“Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral strives to be a house of prayer for all people…” This is the first line of our mission statement; it is the central proposition of what it means to be a cathedral in this place and in this time. The phrase “house of prayer for all people” traces its origin to the biblical prophet Isaiah and, six centuries later, to the gospel of Mark. There is, in the realm of God's vision, not just space for all people, but a place for all people. All are welcome, and the community gathered is richer in its diversity.

For centuries cathedrals across the world have seized on this eponymous identity as houses of prayer for all people. Many, like Saint Mark's in Seattle, have this moniker as a byline, a statement of radical welcome to all people. Cathedrals ideally are designed and called into service with a particular character that extends beyond the parochial to serve more broadly. Not only does a cathedral serve as the seat of the bishop for a region, but it necessarily serves as a resourcing center for the broader community, even when the religious beliefs of those gathering may vary widely. Cathedrals are designed to hold that space, but we can only consider such work if we ground it all in an abiding commitment to respect the dignity of every human being, and if we trust that God is calling us into such an existence. We at Saint Mark's Cathedral believe earnestly that God is, and we are striving to be about this work faithfully.

And as The Reverend Nancy Ross says so eloquently in the Centerpiece sermon, this identity we carry is never ultimately about focusing on ourselves; it is about how we relate with others, and how we bear Christ's name as we go about our lives. Sanctuary, civil rights, Service Corps, working diligently to de-escalate conflict that so often gives rise to hate speech and hate crimes—these are the tangible ways we embrace this sacred calling to be the church in this place, in this time.

A house of prayer for all people. A safe space to be welcomed, inspired, to learn, and, by God's grace, to be transformed for service in God's name. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

This edition of The Rubric includes brief depictions of how we are living into this mission with intentionality. The work on the cathedral edifice is not primarily about preserving a building; it is about restoring and preserving the gathering place so that we can continue to be a house of prayer for all people, and then turn outward to be the church in the world. The articles that follow describe a few ways in which we are about that centrifugal work, turning outward into the world. We are striving to be part of God's vision for this broken, hurting world.
SUNDAY SERVICES
8 A.M. Eucharist in Thomsen Chapel
9 A.M. Eucharist in the Nave
11 A.M. Eucharist in the Nave
Live streamed at www.saintmarks.org
4:30 P.M. Choral Evensong in the Nave (First Sundays, October-May)
Live streamed at www.saintmarks.org
7 P.M. Contemplative Eucharist in Thomsen Chapel
9:30 P.M. Compline in the Cathedral Nave, chanted by the Compline Choir and broadcast live on King 98.1 FM

WEEKDAY SERVICES
Monday through Friday
6:30 P.M. Evening Prayer in McCaw or Thomsen Chapel
Mondays, 7:15 P.M. Centering Prayer in Thomsen Chapel
Wednesdays, 12 NOON Holy Eucharist in Thomsen Chapel
Thursdays, 7 A.M. Holy Eucharist in Thomsen Chapel
For more information about Worship and Prayer at Saint Mark’s visit saintmarks.org.

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ON THE COVER: Worshippers are seen in the Cathedral Nave, flanked by scaffolding on both sides. More about the construction on page 4. Photo by Kevin Johnson. ABOVE: A Choir Camper asks questions of the Turner Construction team during a special tour given to campers in July. Photo by Liz Bartenstein.
Stone is going up! Paint is going on! But no windows yet…

Construction on Saint Mark’s Cathedral seems to have accelerated over the summer months. By the time you read this, the north wall should be completely clad in limestone and the buttresses painted. Thomsen Chapel and the exterior of Bloedel Hall will also be painted, in a soft shade of gray chosen to match the limestone tones.

Scaffolding is now up on the south side of the building (both interior and exterior), and the walls of the elevator addition are just about finished, although the elevator itself will not be installed until later in September. The main delay, so far, is in the fabrication and installation of the windows. The glass is being made primarily in Ireland and France, the window frames built in Wisconsin, and then the assembly and installation will be done locally by the firm of Herzog Glass. While windows were originally scheduled to be installed in the north wall in August, all glass installation will now be done from late September through early November. This will probably necessitate the use of very strong shrink wrap on the unfinished window openings and electric heaters at the perimeter of the nave, to keep the cathedral warm and weather-proof during the late fall. We are still assured that construction will be complete by December 4.

