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## WHO WE ARE

*Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral strives to be:*

A house of prayer for all people, where we worship God and proclaim the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A loving, welcoming, inclusive community that nurtures faith, encourages service, and integrates social and environmental justice into our lives.

A sacred gathering place for the Diocese of Olympia and the broader community in times of crisis, sorrow, and celebration.

### CATHEDRAL CLERGY

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*Deacon*

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## FROM THE DEAN

Last August I completed my seventh year as dean of Saint Mark's Cathedral and rector of the cathedral parish. It hardly seems possible that a full seven years have passed since I arrived in Seattle. I find my ministry here to be deeply meaningful, as I take my place in this wonderful community.

The seven-year mark has a certain milestone sense to it, with a biblical invitation even, to pause and reflect with special intention on what has been, while also casting our sight into the future that lies ahead. This work of reflection and visioning the future has figured prominently in my contemplative prayer life in recent months, and will undoubtedly continue as we turn into this new year, this new decade. These are exciting times at Saint Mark's, and I am grateful to be here in this era. At a time when many congregations find themselves on a trajectory of post-modern decline, Saint Mark's is in the midst of a period of growth. At the heart of that, I believe, is a deeply-rooted and well-nurtured sense of spiritual renewal.

At one level, we could diagram that growth by rehearsing a litany of the "achievements" we have accomplished together in recent years, and point to tangible results of new ministries and programs, strategic plans, capital campaign, construction project, and so forth. All good things, but such an approach lacks a certain incarnational feel. And it runs the risk of spiritual peril—namely, that we might conclude that these are "our" successes, when in fact I believe we have been merely responding in faithful ways to God who is calling us into community for a purpose at this time. The reports that follow in this Annual Report accomplish something different because they do "incarnate" our common life in the manifold ways it takes shape here. And there is an abiding spirit of mutuality, of community, that I think only arises when we are able to see ourselves and our work by the light of Christ burning



Dean Thomason speaks to the media about sanctuary, March 29, 2019.

brightly in our midst, calling us into this common life. As Paul exhorts the community in 2 Corinthians: "It is not ourselves that we proclaim, but Christ Jesus our Lord..."

And so we do all this—this reporting, this annual meeting, this gathering week by week—not to play some highlight reel of grand accomplishments, but rather to celebrate and to give thanks to God for the life we share, and to nurture the faith we share, trusting that God is calling us at this particular time to be and do certain things in God's name. I earnestly hope we remain grounded in that vocational identity and purpose. Without it, I fear we will quickly lose our way.

Which is why we have reclaimed the ancient language of pilgrimage as we entrust ourselves to the Spirit's care in this time of spiritual renewal. We are on a journey, and there are guideposts along the way, laid down by our forebears who invite us into spiritual practices that are tried and true. Each of us is called to embrace these in our lives in ways that enrich the journey, lending meaning to it. So integral do we believe these to be in this life in Christ that we have included

them in our new Strategic Plan to guide and inform the details of our life and work:

Our Spiritual Practices:

- ◆ Pray daily
- ◆ Worship weekly
- ◆ Learn constantly
- ◆ Serve compassionately
- ◆ Give generously
- ◆ Welcome genuinely
- ◆ Observe Sabbath time
- ◆ Make pilgrimage

These practices foster a fullness of life to be lived by the rhythms of God’s murmurs to us as Beloved Ones. I hope you will integrate in your daily life expressions of these that seem right to you, and in doing so, know that you are tapping into a deep well of communion that is a source of nourishment and encouragement. We need not go our way alone.

As I make this appeal to members of the cathedral parish, I realize I am addressing those who do show up, who are engaged, whose faithfulness and courage has sustained this community through good times and bad. The proverbial “preaching to the choir.” I want to honor and give thanks to all of you who embody that faithfulness so exquisitely. There is a beautiful expression of that scriptural metaphor for the church—one body, many parts, each necessary—which contextualizes our community’s fragrant offering of itself. So, thank you, for being you and for being here!

