

Annual Report for the year ending December 2018

For the 27th Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Saint Saviour February 2, 2019

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Agenda for the 27th Annual Meeting

February 3, 2019 Cathedral House

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Opening Prayer, Welcome, and Introductions
- 3. Determination of Quorum
- 4. Designation of Secretary
- 5. Election of Officers:
 - a. Review of Election Procedure
 - b. Introduction of Candidates for Vestry, Warden, and Inter-Parish Council
 - c. Nominations from the floor
 - d. Opening of Polls and Voting (10 minutes)
 - e. Closing of Polls and collection of ballots
- 6. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
- 7. Vicar's Address
- 8. Wardens' Address
- 9. Treasurer's Report
- 10. Report of Elections
- 11. Call to Adjourn
- 12. Blessing and Dismissal

Minutes from the 26th Annual Meeting January 28, 2018 **Gale Kenny**

The Congregation of St. Saviour At the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine Annual Meeting Minutes, Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018

1. Call to Order, Opening Prayer, and Introductions

- a. Marsha called the meeting to order. Junior Warden Tim Dwyer nominated Senior Warden Marsha Ra to serve as the presiding officer of the meeting. A majority of voting members elected her to be the presiding officer. Marsha designated Gale Kenny to serve as the secretary of the meeting.
- b. The Rev. Kenton Curtis offered an opening prayer.
- c. Marsha introduced two Cathedral staffers who work with the Congregation, Chanmi Byung and Steven Lee.

2. Determination of quorum

a. The quorum of at least 18 people (10% of the Congregation) was determined.

3. Elections

- a. Vestry member and nominations committee member Paula McKenzie called for the four nominated candidate for the Vestry to introduce themselves to the Congregation. Barbara Whiteman Hull, Bob Deming, and Meryl Marcus introduced themselves. Lisa Chin and Harry Johnson spoke on behalf of candidate Fred Wherry who was out of town for work. The candidate for warden, Tim Dwyer, introduced himself.
- b. Paula called for nominations from the floor for Vestry and Warden, and there were none.
- c. Marsha described the Manhattan North Interparish Council (MNIPC). Both candidates (Hal Weiner and Jeanne Wertheimer are both absent today but are running to be the Congregation's representatives).
- d. Since it was an uncontested election, the Congregation voted by acclimation to accept the slate of candidates.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

a. The Meeting Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Feb. 5, 2017 were approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

a. Due to treasurer Cecilia Amadi's absence, Tim Dwyer gave the treasurer's report based on notes that Cecilia had prepared. He described the two largest

- Congregation costs: the Diocesan Assessment and the Cost Share payment to the Cathedral.
- b. He also reported on the status of pledges: as of Feb. 4, 2018, there are 65 pledgers at a total amount of \$95,000. Marsha and Tim encouraged all members to pledge.

6. Warden's Address

a. During Marsha's address, a number of Congregation members paused to recognize Marsha for all of her efforts.

b. Crafts Fair

i. Lou Gropp inquired about the 2017 Crafts Fair, and Marsha spoke about the changes from the Synod Hall setup. She spoke about the ways that various Cathedral departments participated in the event this year, and their excitement and enthusiasm for making sure that it continues to take place in the future at the Cathedral. With the venders' fees and sponsorships, the Crafts Fair around \$35,000 for the Congregation, around \$13,000 of tickets for visitors for the Cathedral. Several Congregation members praised the event – the sponsorship idea and the setup and aesthetic experience.

c. Clergy Leadership

i. Marsha reported that the Interim Dean plans to hire a new vicar for the Congregation in the coming months. He is strongly supportive of the Congregation and will bring the Vestry into consultation with the appointment. Congregation member Agnés spoke about how the retreats provide spaces for parishioners to talk with clergy (like Pat Malloy), and this avenue has been a fruitful way to build bridges between Congregation and the Cathedral.

d. Pastoral Care

i. Patrick Malloy is the point person on pastoral care needs. There is also a new committee that will be sending out birthday cards and such to Congregation members. David Johnston has been serving as a Licensed Eucharistic Visitor and has to step down. She invited Congregation members who might be called to this ministry to speak with Steven Lee.

e. Communications

i. The Congregation officers now receive the Close Communiqué emails from the Cathedral. With Steven's help, the wardens are also sending out a weekly email with news and announcements.

f. Tim read a list of Congregation members and others who passed away in 2016.