Front patio demolition starts in September, when the north half of the patio and stairs will be demolished and rebuilt. During that period, Thomsen Chapel will have to be entered through the sacristy, rather than through its exterior doors, but entry into the nave will still be through the main doors toward the southeast corner. The south half of the patio and stairs will be demolished and rebuilt in October, with entry to the nave from the main doors toward the northeast.

The new patio will include a wheelchair ramp in the southeast corner that leads down to a drop-off turnaround. We plan to close off the driveway in front of the cathedral semi-permanently with bollards; it will become a pedestrian-only zone. And we plan to open both the entrance and exit driveways to two-way car traffic. All exciting changes, designed to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility to the cathedral!

Another exciting aesthetic milestone will be the installation of a large Celtic cross on the east façade this fall. The Vestry
has also approved an additional expense to paint the interior nave walls, while scaffolding is still up, so that the interior will look fresh along with all the exterior work.

And in Capital Campaign news: we have now raised a total of $8.7 million for this $10 million project. The Diocesan Phase of the campaign, which is being led by Bishop Greg Rickel, is generating excellent results, with over half the parishes in the diocese having made or pledged gifts at this time. The Bishop and the Dean and even some lay leaders have been visiting churches in different parts of the diocese throughout the spring and summer months, and the response from the parishes has been gratifying.

We are planning a capstone fundraising event for the Capital Campaign, to take place in the nave on the evening of December 8. Jennifer and Tracy Wong are co-chairing this event, “The Glory of Saint Mark’s,” featuring brass and organ music, and a small live auction to be led by emcee Fred Northup, Jr. This fundraising event is directed outward toward the broader Seattle community, and is designed to raise funds to help close the gap for the Capital Campaign. We are also planning a special festive Evensong for early January, which will be a construction-completion celebration for all parish members and donors.

If you haven’t yet made a pledge to the Capital Campaign, and would like to, please visit saintmarks.org/livingstones.

SAVE THE DATE:
The Glory of Saint Mark’s
Capital Campaign capstone fundraiser
December 8, 6-9 p.m. at Saint Mark’s
Stay tuned for more details.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TEAM TACKLES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Saint Mark’s team of Habitat for Humanity volunteers has been busy this summer working on various small construction projects in Cathedral House. The team first built a wall and doorway in the Music Suite, creating a new office to replace the one that is being taken over by the elevator entry into that level of offices. They also built a wall and doorway in the ground floor office suite, to enclose the copy room and create an accessible pathway from the new elevator entry into Bloedel Hall. Finally, they built new walls and a new doorway in the Northup Vesting Room, which will become the Choir Room as of September 1. The new walls in this area were necessary to prevent sound bleed-through from the new choir rehearsal space into the nave. Volunteers Jacqueelyn and Gordon Miller, Mary Mullen, John Selberg, Tom Kmita, Liz Gruchala-Gilbert and Diane Stevens have done a great job on these projects, and have saved the cathedral a significant amount of money through their volunteer labor. Many thanks to the Habitat crew!
Welcome the Corps

THE SEATTLE SERVICE CORPS CLASS OF 2017-18 ARRIVES IN SEPTEMBER

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Seattle Service Corps internship program is a chance for young adults to explore their faith and discern their vocational call, while working in ministry at local non-profits and faith based communities. A year spent in this program is a commitment to: living in intentional Christian community; serving 32 hours per week at a local church or nonprofit; becoming integrated into the life of a local Episcopal congregation; participating in the worshiping and communal life of Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral; discerning questions of personal growth, spiritual transformation, and vocational call; learning a new way to live out the revolutionary faith we are called to in Jesus Christ.

The following Service Corps members will arrive on September 8. The partner organizations are Epiphany Parish, Mission to the Seafarers, Holy Cross Episcopal, Saint Mark’s Cathedral, and Saint Margaret's. In addition to spending 32 hours a week at the placement organizations, they will also devote a considerably amount of time doing work as a community.