As a cathedral, we also live contextually in ways that serve many, many others, who may not claim membership in the parish, but nevertheless claim Saint Mark’s Cathedral as a spiritual home, or haven. And in the 21st Century, I want to highlight here our ministries of technology. We do not know the names of those who connect, we don’t see their faces, but we welcome them into whatever orbit of cathedral ministry feels right for them, and we claim them as companions on the journey. Let me highlight here three ministries, with just a few data points that

offer a glimpse of the reach these ministries have:

**Livestream ministry—selected services**  
(live viewers plus archive video views)

- ◆ Christmas Eve 2019: . . . . . **1,113**
- ◆ “O” Antiphons, December 2019: . . . **1,481**
- ◆ ELCA Bishop Installation, Nov. 2019: **1,788**
- ◆ Diocesan Ordinations, June 2019: . . **2,001**
- ◆ RSCM Evensong, June 2019: . . . . . **1,624**
- ◆ Easter Sunday 2019: . . . . . **3,071**
- ◆ Easter Vigil 2019: . . . . . **806**

**Saint Mark’s Cathedral’s YouTube Channel**

- ◆ In 2019 there were **213,142 views** totaling **21,854 hours** of watch time.
- ◆ David Wild’s short video, *On the Mighty Flentrop* had **144,368 views** in 2019.
- ◆ David Wild’s short video, *On Hymns*, had **1,953 views** in 2019
- ◆ The new Saint Mark’s “Welcome” video had **1,859 views**

**Compline Services in 2019**

- ◆ Attendance in the cathedral . . . . . **10,627**
- ◆ Podcast downloads . . . . . **50,811**
- ◆ SoundCloud listens . . . . . **7,852**
- ◆ KING-FM listeners . . . . . **387,504**

Numbers never tell the full story, of course, but what I am attempting to convey here is that this cathedral serves countless people who may enter the community in very different ways, and perhaps for different reasons. We are grateful for their presence, too, and as we envision the future together, I am delighted to consider how we serve as a beacon of hope, not just for ourselves, but for the echelons of people who are hungry for a solid word of hope as well.

I am buoyed by all the ways this cathedral expresses ministry in God’s name, and I look forward to what 2020 holds. I am,

Gratefully yours,

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason  
Dean and Rector



photo by Michael Perera

## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

### 2019 VESTRY

THE VERY REV. STEVEN L.  
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*Dean & Rector*

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RE KNACK  
*Vice-Chancellor*

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*Clerk*

PHIL LLOYD  
*Treasurer*

The Saint Mark's Vestry's primary responsibilities are to oversee the facilities and finances of the Cathedral and the spiritual growth of the parish.

In March, living into our *Statement of Commitment and Action*, the Cathedral opened our campus and our hearts as we welcomed Jamie Rubio into Sanctuary. We have also created a new hospitality initiative, the Front Door Ministry, which provides welcome and information to Cathedral visitors on week-day afternoons.

A committee was formed to update the 2017–2019 Strategic Vision Plan. Input was gathered through meetings with many ministries, two parish forums, and an email survey. The results will be available and published early in 2020.

In 2019, numerous facilities projects were undertaken. The wind storm damage to the Carriage House was repaired. The former Cathedral Shop space has been transformed into gathering and meeting areas, through the generous donations of the time and talents of our Habitat for Humanity ministry. Updates have been made to the Seattle Service Corps living quarters; Cathedral House 209 and 210 have been refreshed; and a new meeting space created out of the back of the stage in Bloedel Hall.

Other Facilities projects include: a new boiler in the St. Nicholas building, upgrades to the sound systems in Bloedel Hall and in the nave, and a railing was added to the ramp to the altar platform. Memorial donations from many in the community allowed us to replace worn and broken pews in the nave with comfortable chairs, which can be easily reconfigured as needed for different events. A new system for paid parking was implemented.

The Cathedral received a “clean” annual financial review for 2018 from Peterson Sullivan LLC.

Updates were made to the Cathedral Employee Handbook; policies for the protection of children and vulnerable adults were adopted, and an Emergency and Disaster Response Manual was created.

The Cathedral website was redesigned and updated. Podcasts and video reflections were added which give insights into various ministries and volunteers. The livestream continues to be an effective outreach to the Cathedral, the local community, and beyond.

Workshops held on campus and attended by Vestry members, staff, parishioners, and others have included Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Intervention trainings. Liturgical ministers' trainings continue to educate and enrich all those who make our worship here so meaningful. An inter-generational summer program, *Eat, Play, Love* was well attended and helped strengthen ties among parishioners of all ages. A Women's Retreat was held on Whidbey Island in April, and led to the formation of a Women's Spirituality group. A Men's Retreat is scheduled for 2020, as is a Pilgrimage to Iona.

