors are Kenneth Hines, Terry Cain, Margot Davidson, Lucy Bouldin (Piano Accompanist), Lindsay Campbell, Su Cothren, Dave and Laura Neidert, Joan Peyser and Howard Craig-Aakervik for 2020. We are looking forward to becoming a more active ministry as the pandemic is brought under control in 2021.

Floral Guild: (Ernie Westbrook)



The Flower Guild purchases from the wholesale house and arranges flowers for the altar for our worship services. This past year the vestry approved increasing the price since purchasing costs were not

being met by the donations. Each vase (two each week) is a $50.00 donation. The little money that may be made covers the cost of flowers for Sundays when there are only one or no sponsors.

Please note that at the beginning of every new calendar year there is sign-up Chart (presently I the Office since we are unable to have in-person worship) for sponsorship of the altar flowers.

Greeters: (Sandi Brooke)

This ministry welcomes new faces who attend the 11:00 service each Sunday. Greeters try to recognize new faces to Trinity and give then an extra personal welcome. The newcomer is given a small gift bag that includes a magnet with the service times, phone number, Facebook and email contacts. Additionally, the monthly newsletter, welcome trifold information sheet, a "Trinity Cathedral" pen, and a welcoming letter from Fr. William are enclosed.

Currently we have about ten greeters. There is always room for more. It involves about 15 minutes before and after the service. You serve about once a month to six weeks. If you can offer a friendly smile then this may just be your calling.



Housekeeping (Church Care Ministry): (Jan Moore)

Our ministry consists of four teams: Each team spends an hour or so on a Saturday morning, each month, making sure the pews are "in order." They see that the prayer books, hymnals, welcome cards, envelopes, and pencils are available in each pew and that things are tidy. The members cherish the quiet time they have there and pride themselves to have experienced sitting in every pew at Trinity! We would gladly welcome others who might enjoy this experience.

Our current volunteers prior to the Covid-19 pandemic closure as well as move-out for the renovation work, were David Chute, Joan Collins, Jim and Dee Ann Verdi, Mary Gainey, Ginny Nelson, Kathy Records, Linda Stetzell, and Jan Moor. We are saddened with he death of Kathy Records.

Lectors: (Lindsay Campbell)



A group of laity have been trained and stand ready to read the scriptures at our weekend eucharistic services. We meet twice a year for training, welcoming new readers, and reviewing the logistics of moving in the chancel with our worship serving. We realize that with our renovated cathedral interior, we will be reviewing procedures in the new space. Volunteers often specify which Service they wish to serve and let the scheduler know when they are not available.

Monthly schedules are printed and distributed. The readings are to be reviewed in advance to learn pronunciation, flow dictated by punctuation, and volume.

Oblation Bearers (Helen Paganucci)

We have a faithful group of oblation bearers whose responsibility is to bring up the gifts of bread and wine to the altar at the 11 o'clock service. It is a simple, but very meaningful gesture. The frequency of participation depends on the number of people volunteering. We have 16 right now and would welcome more. To volunteer, contact Helen Paganucci at helenhosta@gmail.com or 775-229-0679

The covid-19 pandemic had us close down since mid March 2020, and therefore we have not been able to perform this ministry. We look forward to when we ae able to have in-person worship again.



Ushers: (Tom Anderson)

The **5:00 PM Saturday** has had no formal group of ushers or volunteers at this Service. People come in and take a bulletin from the tables at the entrance doors. Other servers are appointed by the celebrant from those in attendance, those to take up the weekly collection, present the bread and wine, and do the readings and prayers.

The **7:45 AM** Ushers are not formally assigned but volunteers are generally active members and worship attenders. In the past we had: Robyn Powers, Larry Kirk, Bob and Diana Sauerbrei, and Marion Tammany.

The **9:00 AM** Service also has no formal ushers with this children and parent/adult service, though it is our desire to have families volunteer to do so. The collection is done and presented by the children selected that morning. However, we have begun to formalize lists of servers with this service so as to eliminate some of the chaos that happens at the last moment.

The **11:00 AM** Service has several members of the congregation that have been active in ushering: Ron and Stephanie Wolff, Harold Campbell, Janice Williams, Gene Nelson, Clyde Ikehara, Gary Parks, Steve Peeck, and Tom Anderson. They wear many hats and are an important part of directing traffic when we have large attendances such as festival Sundays.