ANDREW RODGERS
Degree in Arts in Religion and a Minor in Sociology and Anthropology from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. Andrew has spent the last year as a Land Program Intern at Our Lady of the Rock Monastery on Shaw Island, Washington.
“My sense of God and divinity is very close to my relations with other individuals and communities, and I want to immerse myself in the challenges that arise from organizing spiritual calls to justice around actual human institutions. More concretely, I hope to assess how it feels, day-to-day, to live a life of service within the non-profit sector.”

CARRIE SURBAUGH
Overland Park, Kansas. Majored in English and Religious Studies at the University of Texas. Returns for a second year in the Corps.
I’m excited to be spending another year in Seattle with the youth at Saint Margaret’s and in the Leffler House at Saint Mark’s. I’m looking forward to another year of growth and transformation in a community that will be both new and old.

Will you strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT
I HOLD INJUSTICES VERY DEEPLY IN MY HEART AND I NOW SEE SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK AS AN EXTENSION OF GOD’S LOVE IN THE WORLD...

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT

PRAYER
A year of service and intentional community is hard. From moving across the country to learning how to live with strangers, a lot of things happen in a short amount of time. Your prayers for the Corps members are the first and most important way you can support the program.

WELCOME
Showing a warm welcome in the best way you know how. This might be inviting the group over for dinner, taking them to a Mariners game, or even just sending a card of encouragement. Also inviting them to participate in the many ministries of Saint Mark’s is another way we can welcome them into the community.

HOST A CORPS MEMBER
Consider being a host family for one of our corps members. Being a host family is a new aspect of the Seattle Service Corps. Host families commit to one corps member and agree to give them a taste of the Seattle experience. Show them your favorite sites and activities!

JOIN THE ADVISORY BOARD
Interested in being a part of the behind-the-scenes of the Seattle Service Corps? By serving on the Seattle Service Corps board, you agree to walk more closely in the journey of the corps members, helping with friend-raiser events, mentoring, and programmatic support.

QUESTIONS? Contact program director Malcolm McLaurin, mmclaurin@saintmarks.org.

FAYE KIMMEL
Graduated from Rutgers University as an Animal Science Major where she was on the Equestrian team. She grew up in the Episcopal church in Devon, Pennsylvania. Former Camp counselor and Horse Riding instructor.

“My passion lies with working with people and helping those who can’t always advocate for themselves. I believe helping others can be done both physically and spiritually and at this time in my life while I am still understanding “my call” I am interested in contributing to the physical and spiritual healing of people in urban communities and underdeveloped areas. I believe the basis of “my call” is to use some of my spiritual gifts and experiences to help people who need a hand in every-day life.”

KAREN SARGENT
Degree in Anthropology and Spanish from Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts.

“I work to see beyond geographical borders, and to extend radical love to everyone and every issue. I hold injustices very deeply in my heart and I now see social justice work as an extension of God’s love in the world, a realization that came from being a part of my Episcopal church and seeing how people really and truly lived out their commitment to making the world a better place…radical acceptance can do wonderful things—it has made me a softer person and it has inspired me to live out my passions and truly lean into what I believe is God’s vision for the world. I’ve found my “why”—I love people and want them to know that they are loved.

PATRICK KELLY
Attended Sitting Bull College in North Dakota, focused on Advertising and Marketing. Andrew spent the past few years working with Standing Rock Native Young Life.

“I am hoping that I get a better sense of God’s purpose in/for my life. Ministry is an area I have always felt a calling towards, and the need to explore what God has planned for my life is something I want to experience. So, this type of service is something I have always wanted to experience; exploring what the Lord has in store for my life is my highest priority”
A couple of weeks ago, my husband and I bought a chair. A nice, comfortable chair. At a store. It was a really big deal, because I don't think we've ever bought a piece of furniture brand new, from a store. And we got married 36 years ago — so that's a lot of years of crummy old furniture. We were like two giddy kids buying too much candy. Should we really get this chair? Are we crazy? So when it came time to seal the deal, the salesman who had been helping us, a very nice, affable man, told us, “The price is this much, plus X dollars tax for the governor's cut — chuckle, chuckle — so he can hand it to some homeless guy.”

Are you kidding me?