The Vestry nominated Chris McPeak for ordination to the priesthood, and he was ordained in Saint Mark's in June 2019. Phillip Lienau was nominated as a Postulant for Holy Orders.

We are extremely grateful for the leadership of Dean Steve Thomason, the Cathedral Canons, the staff, and for the many, many volunteers who give so much to the Cathedral.



—Julia Logan, Senior Warden

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

2019 was a good year for the Finance Committee, which met monthly to review and monitor the budget, financial statements, and investments of Saint Mark's Cathedral. Throughout the year, overall expenses were kept at or below budget, while revenues exceeded the budget, resulting in an operating surplus for 2019. In May, Saint Mark's received a "clean" review of its 2018 financial statements from Peterson Sullivan LLP. In the fall, we welcomed two new staff members, Stephen Eddy, Bookkeeper & Scheduler, and Jim Pannell, Director of Operations. In November, we reviewed and recommended the 2020 budget prepared by Dean Thomason, Stephen Eddy, Jim Pannell, and Phil Lloyd, which was adopted by the Vestry. The members of the 2019 Finance Committee were Marc Aubertin, Ana Badell, Cristi Chapman, Maria Coldwell, Amanda Davis, Erik Donner, Stephen Eddy, Tom Grant, Phil Haas, Greg Hamm, Phil Lloyd, Julia Logan, Peter McClung, Roberta Nestaas, Jim Pannell, Robert Stevens, and Steve Thomason

—Amanda Davis, Junior Warden for Finance



photo by Don Clapp

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee is an organ of the Vestry whose charge is to "assist and make recommendations to the Vestry regarding the facilities and grounds on the Cathedral's campus and their upkeep and maintenance. It also exercises appropriate oversight over capital improvement and maintenance projects approved by the Vestry." Currently meeting with the committee are: Steve Thomason, Dean; Jim Pannell, Director of Operations; David Wagner, Facilities Manager; Julia Logan, Senior Warden; Jim Buskirk, Junior Warden for Facilities and chair of the Facilities Committee; Judy Andrews and Walter Stuteville (historic preservation); Sharon Ferguson (kitchen); Mary Baldwin Kennedy; Norman Lemoine; Kathy Sodergren (garden and grounds); and John Selberg (Habitat for Humanity and recorder).

The committee has overseen several major improvements in all cathedral buildings and grounds over the past year. Our new Facilities Manager and Director of Operations have added immeasurably to the upkeep of our campus. A substantial amount of work has been accomplished by our own Habitat for Humanity Group and the Garden Ministry. Less obvious have been upgrades to kitchen policies and procedures. A Disaster Plan has been completed covering possible emergencies. A new function of historic preservation and archives has been initiated and there is a new display case in the Hoerster Annex off the nave. Ongoing concerns are creation care, carbon footprint, sustainability, and strategic planning. There is also current attention to lighting and security issues, and improvements to the narthex.

We welcome feedback and input about any of these matters

—Jim Buskirk, Junior Warden for Facilities

## THE CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA

**THE CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA** is an independently governed, tax-exempt organization, incorporated in 1995. Its sole purpose is to support the future of the cathedral by receiving, raising, and managing capital and endowment funds for the cathedral's buildings and grounds. In January 2011, the Foundation became affiliated with the Bishop's Office of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia.

Current and deferred gifts to support the Foundation's purposes are gratefully received at: The Cathedral Foundation of the Diocese of Olympia, 1551 Tenth Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102. [cathedralfoundation@ecww.org](mailto:cathedralfoundation@ecww.org), or at [saintmarks.org/give](http://saintmarks.org/give).

The Cathedral Foundation of the Diocese of Olympia had an active year pursuing its mission to oversee the financial resources enabling the preservation and enhancement the buildings and grounds of Saint Mark's Cathedral. Starting in 2018, the Foundation contributed \$1,250,000 to the cathedral's Living Stones Capital Campaign, underwriting the East Façade and Celtic Cross. In 2019, the Foundation disbursed \$57,697 in endowment funds to the cathedral.