ALL our services could use more volunteers to usher and we look forward to resuming the in person services!

Parochial Report (Fr. William)

Baptisms – No baptisms took place in 2020 because of the covid-19 pandemic with the closing down of in-person worship.



Confirmations, Transfers, Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Confirmations and Renewals of Baptism candidates were scheduled for the Easter Vigil, but no one was formally and liturgically received this past year as a result of not having in-person worship.

Transfer: Sallie B. Frainier – November 2020

Funerals: (deaths) - 19

*Susan M. Katzmann** 2/17/20	Judith Ann Starr 8/20/20
Patricia Ann Madura 3/01/20	*Kathleen Records* 8/31/20
Diana Marie Hastings 4/23/20	Robert Manaugh 9/09/20
*Alexander Overall** 6/09/20	*Patricia Hall Boyce** 9/10/20
*William Gatewood Parsons 7/23/20	*Cristee Linn Davis** 10/14/20
*Patricia R. Sakelaris** 7/25/20	*Antonia Bautiste** 12/05/20
*Sandra Lucash 7/29/20	*Alan Seymore Ross** 12/15/20
*Leilani A. Bennum** 8/03/20	*Patricia McGrew** 12/31/20
	*Louise Nelson Kortalnd** 10/17/20

*Indicates Baptized, Contributing, Communing members of the Episcopal Church with Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

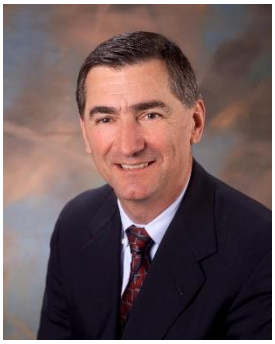
** Indicates those who have not presently had a Service because of the pandemic and inability to host in-person services. Some of these situations may be scheduling a Celebration of Life Service once we are able to gather for worship.

Weddings:

No wedding because of the closing of our facilities with the Coronavirus pandemic. One wedding scheduled for July 2020 that had to be cancelled because of the renovation removal of furnishings, and was rescheduled for St Thomas Aquinas Cathedral (couple later moved it to another parish and was I need of our services. Refunded).

Vestry and Endowment Board Nominations and Biographies

Harvey Fennel, Endowment Board



Harvey Fennell has been a member of Trinity Cathedral since 1988 and has served previously on the Vestry and the Endowment Board. Harvey co-chaired the current capital campaign with his wife Nancy and has been active in the renovation process. He was a CPA for 17 years before buying Dickson Realty with Nancy in 1987. He is a partner in a number of companies involved in residential and commercial real estate, mortgage, title and property management. He has served on a number of boards of non-profits, professional organizations and financial institutions. Harvey currently is a Board member of Renown Health and Chairman of the Renown Foundation. They have a son and an infant grandson whom they enjoy spending much family time.

Gary Fuller, Vestry



Gary Fuller moved to Reno in 1976 and has practiced law in Nevada since 1985. He is a lifelong Episcopalian and previously served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden at Trinity in the early 1990's. He subsequently served as Legal Advisor for Trinity for several years and as Chancellor for the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada between 1993-2000. He is married to Donna and they have four wonderful adult children and three adorable grandsons. They enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren, traveling and being active outdoors. For the last few years, Donna and Gary have attended the Saturday 5:30 PM Service at Trinity Cathedral.

Brandon Harjer, Vestry



Brandon Harjer was born in La Jolla, CA, but grew up primarily in Mars, PA, just north of Pittsburgh. After graduating from high school, he attended the US Naval Academy, which turned out to be the best decision of his life, because in the summer before his senior year, he met then Meghann Donovan through friends, in Catonsville, MD. The two dated that entire year through his graduation in 1999 and while Brandon began Fight School in Pensacola Florida. After her graduation from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Meghann and Brandon were married September 9th, 2000. They married just before Brandon began Advanced Flight Training in Kingsville, Texas. Together, Meghann and Brandon have lived in Virginia Beach, Virginia, flying the FA-18C Hornet; in Fallon, Nevada, flying the F-5N Tiger II

and F-16 Fighting Falcon, and in Catonsville, MD while working at the Pentagon, flying a desk. Brandon and Meghann finished their time in the Navy with one last tour in Fallon, Nevada, when Brandon was the Commanding Officer of VFC-13.