I had that split-second pause where a thousand thoughts go through your head, but I could not let that go by and give it tacit agreement. So I just said, “And I’m glad to give it. Because I’m a Christian.”

Do we ever say out loud to people, “I think this, or do this, because I’m a Christian?” Heck, I’m a priest and I didn’t say that.

I had a lot of years when I was apologizing for being a Christian. I call it “I’m a Christian, but.” I’m a Christian, but I don’t hate groups of people. I’m a Christian, but I actually think for myself.

But, that’s not what Jesus tells me in Matthew. I know what I should have said. I should have said, “And I’m glad to give it. Because I’m a Christian.”

Matthew 10:40-42 [Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”]

So what? There are lots of ways I could have responded, better ways, worse ways. But when I read today’s Gospel, I know what I should have said. I should have said, “And I’m glad to give it. Because I’m a Christian.”

This, today, is a “sending” Gospel. This is the last part of Matthew Chapter 10, where Jesus has been sending his disciples out on a mission to spread his Kingdom — and to share his
grace. Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” What a gift! Whoever welcomes Jesus’ disciples, welcomes Jesus, and welcomes the God who sent him. Well, we carry Jesus’ message, Jesus’ connection to the Father, Jesus’ love and grace, when we go forth in his name as Christians. Do we ever consider it a gift to give others an opening to welcome us in his name?

I don’t go forth as a “Christian but.” I go forth as a Christian bringing “Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

I should have said to the furniture salesman, “And I’m glad to help homeless people because I’m a Christian.” That would be evangelism. And today, Jesus tells his disciples—which is us—to be evangelists, to go forth and invite and share the radical welcome that brings Jesus to others.

And make no mistake. It’s still radical.

In Matthew Chapter 10, Jesus sends his disciples into the world describing the adversities they will face. He has said go without money and without sandals and without a backpack... But you don’t go shoeless in the desert! Sheep don’t seek out wolves. You don’t want to be dragged before the authorities. You don’t want family members turning against each other. All these things he has told them in our recent readings about the mission is radical stuff, and furthermore, this going on a mission for Jesus doesn’t sound very promising.

But Jesus ends the discourse with the glorious “up” note we hear today, saying: “Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me.” Whoever offers even a cold drink of water—their cultural euphemism for a trifling thing—whoever offers even a cold drink of water to you, earns my reward. Could we bring, or receive, a more powerful gift? This is the mission of the Kingdom! In ancient Jewish culture, a man’s duly authorized messenger is to be received “as the man himself.” And we set out as Christ’s emissaries, his hands and feet in the world, and so we are charged to bring with us the gift of Christ himself!

Unless we’re too reticent to say it! It’s easy for me to stand here and say nice things about Jesus to you, because you’re here in church. I am pretty confident that you already like Jesus.

But what if I say, “I think we should care about people in need because I’m a Christian” in a furniture store? Or a bus stop? Or an ICE raid? Or a voting booth? Or a Town Hall meeting on racial profiling? How does my being a disciple of Christ inform my action in the world if I don’t speak it and live it out loud? Evangelize.

The Episcopal Church’s Presiding Bishop, the fiery Michael Curry, said, “I want to suggest [this morning] that we need a revival inside the church and out—not just in the Episcopal Church. For there is much that seeks to articulate itself as Christianity that doesn’t look anything like Jesus, and if it doesn’t walk and talk and look and smell like Jesus, it’s not Christian…and if it’s going to look like Jesus, it’s got to look like love.” Bishop Curry calls it a “revolution of values.”

That’s what we as Christians are called to evangelize! Because it’s still radical to be a real Christian, perhaps now more than ever, when in our nation there is indeed much that claims itself as Christianity that doesn’t walk and talk at all like Jesus. We are sent into the world to invite others to welcome Jesus in each other with radical hospitality, with a revolution of values that looks like love. Not mushy, euphemistic love. Nitty-gritty love that says I’m-willing-to-sacrifice-so-that-you-have-what-you-need, too. Love that says I’m wanting to live this way because I’m a follower of Jesus Christ.

Words matter, yes they do. Actions matter more. They always do. Bishop Curry preached, “Don’t be afraid to be people of love. Don’t be afraid to stand up for the name of Jesus. Don’t be afraid to reclaim this faith again.”