7. Committee Reports and Announcements

- a. Mission and Outreach
 - i. Vestry member Lorraine Simmons reported on the Congregation's efforts to provide monthly donations to Cathedral Community Cares. She also announced that CCC would like volunteers to help with ESL, legal and accounting know-how, and job skills training, and she invited Congregation members to get in touch with her.
 - ii. Sonia Omulepu announced the programming for the Diocesan Year of Lamentations, a project created by the Diocesan Reparations Committee. She announced the events taking place in the Diocese around the Cathedral: the Absalom Jones service on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 10:30 am as well as films and other discussions.
- b. Spiritual Formation, Adult Education, and Fellowship
 - i. Steven Lee described the Little Pilgrims program for children in between the two Sunday services. He also described the ways he and Pat Malloy are reorganizing the process for baptisms and confirmations at the Cathedral. Instead of "drive-by baptisms," parents will now be required to be a part of the church community and attend classes before baptism. In other words, baptism is more than "celestial fire insurance," but should involve being a part of a community.
 - ii. On Sundays during Lent, Pat will be holding classes for five weeks (12:45-1:45) for people interested in baptism and confirmation or for those who just want to learn more about the Episcopal tradition. This will replace the Via Media class.
 - iii. Deacon Kent Curtis spoke about the Lenten retreat to be held in early March at the Mariandale Center in Ossining. The retreat will focus on Taizé meditation, prayer, and music.
 - iv. Donna Devlin described the four-year Education for Ministry program and invited Congregation members interested to speak with her and others who have participated in it about the program,
 - v. Lewis Salas discussed the activities of the 20s-30s group. They have brunches every third Sunday at a nearby restaurant, and there are other activities scheduled for the year.

8. Recognition of Volunteers

a. Marsha pointed everyone to the list of volunteers in the Annual Report to show the many people who serve in various capacities at the Cathedral as well as those who are Congregation members.

9. New Business

- a. Catherine Skopic spoke about her moving experiences as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor. Muriel Kneeshaw asked about the size of the Congregation. Marsha estimates that there are about 200 people. Harry Johnson suggested we create a photo directory of the Congregation. It was noted that the 9 am attendance has also increased: it used to be 50 people but now it's regularly in the 70s.
- b. Marsha presented outgoing Vestry members Frank Winter and Lisa Chin with small gifts to thank them for their service.
- **10.** Steven Lee concluded the meeting with a blessing.

Vestry Nominations 2019

Marsha Ra
Candidate for Warden (2nd Term)
2-Year Term

Marsha has been worshipping at the Cathedral for many years and joined the congregation when it was formed 26 years ago. She has served on the Vestry several times and as warden for two terms in the 1990s. She is currently completing her first term as senior warden. She has coordinated the annual Crafts Fair since its inception, served as Stewardship Chair for 5 years, started and directed the soup kitchen for five years, and has served as an acolyte, usher, and is



pleased to continue to serve as a lay reader. With the Congregation's support, Marsha is seeking a second term as senior warden.

From Marsha:

"When I started my first term in 2017, we were in the middle of an uncomfortable transition. Things have settled down with a permanent dean and a vicar in place. The laity is empowered as never before. Working with our new vicar, Father Lee, has been a real pleasure. We have made great progress in supporting CCC and integrating more fully into the life of the Cathedral. Together we have rich opportunities to grow spiritually and find Christ in one another."

Angelo Santos Candidate for Vestry (1st Term) Class of 2022

Angelo first attended services at the Cathedral in 2015, and, so moved by the services, he has been faithfully attending since then. He first came to the US from the Philippines in 2012 to study Mathematics as a graduate student at the University of Connecticut. He now works as an actuarial analyst for a consulting firm, helping with systems configuration for insurance companies. He is married to



Jose Ante. Desiring to be more involved with the Cathedral following his reception into the church at Easter of 2016, Angelo started serving as an acolyte in August of that same year. Applying his knowledge and enthusiasm for food and cooking, he now helps Lisa Chin and Phyllis Murray with Second Sunday Fellowship preparations.