As of September 30, the Foundation's assets included:

- Endowments in the Diocesan Investment Fund: \$ 1,397,390
- Capital reserve fund: \$ 115,081

During 2019, the Foundation's Planned Giving Committee members interviewed over 30 parishioner households to test protocols, materials, and documentation methods that are ready for use in promoting planned giving on a broader scale to assure the long-term future of the cathedral.

The Foundation provided or supported the following events during 2019:

- Life Planning workshop: *Living Well/ Dying Well* at Saint Andrew's (Seattle) on February 23
- A two-part workshop: *Let Your Life Speak/ Why Everyone Should Plan Their Own Funeral* on February 27 and March 3
- Cathedral Day on May 18
- Heritage Sunday and Cathedral Legacy Society Lunch on May 26
- Bishop's Society Appreciation Event at Seattle Yacht Club on June 5
- Cathedral Ministry Fair on September 15
- Planned Giving display at Diocesan Convention on November 8–9

Upcoming events include:

- Life Planning workshop: *Celebrating Life in the Resurrection* at St. Thomas (Medina) on March 14, 2020
- Cathedral Day on May 9, 2020

—Phil Haas, Chair





photo by David Wagner

At **CATHEDRAL DAY**, the processions which begin and end the liturgical portion of the day include banners from Episcopal parishes from across the diocese.

## CATHEDRAL DAY

Cathedral Day is a special day in May with a very special motto: *Building the Community of the Diocese of Olympia*. It's like a family reunion, and we at Saint Marks are the hosts.

Last year more than 600 people from all over the diocese traveled to Saint Mark's Cathedral for a festive service of Confirmations, Reaffirmations, and Receptions to the Episcopal church, in a service featuring beautiful music, colorful parish banners, a grand procession through the cathedral nave, and a bounty of blessings from our bishop. More than 100 people were confirmed during the service, each one accompanied by an entourage of clergy, family, and friends. For many it was their very first visit to Saint Mark's Cathedral!

When the morning's service finally ends, the cathedral doors will swing open on a wonderful sight: Food Trucks! Everyone

who attends Cathedral Day receives a voucher for a free entrée. (If you come for the afternoon only, that's okay too!) Last year's activities included a fun bouncy house on the front lawn, paper airplane throwing from the organ loft, and a photo booth with props from Seattle Service Corps. This year we may add a scavenger hunt throughout the cathedral and lawn bowling on the front lawn. Pray for sunshine!

Bishop Rickel has remarked that "people love to gather and want to come to the Cathedral." After a serious morning, the afternoon is a time to enjoy each other in a light-hearted way. It's also a wonderful opportunity to showcase ministry groups from the cathedral and the diocese. If you have an idea for a fun new activity, please let us know. Meanwhile, Save the Date for **Saturday, May 9, 2020**. See you there!

—Virginia Lenker

## 2019 LITURGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Lessons and Carols on the Feast of the Epiphany

Instructed Eucharist (February 24 at 9 a.m.)

Shrove Tuesday  
“Closing of the Doors”

Ash Wednesday

Palm Sunday

Stations of the Cross

Holy Week liturgies (including Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and others)

Heritage Sunday (new in 2019)

Cathedral Day

Diocesan Ordinations (June 18, 2019)

*Eat, Play, Love!* Compline around the font

Saint Francis Liturgy with the Blessing of the Animals (for the first time on a Saturday afternoon)

Thanksgiving Day

“O” Antiphons Liturgy

“Blue Christmas”

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services

New Year’s Eve midnight Eucharist in the center of the labyrinth

## CATHEDRAL WORSHIP

The term “worship” is a Middle English derivative, a contraction for “worth-ship,” and is therefore the means by which we come to know our worth in relation to God. This Cathedral exists for several purposes, but central to it all is “worship” whereby we engage God, ourselves, others, and all creation as we sing our praises and find spiritual nourishment to be the Body of Christ in the world. In 2019, some 50,000 people passed through the doors to participate in worship services, fifteen services offered each week. Add to that the weddings, funerals, ordinations, Cathedral Day (with more than 100 confirmations and receptions), a visit from former Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, and a Special Heritage Sunday celebration in May, and you get a sense of the breadth of worship experiences offered here. Our livestream ministry expands participation in worship to thousands more each year. In it all, we have persisted faithfully as the people of God gathered in this place. It takes a host of ministers to plan and conduct all these services of worship—nearly 300 in a variety of liturgical ministries that are described in the pages that follow. I am grateful for them all, and for all who call this place their spiritual home, and for those across the diocese and region who gather here in common purpose. “Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!”