Brandon and Meghann first began attending mass at Trinity in 2006, when they lived in Fernley, Nevada and they became members shortly thereafter. Brandon and Meghann had their first child, John, in 2009, followed in short order by Jane in 2010, Sarah in 2012, and Sam in 2014. John, Jane, and Sarah were all baptized at Trinity, but Sam was born while the family was living in Maryland. The Harjers returned to Nevada for the last time in 2012, and they've attended the 9:30 AM Family Service and attend the Sunday School and adult education programs service and education programs.

Carolyn Hoffman, Vestry



Carolyn was raised as an Episcopalian in Florida/Georgia, but has also had experience in evangelical, Presbyterian, and Baptist denominations. She began attending Trinity in 2010 when we moved to Reno from Atlanta, GA. Carolyn attended the University of Georgia where she has an education degree, and on it's heals took a bachelor degree in Environmental Design.

Currently she is President of The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) in our Chapter at Trinity. She represented DOK on the Episcopal Women's Network Board for Nevada. In 2021 she'll be assuming the Secretary position for Province 8 DOK. Our Provinces follow the traditional Provinces of the Episcopal Church.

Dick, my husband, is also retired from the Forest Service. Elizabeth, my daughter, has her own law firm, Bittner Legal in Reno.

Eloy Ituarte, Vestry



My religious education commenced at a very early age in the Roman Catholic tradition. My earliest recollection of religious education was at around age four or five at St Andrews Catholic Church in Pasadena, California. This was followed by my education at St. Elizabeth's Grammar School (Grades 1-8), LaSalle High School (Grades 9-12) then St. Mary's College in Moraga, California culminating with a Baccalaureate in Science with a major in Biology, minors in Chemistry and Religious Studies. The motto of St. Mary's College is: "Come to learn, leave to serve." Religious studies were required for every grade, semester or term from first grade through College graduation. My education in religious and theological subjects has been lengthy and remains ongoing.

My graduation from college was followed by a medical education, a Residency in Internal Medicine, a Fellowship in Endocrinology-Metabolism and appointment as Assistant Professor in

Residence at UCLA. I am a published medical first author of both clinical and basic science work. I retired from the Veterans Administration Medical Center in 2016 after completing twenty years of service to our veterans in the Ambulatory Care Department. Currently, I am employed by Naph Care as the Medical Director at the Washoe County Detention Center, the county jail.

I was received into the Episcopal Church at All Saints, Pasadena, California in 1985. After moving to Reno in 1992, I visited several churches and loved the organ music and choir service at Trinity. Trinity became my "spiritual home" around 1993. My participation has included service as a Eucharistic Minister for many years (since 1995?), Vestry for two terms, the Rector's Search Committee in 2007-2008 (when Stefanni Schatz was called) and several presentations at the Sunday educational forums.

My wife, Margi, and I were married at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church on 27 October 1984 in Corona del Mar, California. She was baptized and raised in the Episcopal Church. Our children are baptized in the Episcopal Church and attended nine o'clock services for many years until they left home to attend college. Sometimes they attend with me when they visit us.

Trinity Cathedral in downtown Reno serves as a reminder to the community that God is present but moreover there are servants of Christ engaged, working and supporting each other and our community on a daily basis. We are committed to living our faith and service to others.

The Church buildings and grounds are urgently in need of upgrading and restoration. It is important that we continue to work together to upgrade and remodel our facilities so that they can continue to support and to improve our ability to serve the many needs of our current and future members. It would be an honor to serve on the Vestry again and another opportunity to serve the Clergy, the Church and Community that I love.

Vestry Members at Present

Class of 2020 – these folks are going off vestry having served their term:
Lynne Charlat, Gretchen Wolfen, and Eloy Ituarte

(A partial year vacancy was left during 2020 and was not filled. Eloy Ituarte filled a year vacancy left by a resignation.)