From Angelo:

"It would be an honor to serve the Cathedral, as I know it stands for spreading God's love through social justice. I know that my participation in church has changed me and has filled me with hope; so, serving on the Vestry would be an opportunity to be more involved and to help further the church's mission."

Sharné JacksonCandidate for Vestry (1st Term) Class of 2022

Born and raised in the multicultural Miami, Florida Sharné Jackson attended Spelman College and was confirmed at The Cathedral of St. Phillips in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2002, she took a leap of faith and moved to New York City where she has worked for the past 16 years in branding and experiential marketing in the retail industry. Sharné currently works in Higher Education. Sharné has found a deep



connection to The Cathedral of St. John the Divine. She joined the Congregation in 2006 and has served on a number of committees including a discernment committee and the Crafts Fair Committee. Sharné has demonstrated her strong commitment to community by mentoring young people and volunteering with several civic organizations.

From Sharné:

"I had never considered serving the church as a member of the Vestry, but after much thought and prayer, I feel called to extend my service and commitment to my church and church family. I welcome the opportunity to serve on the Vestry!"

Mary-Elizabeth Mitchell Candidate for Vestry (2nd Term) Class of 2022

Mary-Elizabeth is up for re-election for her second term on the vestry. She began attending services at the Cathedral in December 2013, became a member of the congregation in the fall of 2014, and began service on the Vestry in 2016. Raised as a Roman Catholic, Mary-Elizabeth has been grateful to find a spiritual home at the Cathedral among a progressive and thoughtful community of people. Since



becoming a member of the congregation, she has volunteered for the Crafts Fair, lay reading and the healing ministry. In her professional life, she is a Major Gifts Officer at Jazz at Lincoln Center. Her education includes a BA from the University of Virginia in Far Eastern Studies and an MA from the Institute of Fine Arts, NYU in Art History. Mary-Elizabeth welcomes the opportunity to continue working towards the Congregation's mission and goals over her next term and hopes to have a chance to get to know all the members of the Congregation better.

Tony BaerCandidate for Vestry (1st Term) Class of 2022

Tony grew up in Texas and attended Catholic schools from kindergarten through high school. He has lived in New York City for 17 years and currently works at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, analyzing financial markets in support of the monetary policy-making process. He is married to Margaret Barry, and together they have been attending services at the Cathedral regularly for more than 10 years. They have also served as ushers at the 9 AM service for 2 years. Their two children, Kate and Evelyn, are in grade school and attend the Congregation's Sunday morning formation classes.



From Tony:

"I have found the Congregation to be both very welcoming to newcomers and a comfortable spiritual home for regulars, and I would like to help build this special community as a member of the Vestry."

Vicar's Report The Rev. Steven Lee

In the Jewish mystical tradition of Kabbalah, there is a teaching that God began the process of creation by first "contracting" God's own infinite self, so that there could be enough "room" in the universe to allow for new life to come into being. God's very first act is to get out of the way. The Hebrew term for this doctrine is *tzimtzum*.

Since I began as your Vicar less than one year ago, in April 2018, I have tried to get out of your way in order to see what might burst forth, when you, the members of the Congregation of Saint Saviour, have been given the love, trust, confidence, and permission to undertake new activities, create new relationships, or discover different ways of doing things.

The result has been more than I could have asked or imagined. You can read about all of our activities over the past 8 months in the Wardens' Report, a fact which is itself a sign of our new mode of operation. How many parishes have Annual Reports—or weekly enewsletters, for that matter—which feature the clergy leader and the lay leadership with equal voice and prominence? So even the structure of this report manifests the fundamental importance of empowered lay leadership in our common life.

Role of Priest and Vicar

The reason that an empowered laity is so important is because there are not that many things that only I, as your priest and Vicar, am able to do that you, the lay members, are unable to do. As your priest, I have been ordained for very specific tasks, such as celebrating the Eucharist, officiating at weddings and funerals, doing baptisms, absolving sins, offering blessings, preaching the Gospel, etc. As your Vicar, I have perhaps even fewer unique tasks, such as chairing our Vestry meetings.

It is important for all of us to realize this easily forgotten fact that as your priest and Vicar, I am not here to do ministry, so much as I am here **to equip you to do ministry**. If we are able to live into this reality, then instead of one person, we can have hundreds of people running around, working to spread the love of Jesus Christ in a world that is in such desperate need of it.