—*The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason,  
Dean and Rector*

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgy at Saint Mark’s is enhanced and supported by teams of liturgical ministers. These teams include: acolytes, ushers, Eucharistic ministers and visitors, Altar Guild, Vergers, Greeters, Flower Ministry, Lectors, Intercessors, and many others. Though celebration of the Eucharist only

requires two people be present, we engage various liturgical ministries to help us worship in the beauty of holiness each time we gather. In the past year, our liturgical ministers have gone above and beyond in supporting hundreds of worship services, including Sunday Eucharists, weekday Eucharists, and many other special services. Anyone interested in serving in a liturgical ministry is invited to speak to me, or to anyone on a liturgical ministry, to learn how you can be trained and get on the schedule. Thank you to everyone who supports our liturgical ministries, especially for all the passion and time making worship possible this past year.

—*Michael Seewer, Head Verger  
& Cathedral Sacristan*

## FLOWER MINISTRY

The Flower Ministry purchased and created the flower arrangements for both the nave and chapel throughout the year. In addition, we responded to the floral needs for numerous funerals and weddings. Two years ago, we introduced the altar flower sign-up calendar on the Welcome Table in the nave, inviting parishioners to honor or memorialize special events or individuals through the sponsorship of the nave or chapel flowers. This program has also helped to raise funds for our weekly flowers, reducing the cost to the cathedral. The flowers were sponsored for at least 28 weeks of the year.

The purchase and arrangement of the flowers is a labor-intensive and physical endeavor. Our greatest challenge is a dwindling group of volunteers. Our team members love what we do and the beauty we bring to the cathedral and our worship services. We encourage others to join us. We work in teams in order to learn from and support each other. To help recruit additional volunteers, we will host a flower arranging class later this Spring. All are welcome.

—*Kit Herrod*

## PARISH INTERCESSIONS (PRAYER CHAIN)

Every day, more than 100 people offer prayers on behalf of the Saint Mark's community and beyond. Some are in thanksgiving for births, blessings, or experiences of healing. Some are prayers for those who suffer in body or mind or are grieving a loss. Others are for the newly departed and their families. Anyone can make a prayer request by emailing the information to [prayers@saintmarks.org](mailto:prayers@saintmarks.org). This prompts two actions: an email to those prayer chain members whose prayers surround the ones named, and the inclusion of these names in the Prayers of the People during Sunday services and on the Parish Prayer List in *Sundays & Beyond* each week. This is a robust and long-standing ministry; if you'd like to join the prayer chain and actively pray for others, please send an email to one of the clergy.

—*The Rev. Canon Jennifer King Daugherty*

## EVENING PRAYER

For more than 20 years, Evening Prayer has occurred Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Thomsen Chapel (unless pre-empted by another worship service or event), led by a small but faithful group of lay readers from parishes throughout the Seattle area.

—*Michael Seewer, Head Verger  
& Cathedral Sacristan*

## CATHEDRAL YOGA

2019 was an exciting year for Cathedral Yoga. Three new instructors joined the ministry, resulting in a monthly rotation of four different teachers. Attendance averaged around 14 people—and ranged as high as 30 some Sundays. Many who attend say that practicing yoga in the sacred space of the cathedral nave is a unique and powerful experience.

—*Irene Beausoleil*

## CENTERING PRAYER

A small but vibrant Centering Prayer group meets every Monday night at 7:15 p.m. in Thomsen Chapel. Centering Prayer is a method of meditation used by Christians, placing a strong emphasis on interior silence. Any given week we have between two and six attendees. At our meetings, in addition to doing a Centering Prayer sit, we have been chanting our way through the Psalms. We started with Psalm 1 and, doing one each week, have gone all the way to Psalm 150, and started over again. After our sit we read from a spiritual text and discuss it among ourselves.

—*Dave Eicke*

## PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care is the glue that binds the Saint Mark's community together, and it occurs organically and through established ministries. These include:

- Individual Clergy Pastoral Care provided by the four priests and two deacons of Saint Mark's at the cathedral, in a person's home, at hospitals and care facilities, or over coffee on Capitol Hill. This care often honors life's major rites of passage through anointing and blessings.
- Eucharistic Visitors regularly share Holy Communion with those who cannot be present at regular worship services.
- Retirement Community Eucharists are offered each month at one of three local retirement communities.
- Rotating Chaplains of the Week provide 24/7 coverage for urgent spiritual care needs.
- For those seeking recovery support, the cathedral hosts recovery support groups, including AA and Al-Anon.