Class of 2021 –Howard Bennet, Lindsay Campbell, Jim Lamb, and John Lilley
Class of 2022 – Jeannie Arps, Terry Cain, Cleta Dillard, Margaret Zuccarini

Delegates (10) and **Alternates** (5) – Nominations

Junior and Senior Warden serve
Ten Delegates: *At present the following have consented to serve -*
Howard Bennett, Terry Cain, Lindsay Campbell, Lynne Charlat, Cleta Dillard, Larry Kirk, Diane Sheldon, Bonnie Strader, Ernie Westbrook, Margaret Zuccarini
Five Alternates: *(At present):* Stephanie Tall

Celebration of Vestry Transition

(Existing Vestry gather and stand front and center of the gathering.
To the right are the Outgoing Members; to the Left the In-coming Members.)

Officiant/Rector: (Names of Out-going members:) Lynne Charlat and Gretchen Wolf, you were called by the people of God, to serve them as a member of the vestry of this parish. You answered their call. You have been faithful in attendance at meetings. You have been a responsible steward of the congregation's resources. You have considered our future course and your views have informed our planning. You have lead by example, especially in attendance at worship and in sharing your time, talent, and treasure with Christ's Church. Now others must step forward to take your place among the leaders of this congregation. As you leave the vestry, we thank you for your service, saying with Jesus, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." We offer you our prayers and our support as you move on in service of our Lord, Jesus Christ. And we ask you to reaffirm your commitment to this parish as a fitting capstone to the duty you have so faithfully discharged.

(Names:) *Lynne and Gretchen*, do you reaffirm your commitment as a member of this parish community?
Member(s): **I do.**

Officiant/Rector: Will you seek new ways to serve Christ in his Church?
Member(s): **I will with God's help.**

Officiant/Rector: Will you continue to support the work of this cathedral parish with your time, talent, and treasure?
Member(s): **I will with God's help.**

Officiant/Rector: Will you refrain from meddling, and offer advice and counsel to the next vestry only when asked?
Member(s): **I will with God's help.**

Officiant/Rector: Will you reject gossip and backbiting about your successors, and respect the integrity of their efforts?
Member(s): **I will with God's help.**

Officiant/Rector: Will you respect the confidentiality of the new vestry's deliberations, and be content to learn about such matters when the rest of the parish does?

Member(s): **I will with God's help.**

Officiant/Rector: Will you keep confidential those matters that were entrusted to you in confidence during your tenure on the vestry?

Member(s): **I will with God's help**.

Officiant/Rector: Will you trust the Holy Spirit to work through our newly elected leaders to guide the parish and all its members in their life and work?

Member(s): **I will with God's help.**

Officiant/Rector: Will you continue to pray for this parish, its members, its clergy, and its vestry?

Member(s): **I will with God's help.**

Officiant/Rector: O God, who sent your Son to show us that the last shall be first and that the one who would be greatest must be the least, help your servant(s) Lynne Charlat and Gretchen Wolfe who have been faithful members of the vestry of this parish, find new ways to exercise ministry and leadership in your church. Help *them*, free from the burdens of this office, might discover anew the joy of our Christian faith. Inspire *them* to be supportive of and helpful to those who take *their* place on the vestry. And grant that *they*, along with all good and faithful stewards within your kingdom, may enter into your joy, in this life and in the life hereafter. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

(Out-going Members who served the Nomination Committee will present to the rector the newly elected members as they say:)

Presenters: We present to you these persons (names: Gary Fuller, Brandon Harjer, Carolyn Hoffman, and Eloy Ituarte) to be admitted to the ministry of Vestry in this congregation.

(The Officiant/Rector asks the presenters/the Nomination Committee)

Officiant/Rector: Are these persons you present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and well-being of his Church?

Presenters: **We believe they are.**

Officiant/Rector: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

***Candidates*: I will.**

Officiant/Rector: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

***Candidates*: I will.**

ALL: The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

Officiant/Rector: I am your servant; grant me understanding:

ALL: That I may know your decrees.

Officiant/Rector: Let us pray: (brief Silence)

All: O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant/Rector: In the Name of God and this congregation, I commission you, Gary Fuller, Brandon Harjer, Carolyn Hoffman, and Eloy Ituarte as a member of the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, and you Harvey Fennell as the Vestry's representative to the Endowment Board, and we present you this pin as a token of your ministry.
(Present pins)

(At the Close of the Annual Meeting, the Vestry members will remain on-line and have an executive session to do their election of Officers.)