AMEN. I want to help because I’m a Christian. I want to welcome the stranger because I’m a Christian. I want there to be healthcare for everyone and pay my taxes to make that happen, because I’m a Christian.

I want to live my life according to Jesus’ call to be people of love. That’s what being a Christian is. Evangelism, the call of today’s Gospel, is living your faith out loud, so that people understand that your values are rooted in your being a Christian, and when you share that gift of your faith, you bring Jesus to others.

Not that he’s not already there, beside each of us. But so many of us don’t know it, or are told otherwise.

We are called to proclaim Christ Risen in the way that we live. So that people are drawn to Christ, not by a jabbing finger pointing out rules, but by a strong embrace shielding others from harm and welcoming them to love.

Now is when we are called to love. Now is when we are called to go forth as disciples proclaiming Christ, proclaiming the Kingdom for everyone. The one who receives you receives me—when we proclaim by our words and actions the love of Christ. We are not meant to hoard that; we are meant to go forth and proclaim it. Yes, it’s a revolution of values, because our culture has turned away from valuing love of neighbor, from respecting difference, from welcoming the stranger. Two thousand years later, Christianity, real Christianity, continues to be revolutionary.

The Gospel isn’t just old news. Jesus’ disciples live now, and we’re it—called this day to share the good news of eternal life, out loud as Christians, followers of Jesus Christ.


SERMON RECORDINGS & transcripts are available on Saint Mark’s website at www.saintmarks.org/sermons.
SUMMER 2017 AT SAINT MARK’S CATHEDRAL

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST  On Sunday, June 4, Saint Mark’s celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, remembering the gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed on the early Church and celebrating the continual presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives today. Baptisms were celebrated during morning liturgies.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS
CHOIR SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP  Saint Mark’s welcomed children from across the Diocese of Olympia for its annual Choir Camp. Choir Camp affords children a unique opportunity to grow as musicians and children of God. Among the camp activities were: joyful singing of glorious music, special musical guests, field trips, outdoor activities, organ demonstrations and piano/organ lessons, daily sung Morning Prayer, and a closing Evensong service and Sunday morning service at the Cathedral. This year, the campers even got their own special tour of the Saint Mark’s construction project from the Turner Construction team! The camp theme played on the construction—notice their t-shirts say “God’s Work Zone.” You can view the Evensong service at saintmarks.org/livestream.
Faith Formation
AT SAINT MARK’S

FALL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday Forum
BLOEDEL HALL, 10:10 A.M.

SEPTEMBER
17 Renewing our Covenant Updates, with Dean Thomason and Ministry Leaders
24 Sanctuary Hub Update, with The Rev. Pete Strimer and Sanctuary Steering Committee

OCTOBER
1 No Forum (St. Francis Day)
8 Northwest Community Bail Bond Fund Update, with Ministry Leader Mary Lonien
15 Meet the New Seattle Service Corps, with Canon Malcolm McLaurin and Service Corps Members
22 Saints 101, with The Rev. Cristi Chapman
29 No Forum (Stewardship Ingathering Brunch)

NOVEMBER
5 No Forum (All Saints’ Sunday with Baptisms)
12 Preparing for Advent – Ritual & Waiting, with Canon Jennifer Daugherty and The Rev. Nancy Ross
19 Preparing for Advent – Ritual & Waiting, with Canon Jennifer Daugherty and The Rev. Nancy Ross
26 No Forum (Sunday after Thanksgiving, Marathon)

DECEMBER
3 Saint Mark’s Advent Event: A Community Preparation for the Season of Advent for All Ages
10 Advent: In the Midst of the Waiting, with Canon Jennifer Daugherty and The Rev. Nancy Ross
17 Vestry Forum, with Saint Mark’s Wardens and Vestry Members

Wednesday Night Cathedral Commons
BLOEDEL HALL, COMMUNITY DINNER FROM 6 – 6:30 P.M.; PROGRAM FROM 6:45 – 8:15 P.M.