State of the Parish

As I noted in a weekly newsletter several weeks ago, by all the standard metrics, the state of our parish is undeniably strong and getting stronger, whether we count the number of people pledging, total amount given, or new members joining.

You can look at the Treasurer's Report for a more detailed look at our brightening financial position, but in summary, for 2018, we had a surplus of approximately \$35,000, which

was partly due to a significant increase in pledged giving over 2017. In terms of new members, we have over 20 new members who have joined our congregation since April 2018.

But these numerical measures do not capture an even more important qualitative change that I have noticed these past few months. There has been an increased spirit of love, generosity, selflessness, and cooperation among the members of our congregation and between our congregation and the staff of the larger Cathedral. This increase in the fruits of the Spirit are an undeniable sign that God is here with us and is empowering us to be closer disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 5:22-23).

Discipleship Path

Of all of our new activities and discoveries in 2018, I am most excited by our ad-hoc Newcomer committee and its work to discover our parish's discipleship path. This committee has realized that the way a newcomer becomes a closer disciple of Jesus in our parish is by the following actions: Connect, Grow, Give.

In the years to come, we will begin to orient our parish around these core discipleship activities: connecting people to one another more deeply and more authentically; growing in our faith through service, prayer, and knowledge; and giving generously back to the parish as a sign of our thankfulness for how much God has given us through this community.

Fully living into this discipleship path of Connect, Grow, Give will be a multi-year process, and there may be detours along the way. But I am thrilled that we have a lodestar to follow, as we plan our activities and focus our energies in the coming years.

Concluding Remarks

Let us realize the profound irony of accounting for our past year in a polished Annual Report as though we are a corporation or nonprofit organization, which we are not, rather than in a form more appropriate to what we are, which is the broken and wounded Body of Christ.

As Archbishop Michael Ramsey once wrote, speaking of the Anglican Church, but applicable to our Cathedral community, we have not been sent here to exemplify the "best type of Christianity" or to be the "best parish in all of the Episcopal Church."

Rather, our "incompleteness," untidiness, tensions and travails are all signs of our fundamental brokenness, which points to a larger and more perfect reality toward which we all strive, within which we will all die, and through which, one day, we will be resurrected.

Wardens' Report Marsha Ra & Tim Dwyer

Clergy & Staff

2018 brought new life and stability to the Congregation of Saint Saviour. The **Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III** was named Dean of the Cathedral and the **Reverend Canon Patrick Malloy** was named Sub Dean. A search for a new vicar had been put on hold during a long interim period, and the Congregation was without even an interim vicar for four months. The responsibility for naming a vicar has been the Dean's and the Bishop's ever since our founding. Happily, the answer to our need was close at hand. At its April 10th meeting, the Vestry unanimously endorsed the appointment by the Cathedral Dean of the Reverend Deacon **Steven Yong Lee** as our vicar. Steven had been with us for about two years as a seminarian and assistant to the interim vicar. During the several months that the Congregation had no vicar, Steven helped the wardens in countless ways. It was a relief to have someone as our vicar that we knew, respected and liked. **Chun Mi Byun**, who had been the assistant in the vicar's office left that position to go back to seminary to earn a doctorate. Happily, she is staying on as a member of the Congregation. She was replaced by **Hope Chang** who came to us with a wealth of gifts and energy.

On Saturday September 15, Steven Lee was ordained to the priesthood. The Congregation threw a wonderful party for Steven, his family, for members of Grace Church - his sponsoring parish - and members of the Congregation of Saint Saviour.

Outreach

During the year the Congregation leadership encouraged outreach in several ways: by supporting Cathedral Community Cares (CCC), through prayer, through marches, cheering the AIDS Walk NY marchers who annually pass by the Cathedral grounds, and through

welcoming. As the year drew to an end, we began exploring ways to partner with the ACT program.

Several successful drives were held for CCC. Clothes and other needed sundries were collected weekly. Over the summer, funds were collected to fill backpacks for children in time for school; a toy drive was undertaken for Christmas. Funds were raised on St. Francis Day and at the crafts fair so that the Congregation was able to provide over \$5,000 to CCC to complete the renovation of its clothes closet and another \$1,000 for a much-needed refrigerator.