—*The Rev. Canon Jennifer King Daugherty*

## MUSIC

**A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG OBSERVING THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**, November 3, 2019. This was the first service using the new “collegiate” configuration, made possible by the new chairs in the nave.

The singing by Saint Mark’s worshipping congregations remained robust in the 11 a.m. service and became ever more so in the 9 a.m. service—so much so that the 9 a.m. congregation now sings much of their service music without organ accompaniment.

Attendance at Choral Evensong continued to grow in 2019. The installation of cathedral chairs on either side of the nave center aisle made it possible to seat the choir and assembly together in collegiate-style seating on the nave floor for the November Evensong—an innovation that was well received.

- ◆ Approximately 80 adults and 60 children and youth sang regularly in the cathedral’s choirs. Frequently, the choristers sang anthems with an adult choir—happy occasions that foster mutual appreciation among different generations of singers. Of the adult choirs, Saint Mark’s Singers enjoyed the most change and growth: beginning in September, 2019, that choir embraced the practices of vesting, processing, and sitting together as a choir to lead music of the 9 a.m. Eucharist.
- ◆ Under Rebekah Gilmore’s inspired leadership, the Choir School continued to share leadership of the 9 a.m. Eucharist with Saint Mark’s Singers on three to four Sundays monthly. A splendid *Pageant of the Nativity* was a high point of the Choir School’s calendar year, as was the annual summer Choir Camp. (See the Associate Musician/Choir School Director’s report, next page.)
- ◆ A rota of five musicians continued to play or sing in the weekly 7 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist to frame the silences that characterize that liturgy.



- ◆ Saint Mark’s Music Series continued to draw appreciative guests of all ages. The music staff established a “Friends of the Music Series” guild whose generous financial support ensures high quality concerts while keeping tickets affordable. (See the Music Series Coordinator’s report on p. 14.)
- ◆ At the request of the Association of Anglican Musicians, the Canon for Cathedral Music and the Dean co-authored “Clergy-Musician relationships: the Partnership at Saint Mark’s, Seattle,” an article published in the *Journal of the AAM*.

Profound thanks to all singers, Choir School families, concert hosts, Friends of the Music Series, and other volunteers who give generously of their time, talent, and treasure to ensure the vitality of Saint Mark’s musical ministries.

—Michael Kleinschmidt,  
Canon for Cathedral Music

## CHOIR SCHOOL

The Saint Mark's Choir School's 2019 season was another fun-filled year of growth, liturgical leadership, and joyful music-making, with 65 choristers in four choirs attending rehearsals, services, and musicianship tutoring. Choirs sing for Evensong, Sunday morning 9 a.m. and occasional 11 a.m. liturgies both on their own and in collaboration with Evensong adults, the Saint Mark's Singers and the Cathedral Choir. Adult musicianship tutors coach choristers weekly toward the Royal School of Church Music skills and ribbon levels. The fall of 2019 brought a notable tripling of enrollment numbers of Junior Choristers! Whew! Twenty-five Juniors make a lot of joyful noise.

The Choir School continues to be supported by Choir School Administrator Madeleine Stephens, Junior Chorister Assistant Conductor Scott Coil, Rehearsal Accompanist and Schola Vocal Mentor Michael Bennett, Schola Vocal Mentor Joslyn Thomas, and Class Piano Instructor Charity Tollefson. These staff members joined with Canon for Cathedral Music Michael Kleinschmidt to cover all the Choir School activities while Rebekah Gilmore

took maternity leave in the spring of 2019 to give birth to her future Junior Chorister, Esther Rowan Morse.

In January 2019, the High School Schola traveled to the remote Lutheran mountain retreat of Holden Village. The village was blanketed with over ten feet of snow during their visit. The Schola was in residence at Holden leading multiple worship services, enjoying Bible study and reflection in their chalet, building igloos, and watching the lunar eclipse with no light pollution in a mountain meadow. The Schola continues monthly text studies in chorister homes to reflect on liturgical texts.