SEPTEMBER
13 What It Means to Offer Quiet Welcome for Prayer, with The Rev. Susan Dean, Underhill House
20 The Image of God in Prayer and Art, with Dr. Jim Green and The Rev. Nancy Ross
27 Introducing Casa Latina, St. Mark’s Sanctuary Partner, with The Rev. Pete Strimer and Casa Latina

OCTOBER
4 Preview of Listening for Life Series, with Canon Jennifer Daugherty and The Rev. Nancy Ross
11 The Wisdom of Attachment – Part I, with Marilyn Redlich
18 The Wisdom of Attachment – Part II, with Marilyn Redlich
25 Interpretation of Dreams as a Spiritual Exercise I, with The Rev. Steve Garratt – The Wisdom School

NOVEMBER
1 Interpretation of Dreams as a Spiritual Exercise II, with The Rev. Steve Garratt – The Wisdom School
8 Interpretation of Dreams as a Spiritual Exercise III, with The Rev. Steve Garratt – The Wisdom School
15 Interpretation of Dreams as a Spiritual Exercise IV, with The Rev. Steve Garratt – The Wisdom School
29 The Music of Advent, with Canon Musician Michael Kleinschmidt

DECEMBER
6 Exploring the Prophets, with Dean Steve Thomason
13 Exploring the Prophets, with Dean Steve Thomason

The Wisdom School
FALL PROGRAMS

Enneagram: Beyond the Basics, with Kaye Bernard
Friday, September 22, 6:30–8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. in Bloedel Hall

Listening for Life Series
Saturdays, Oct. 14 & 21 and Nov. 4 & 11, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. in Bloedel Hall. A four-week workshop to learn and practice ways of discerning our life’s paths and how the Spirit may be beckoning us in the midst of change.

Interpretation of Dreams as a Spiritual Exercise
With The Rev. Steve Garratt. Wednesdays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, 8, 15, 6:45 – 8:15 p.m. in Bloedel Hall

An Advent Quiet Morning at St. Andrew’s, Greenlake
Saturday, Dec. 2, 9:00 a.m.

New Year’s Eve Labyrinth Walk in the Nave
With Midnight Eucharist. Sunday, Dec. 31, 6 p.m.–12 a.m.

MORE AT: saintmarks.org/wisdomschool
Saint Mark’s and Casa Latina form new partnership

BY KELLY MOODY
VESTRY MEMBER, SAINT MARK’S

“We will advocate for immigrants and their families, and we will block, interfere, and obstruct the mass deportations of immigrants who are members of our communities.”

— Saint Mark’s Statement of Commitment and Action, adopted in November 2016

This is one of many commitments now nailed to Saint Mark’s front doors, which stem from our desire to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. To fulfill this commitment, the Saint Mark’s Vestry has empowered our Sanctuary Hub Steering Committee to develop a relationship with Casa Latina, a leading immigrant worker rights organization in Seattle. Casa Latina will serve as our Rapid Response Coordinator, calling Saint Mark’s into action in case of a raid on members of its community. The Steering Committee will present a full-scale plan for this relationship at the September vestry meeting.

This relationship grew out of efforts by the Church Council of Greater Seattle to create a network of Sanctuary Hubs throughout our region. Saint Mark’s is now the first Sanctuary Hub in Seattle to have a designated Rapid Response Coordinator. Casa Latina will fill this role by activating our network of volunteers to respond to anti-immigration efforts and demonstrations in the city, as well as preparing for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids that may temporarily displace their clients. This is a unique partnership that enables us to better know those we seek to serve in our city, and allows for the kind of mutually transformative relationships that ground our desire for justice firmly in our faith and our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being.

Casa Latina is well-known for its advocacy for Latino immigrants, and we have much to learn from them as we seek to support those living in fear of ICE action in our city. There are many facets to this new relationship. We will begin to build community by inviting one another to visit our respective buildings, sharing meals together, and planning for future organizational, as well as social, gatherings, even as we plan for response and action. Join us as we seek to live out the call to “become a network of activists in God’s name, joining with others to actively pursue justice” by following the lead of dedicated and passionate people at Casa Latina who have been doing this work for decades. Check out their website at: casa-latina.org.