As our community became aware of the abuse of asylumseekers at our southern border, a long blue prayer chain was created consisting of individual prayers written for refugee children forcefully separated from their parents. This chain will be included in the Cathedral's exhibition on the importance of sanctuary and will be added to by visitors. Prayers were also offered and sent to the Tree of Life Synagogue after the mass shooting occurred there. Members marched with the Bishops and many others in the Diocese in the March 24 "March for our Lives" against gun violence.

The Congregation welcomed Imam Bashir Arafat who brought a delegation of Muslims living in Belgium in July. Imam Bashir of the Civilizations Exchange has been bringing groups of Muslims to the Cathedral for several years. During this visit we offered them a halal lunch and had an enlightening conversation in which we learned of their impressions of our country after spending several days in New York.

Remembering



The Cathedral has a bay on the south side which is dedicated to those who died of AIDS during the 1980's and 1990's. Weekly services were held in those days and names were inscribed in a book. As the years went on and the crisis abated, the special services ended and the book no longer used to inscribe the names of the dead. Under **Kevin De l'Aigle's** leadership, a special AIDS memorial was held on Sunday, May 13 where three AIDS memorial quilts borrowed from the Names Project were installed in three bays on the North Side of the Cathedral.

Each quilt contained the name of someone associated with the Cathedral who was a victim of AIDS. The following week, members of the Congregation, the vicar, and Little Pilgrims stood on the corner of Amsterdam Avenue and Cathedral parkway handing out cathedral fans to AIDS Walk marchers. A bagpiper hired by a member of the Congregation serenaded the marchers as they walked past—it was warm, and they had all just made it up the hill from Central Park West. What fun to cheer them on! How important to let them know that the people who pray in this enormous church care about what is going on outside its walls.

In November, **Tim Farrell** brought in a group of multi-generational LBGT people who belonged to SAGE. SAGE was established 40 years ago to support aging LBGT people who may not have family around them. This first event was attended by the Dean and included a meal and an opportunity for people to get to know each other and to share. It was so successful that another SAGE event was organized in which Christmas cards were written and decorated for homeless LBGT youth. Several congregation members (including the wardens) attended both events. It is important that everyone feel welcome at the Cathedral and experience the love that we profess but don't often get a chance to share.

Violence touches the Congregation

In late May one of the founding members of the Congregation, **Dr. Young Kun Kim**, was attacked as he withdrew cash from an ATM. He died shortly after. His funeral in June was attended by many members of the Congregation, his CUNY colleagues, and members of the Korean community. We will miss him and his moving readings of the Sunday lectionary.

Spiritual Opportunities

In addition to programs for children and Baptism classes, the practice of offering two retreats a year continued. In March, the **Reverend Deacon Kent Curtis** led 10 people at a Lenten retreat at the Mariandale Retreat Center. In early November 15 people went back to our usual retreat location, Holy Cross Monastery where Brother Aidan offered us meditations and conversation on faith in dark times and on finding God in nature. Bible Study continues between the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Formation & Education

Submitted by Donna Devlin

EfM 2018

The EfM (Education for Ministry) group supported by St. Saviour enrolled 6 members in September of 2018. One Year 4, Paula McKenzie, one Year 2, Joyce Cleveland from St. Phillips, four Year One students, Tony Errante and Robin Lustig, from the Cathedral, Jerry McMillan from St. Mary's, Justin Dehnart from Trinity-St.John's. The theme for this year's study is Living Faithfully in a Multi-cultural World. The theological reflections, spiritual autobiographies and work in the Reading and Reflection Guide (RRG) all are centered on that emphasis. It is an experientially diverse group and the discussions and insights are exciting and reflect deep faith and spirituality. It is a joy to mentor this group. As always, we welcome new members. Tennessee at the University of the South.

The ministry referred to in EfM is the ministry of all believes and is not intended to be a stepping stone to ordination although it may prove to be so for some students. The Diocese of New York requires that candidates for the Diaconate complete 4 years of EfM.

Confirmation 2018

In the fall of 2018 6 students, Harlan Yarin, Caroline Peyser, Alice Elliott, Brooke Omulepu, Adedayo Perkovich, and Lucas Tamminga, enrolled in the confirmation program called The Great Adventure. They embarked on a vigorous study and service adventure. The students were each assigned an adult mentor to work with them on their journey of discernment as to whether or not to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Tim Dwyer, Paula McKenzie, Lorraine Simmons, Sydney Briggs, Lanice France, and Bob Deming are the mentors for the students.

There are several texts that are used, *Marked*, by Steve Ross (a graphic novel), *My Faith, My Life* by Jenifer Gamber, *What Did Jesus Do All Day* by Felicia Silcox, *Are You Running With Me Jesus?* By Malcolm Boyd, *God of My Heart* by <u>Shannon Ferguson Kelly,</u> and Connie Wlaschin Ruhlman, *Call On Me* by Jenifer Gamber and Sharon Pearson Ely, the BCP, a translation of the Bible other Each student is required to give at least twelve hours of service to the Cathedral programs.

At the end of the program is confirmation, June 1, 2019 and an expected trip to Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey.

Adults willing to be confirmation mentors are welcomed.

Forming Connections

Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee under the leadership of **Lisa Chin**, continued to feed us, especially on Second Sundays where we gather in Cathedral House to eat, schmooze and hopefully connect with each other and with newcomers and visitors. Events such as Homecoming, Christmas Party, Mardi Gras and Strawberry Festival are timed to fall on these Second Sundays of the month. Homecoming and Strawberry Festival have been moved to the nave of the Cathedral and include a true pot-luck. Last May Strawberry Festival and the annual Potluck of the volunteer choir coincided. What a grand party that was! This hardworking committee also hosts the Interparish Council Epiphany Party and lunch at the annual meeting in February. We are grateful for their generosity of spirit and the delicious food provided by this committee: Susan, Emily and Will Baldwin, Angelo Santos, and Phyllis Murray

The Twenties and Thirties Fellowship Submitted by Lewis Salas

The Saint Saviour Twenties and Thirties fellowship has been actively involved in supporting and promoting the mission of the larger diocesan young adult network which aims to bring together Episcopalians from a variety of congregations in New York City. We have 45+ members in our email distribution list and it has been a pleasure to pray, reflect, and discuss spirituality with young adults from all walks of life.

Additionally, the 20s-30s fellowship has focused on establishing a regular monthly brunch after the 11 o'clock service on every third Sunday. Usually 4-8 people attend. The brunch is a way to welcome newcomers as well as form a community, and it has become a place for discussing common concerns about vocation and for creating connections between participants with similar interests and concerns. The group has grown primarily through the help of other Congregation members who point visitors to the Cathedral to someone already involved in 20s-30s.

Stewardship

Our stewardship campaign led by Kevin De l'Aigle has a new shape. It begins in the fall with a brunch between the services where members who attend either of the services can mingle and hear and think about giving. In early spring there is a Thank You Brunch to wind up the campaign, again between the services. This year pledges are higher than they have been in 10 years. Giving is also up at least 10%. As of this writing, the following people have made pledges to the congregation for 2019:

Frederick Adams
Cecilia & Samuel Amadi
Tony Baer & Margaret Barry
William & Susan Baldwin, II
JoAnn Bell
Luz Betancourt
Sydney Briggs & Reinhard Bek
James & Ann Brown
Chanmi Byun
Robert & Patricia Carey
The Rev. Dr. Pamela CooperWhite
Kevin de l'Aigle

Mr. Robert Deming Lucile Dewart Michael Dougherty Ms. Donna Doyle Timothy Dwyer Peter Ennis Anthony Errante Mr. John Felbinger

Eugenia Foxworth
Ms. Lanice France
Gary Glaze & Cynthia Munzer
Louis & Jane Gropp
Dean Hantzopoulos
Carol Harvey
Robin Heagan
Martha Hunt
Mr. Thomas Hurwitz &
Margaret Klenck

Margaret Mackenzie Agnes Marcaillou Meryl Marcus Maria-Phildor Massac Ms. Paula McKenzie

Bill McKeown & Canon

Constance Coles Ron Melichar Ms. Alisa Mitchell Mary-Elizabeth Mitchell Mrs. Ruth Mueller-Maerki Ms. Phyllis Murray Winston Nguven Michael Nixon Christine Nusse & Patricia Bennett Ms Sonia Omulepu Mr Bruce Paulsen Ms Marsha Ra Angela Reid-Hardy Barbara Roca **Deborah Rose** John & Christine Rumely Mr. John Slorance **Karl Smith**