The Steering Committee will be organizing around the following two initiatives:

**ACTION:** In preparation for possible sweeps of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and anti-immigration demonstrations in our city, Casa Latina has prepared a plan for training and organizing their own volunteers to act as observers, interpreters, and peacekeepers. In early fall, they will provide a training for Saint Mark’s volunteers so we can join them in these efforts.

**SAFE SPACE:** Saint Mark’s continues to explore providing safe space for those who might need it. In terms of our partnership with Casa Latina, this would involve creating a hospitable and safe place for people during a period of hours when there is fear of a raid or ICE action, and partnering with other groups to provide food, emotional support, childcare, interpretation, and transportation as needed during that time. Casa Latina has appointed a staff person to assist our own Sanctuary Steering Committee with preparations, pending approval from the vestry.

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This summer, youth from across the Diocese of Olympia, including several from Saint Mark’s, participated in a pilgrimage through the South, exploring social justice and the history of the Civil Rights Movement. Below, Canon Malcolm McLaurin shares his reflections on the experience. You can read more reflections from the group’s experience at: youthpilgrimage.wordpress.com.

“We were all crammed into two white 15-passenger vans. Out of the van speakers, we heard the distinctive Louisiana drawl of Mitch Landrieu, the Mayor of New Orleans.

“...city of many nations, a melting pot...”

This, our fifth hour in the van. Through backroads and highways, past weathered shotgun houses and once-white columned mansions. Our last leg of the trip. Just an evening in New Orleans and then an early morning flight back to the Pacific Northwest. One last beignet. One last glass of sweet tea.

“...540 lynched in Louisiana...”

The vans were silent. A few of the 17 youth on the trip were asleep, but most were wide awake, clinging to Landrieu’s every word. Before we began listening to the recording of the speech, we told them that people would be studying this speech for years to come. That this speech marks a moment in history. We told them that in 10, 20, 50 years, the text of this speech would be on the walls of the museums we explored for the past 8 days.

“...difference between the remembrance of history and a reverence for it...”

For the past eight days, a group of 16 youth and eight adults from the Diocese of Olympia travelled down south for the second year of the Southern Social Justice Experience. After visiting Little Rock, Jackson, and Memphis last year, this year we travelled to New Orleans, Louisiana and Selma, Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama. The week together was full of encounters with locals from these communities telling their stories of the place they love and call home. These encounters framed by visits to historical sites that most only get to read about in textbooks, like the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, the site of a 1963 bombing that left four girls dead. We also walked the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, named for a Confederate general, but most known for what has come to be called “Bloody Sunday,” the brutal attack on over 500 Civil Rights marchers by County Sheriff Jim Clark and state troopers. We sat in the pews; we walked the bridge.

“...healing and understanding...”

This trip was not about pointing shaming fingers in the South, but about gaining courage and insight from those who lived through these tough times. The trip was about opening our eyes to social justice issues that face us in Vancouver, Bellevue, Redmond, and Seattle. We heard from parishioners of Episcopal churches who were proud of how they used their voices during these tense times, and also stories from those who felt they didn’t do enough. All of these stories were sacred, holy. And we were all moved, but at this late stage of the trip, we were all tired.

“...not just innocent remembrance of a benign history...”
At this moment, on the last day of our trip, we listened to Mayor Landrieu's voice as we exited US-90 and made it to Howard Ave. In front of us, an empty monument sitting in the middle of Lee Circle, named after Confederate General Robert E. Lee. A 60-foot empty column. The statue of a cross-armed power-stance Robert E. Lee had been removed a month before on May 19, 2017.

“…now is the time to come together and heal and focus on our larger task…”

Just as Landrieu’s final words were spoken, quoting Abraham Lincoln, we rounded the empty monument, stopping briefly for a picture. A culmination of all that we heard, and felt, and saw these past eight days. This unattended column, a testament to the work we are called to do as Episcopalians living into our Baptismal Covenant. As Christians following the path of Jesus. And as humans on this shared planet.

“…let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds…”

[Editors Note: This article was written on August 2, 2017, ten days before the events in Charlottesville, Virginia.]