Ms. Lorenda Johnson

Mr. David Johnston & Danny Costa Gale Kenny Ms. Muriel Kneeshaw Aaron & Pamela Koch Manos Lampidis Joshua W. & Mary Ann Lo Robin Lustig Holly MacDonald Susan Sobolewski & Prajit Dutta Susan & Bailis Stair

Christopher Sweet
Mary Anne Tait
Jenelle Timmins-Persley
Mr. Hubert Watson
Hal Weiner
Fred Wherry
Carole Wilkins
Dr. Wayne Yankus

Events & Projects

Exploring a Semi-Monastic Community at the Cathedral

In September, the Wardens of the Congregation and other leaders of the Cathedral community were invited to meet with the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, to learn about the Community of St. Anselm. Founded in 2015 and resident at Lambeth Palace (the Archbishop's London residence), the Community of St. Anselm is an Anglican religious order designed to give young people a profound experience of prayer, service to the poor, and living in community. Though still in the planning stage, serious consideration is being given to establishing a similar community on the Close, a development which would be very impactful and meaningful for our community.

Close Conversations

Under the leadership of Vestry member Frederick Wherry, the Congregation has reestablished our practice of hosting social/cultural discussions of interest to Christians. Now branded "Close Conversations," the series has grown more popular, both in person and on social media, with each event.

The Crafts Fair

The 22nd Annual Crafts at the Cathedral grossed \$58,000 for the Congregation and also helped support Cathedral Visitor Services, which took in at least \$16,000 in entrance fees. The show is an expensive undertaking – security, maintenance, electricity, and many many other costs are deducted from the gross – and countless volunteer hours required to stage it. For many years, the Crafts Fair was essential just to balance the Congregation Budget. This year, with a more robust level of giving through the Stewardship program, the proceeds are being used to reach out in love. Beside the \$5,000 that went to CCC, the Vestry voted to use

some of the proceeds for a scholarship to ACT summer day camp for a child in need. Other ideas are being discussed. The 23rd annual show is now being planned.

Volunteering

It is impossible to list all of the volunteers without leaving someone out! So, thank you to all the members of the Congregation who volunteered as ushers, acolytes, vergers, on the altar guild, in Visitor Services, at the Crafts Fair, in the children's programs, as lay readers and lay Eucharistic visitors, and arranging and filling all those backpacks; thank you to those who were Cookie Angels, to those who brought food to various social events including Second Sunday, the Easter Vigil; to the Crafts Fair organizers, jurors, food preparers, greeters, and much more.

Our Thanks

We are blessed to worship in one of the most remarkably beautiful churches, with moving liturgy and great music. But we know that the true church is the people! Thank you all for a great year.

Marsha Ra & Tim Dwyer Vestry Wardens

Tresurer's Report

For the Fiscal Year 2018 as of 12/31/2018

Cecilia Amandi

The congregation's 2018 Annual Report reflect a surplus of \$35,598. Last year we had a surplus of \$17,045. More than 200% increase.

The Congregation's surplus of \$35,598 is made up as follows:

Revenue: Budget Vs Actual: there is a surplus of \$27,075. Expenses: Budget Vs Actual: there is also a surplus of \$8,523.

These surpluses are explainable. The Crafts Fair which is a major source of our fundraising did hold in 2018 while some budgeted expenses were not realized. Such unrealized expenses are found in these areas: Events, Security, Crafts Fair, Office Supplies & paper, Vestry and Stewardship.

At the end of the year there was an un-cleared deposit of \$3,002 and unpresented checks totaling \$1,921.78

Expenses

Our expenses this year was less than the budget by \$8523.12. I imagine that this is for the obvious reason that some of our budgeted expenses were not incurred.

Income

- <u>Pledge & Plate</u>: This year, we exceeded our budget by \$16,055. Last year we came shy of our budget by \$-5,035. Thank you for your giving!!
- <u>Crafts Fair</u>: As usual, the Crafts Fair made us proud and happy again this year! Thanks to Marsha Ra and her crew!

Other Income increases over last year include: Interest from our Diocesan DIF Investment and Donation to Vicar's discretionary Fund.

Each year, we contract with an independent Auditing Firm to perform an overview of our finances, books, and records, although the congregation is not required to have an audit due to the size of our budget. The audit of our 2017 Calendar year is concluded. There were no questionable activities noted by the auditor.

Great efforts have been made by the Congregation Officers, Vestry members as well as the Committee chairs through the guidance of our Vicar to make all these changes possible. Thank you to everyone!

2019 Proposed Budget

Congregation of Saint Saviour BUDGET

INCOME		3 . 3					
		2018 Budgeted	2018 Actual	Diff	ference		2019 Budget
Pledge & Plate	\$	158,000.00	\$ 174,055.00	\$	16,055.00	\$	172,900.00
Crafts Fair	\$	54,196.00	\$ 58,661.00	\$	4,465.00	\$	54,196.00
Adult Education	\$	500.00	\$ 54.00	\$	(446.00)	\$	500.00
Special Offerings Vicar's Discretionery	\$	-	\$ 450.00	\$	450.00		
Retreats	\$	5,000.00	\$ 4,820.00	\$	(180.00)	\$	5,000.00
Other Mission & Outreach	\$	200.00	\$ 2,844.00	\$	2,644.00	\$	3,000.00
Operating Savings Interest (DIT)			\$ 4,783.00	\$	4,783.00	\$	400.00
Savings Interest	\$	400.00	\$ 161.00	\$	(239.00)		
Vestry	\$	500.00	\$ 227.00	\$	(273.00)	\$	500.00
Events Income	\$	500.00	\$ 300.00	\$	(200.00)	\$	500.00
Checking Interest	\$	20.00	\$ 35.00	\$	15.00	\$	20.00
TOTAL Income	\$	219,316.00	\$ 246,390.00	\$	27,074.00	\$	237,016.00
EXPENSES							
	Α	nnual Budget: 2018	2018 Actual		Difference	An	nual Budget: 2019
Christian Formation							
Children, Youth, Families	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,200.83	\$	299.17	\$	15,000.00
Adult Education	\$	3,500.00	\$ 4,061.66	\$	(561.66)	\$	3,010.00
Other adult formation	\$	1,000.00	\$ 127.10	\$	872.90		
Retreats	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,135.15			\$	5,000.00
Young Adult Ministry	\$	500.00	\$ 85.71	\$	414.29	\$	1,000.00
Christian Life							
Welcoming	\$	750.00	\$ 249.00	\$	501.00	\$	-
Hospitality	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,123.74	\$	(123.74)	\$	3,000.00
Youth Curriculum(20/30 Connection)	\$	500.00	\$ 390.78	\$	109.22	\$	-
Stewardship	\$	3,000.00	\$ 1,083.46	\$	1,916.54	\$	1,000.00
Vicar's Discretionary	\$	-	\$ 480.00	\$	(480.00)	\$	-
Pastoral Care	\$	1,000.00	\$ 406.81	\$	593.19	\$	1,000.00
Events	\$	7,890.00	\$ 3,469.31	\$	4,420.69	\$	10,000.00
Vestry Expenses	\$	7,000.00	\$ 5,623.31	\$	1,376.69	\$	5,000.00
Mission and Outreach							
Mission & Outreach	\$	1,000.00	\$ 9,258.86	\$	(8,258.86)	\$	6,500.00
Environmental Task Force	\$	500.00	\$ -	\$	500.00	\$	-
Office Expenses							
Membership Database	\$	3,100.00	\$ 5,308.76	\$	(2,208.76)	\$	5,000.00
Office Supplies & Paper	\$	2,200.00	\$ 1,120.03	\$	1,079.97	\$	2,200.00
Postage & Telephone	\$	500.00	\$ 233.80	\$	266.20	\$	500.00
Audit Fee	\$ \$	50.00	\$ -	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
Bank Charges	\$	130.00	\$ 129.75	\$	0.25	\$	130.00
Security	\$	8,000.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$	5,100.00	\$	8,000.00
Other							
Crafts Fair	\$	18,000.00	\$ 15,131.82	\$	2,868.18	\$	20,000.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	16,500.00	\$ 16,577.00	\$	(77.00)	\$	14,930.00
Cost Share	\$	135,696.00	\$ 135,696.00	\$	-	\$	135,696.00
Total Expense	\$	219,316.00	\$ 210,792.88	\$	8,523.12	\$	237,016.00
	SI	JRPLUS, 2018	\$ 35,597.12				0