Hate Crimes and Hate Speech De-escalation ministry update

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Each day as we engage in the world around us, meaningful ways to engage in the de-escalation of hate crimes, hate speech, and bias incidents are needed. This particular ministry is uniquely situated to compliment the Justice Ministries at Saint Mark’s. When name the activities we have achieved this year, it seems that we have accomplished a lot. Yet, members of this ministry realize there is still much work ahead.

Since its inception, this ministry group has attended numerous educational workshops and conferences; practiced de-escalation skills; hosted special guest speakers at Saint Mark’s like Pam Orbach, an expert in Non-Violent Communication, and Detective Beth Waring, a Bias Crime Detective from the Seattle Police Department, and Officer Jim Ritter, of Seattle Police Department “Safe Place” program.

“SPD Safe Place” signage is displayed by local supporting organizations and individuals who work closely with the Seattle Police Department in an effort to reduce anti-LGBTQ crimes, student bullying, and encourage the reporting of crimes committed against LGBTQ individuals. This program is now under consideration for adoption at Saint Mark’s.

The De-escalation Ministry also sponsored a two-part workshop titled “Speak-Up.” Over two successive Sundays, participants learned to differentiate the terms hate crime, hate speech, and bias incidents as well as understand the impact of these events on an individual, a community, and society. Participants explored personal barriers/triggers that impact their ability to interrupt an event, and developed and explored meaningful ways to respond. If one person, acting from conscience and love, is able to neutralize hate and bias events by speaking up, imagine what an entire Saint Mark’s community, working together, might do.

Our efforts in the coming months will be to consider strategies to sustainably respond to hate crimes and hate speech. We must consider novel approaches such as conflict transformation, which is a process whereby conflicts are transformed into peaceful outcomes. This kind of approach is a multilayered, long-term paradigm shift that will require participation from varying levels of both our Saint Mark’s Cathedral and public communities. The goals are to alter attitudes, promote structures that bring communities together, and dismantle mechanisms of structural hate and bias. With God’s help, I strongly feel we are up to the task at hand.

You are invited to share your thoughts and questions about launching this new ministry by contacting our organizer, The Rev. Dr. Peter Strimer, at pstrimer@comcast.net or our staff liaison, The Rev. Nancy Ross, at nross@saintmarks.org. Our hope is that this relationship will become a source of renewed faith and spiritual transformation – even if we are never called upon to respond. Sanctuary is something that we humbly receive each time we gather together here in God’s name, and thus something we yearn to give gratefully in response. At Casa Latina’s call-to-action, we will prepare ourselves to become what we receive here in this Holy Box, in God’s name.

Sanctuary Hub Steering Committee: Kelly Moody, Jim Green, Emily Austin, Phillip Lienau, and Barbara Erickson
Saint Mark’s Ministry Fair

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9 A.M.–1 P.M., BLOEDEL HALL

This annual homecoming festival is right around the corner! Representatives from a wide variety of Saint Mark’s ministries will be part of the processionals that day, and everyone will be included in a special blessing. Are you curious about the activities that are nurtured and empowered in Christ’s name here at Saint Mark’s? Come to Bloedel Hall and enjoy the displays, conversations, refreshments, and festivities at this “kickoff” event.

Know a child who loves to sing?
Registration for The Saint Mark’s Cathedral Choir School is open!

Do you know a child who loves to sing? Saint Mark’s Choir School singers are ministers of music who learn to lead worship with joy and confidence. Note-reading, musicianship, vocal production, liturgical training, and faith formation are part of a cathedral chorister’s training. There is no audition required to receive this exceptional music education. More at saintmarks.org/choirschool.

The Arts at Saint Mark’s Concert Series kickoff: The National Lutheran Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

The National Lutheran Choir leads a community-wide evening of singing in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. This unique program, featuring the National Lutheran Choir, a massed choir of singers from local choirs assembled for this momentous occasion, and the audience, will celebrate the rich treasury of music – from early hymns to new works – expressing the journey of the Church. Under the direction of Dr. David Cherwien, the 64-voice National Lutheran Choir seeks to strengthen, renew and preserve the heritage of sacred choral music. Free will offering to benefit Imagine Housing of Kirkland and Compass Housing Alliance of Seattle. More on the series at saintmarks.org/concerts.