Other noteworthy events of 2019 include the Pentecost Ride around Greenlake, the Year-end Closing Concert, and the fifth annual *Pageant of the Nativity*. Choir Camp 2019 welcomed 36 campers and 12 teen helpers from around the diocese. Campers offered a closing Evensong service and sang the Sunday morning liturgy. Through cathedral generosity, many campers joined us with the help of scholarships.

—*Rebekah Gilmore, Associate Musician & Director of the Choir School*

The next installment of **SAINT MARK'S CHOIR SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP** will be **July 13-17, 2020**, with Sunday morning participation July 19. Spread the word, and consider volunteering!



The Junior Choristers of the Choir School, in the **PAGEANT OF THE NATIVITY**, December 17, 2019.

## SAINT MARK'S MUSIC SERIES

In 2019 “The Arts at Saint Mark’s” rebranded to become “The Music Series,” a change designed to focus on the wealth of music offerings present in the series. As part of our cathedral’s music program, the Music Series is called to offer its musical riches to the wider community so that all can experience the unique acoustical environment, superb pipe organs, and talented musicians dedicated to making music in a sacred space.

Throughout 2019 the series attracted over 1000 patrons. January’s concert, co-sponsored by the Seattle Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featured organist Paul Jacobs from The Juilliard School. Attendance for this recital was 262, making this the most well-attended concert of the 2018–19 season.

Concerts in March 2019 included the bombastic Boston Brass and local favorites The Cathedral Trio. Italian organist Edoardo Bellotti closed the 2018–19 season in May with the annual All-Bach concert.

The 2019–20 season opened with a performance from upcoming organ star Christopher Houlihan. The Series next moved to the beautiful Thomsen Chapel for a moving performance from local artists Zach Hemmenway, organist, and Danielle Sampson, soprano.

Most recently, the organist of Saint James Cathedral (Seattle), Joseph Adam, continued our Christmas Messiaen tradition for its second year, with a concert generously underwritten by Herb Williams, Chapel Organist Emeritus. Messiaen’s thrilling *Nativité du Seigneur* was played in the candlelit cathedral nave, accompanied by projected verses from Holy Scripture. This performance was the most popular of the 2019–20 season so far, selling 249 tickets.



**TOP:**  
The Boston Brass  
in the cathedral nave,  
March 1, 2019



**BOTTOM:**  
The Compline Choir  
in the chancel of  
Canterbury Cathedral,  
August 17, 2019

—Madeleine Stephens,  
Music Series Coordinator

## THE COMPLINE CHOIR

The Compline Choir is reflecting with great joy on 2019. From the time of our annual meeting, we entered into a period of intentional living into the values of stability, listening, and transformation as the foundation of our work as a community of prayer in the Diocese of Olympia. This intention has allowed us to deepen our relationships with each other, the diocese, and our cathedral home, Saint Marks.

Our pilgrimage to England brought the Compline Choir to its birthplace, Canterbury Cathedral, where, at the invitation of the Precentor, we were privileged to sing the “Seattle Rite” of Compline in the crypt with Dean Steven Thomason co-officiating this historic service. During our absence, another historic event was taking place as women’s voices sang Compline at Saint Mark’s Cathedral for the first time in 64 years. We are grateful to Rebekah Gilmore, Associate Cathedral Musician, for her musical and spiritual leadership with the Women’s Schola, as well as to the extraordinary women who came together to offer their voices for those three services.

Our future includes rest. After many years of grieving and celebrating our founder, institutional growth, fundraising, and travelling, the Compline Choir is taking a “fallow year” to focus on the Divine Office, bringing what we’ve learned through experience and intention to bear on our prayer. We can only express deep gratitude and humility for the support and care we’ve received in the last year from the community around us, especially from Saint Mark’s Cathedral, no longer simply our residence, but our home.

—Scott Kovacs, *President, Compline Choir Board of Governors*

## THE HALLOCK INSTITUTE

**Mission:** The Hallock Institute, a ministry of the Diocese of Olympia, oversees an archive of the music and papers of Peter R. Hallock and manages the assets of the Institute.

The Institute creates editions of Hallock’s unpublished works; advocates, publicizes, and broadens the audience for Hallock’s music; makes small grants to support the performance of his music; and presents workshops and educational symposia focused on Hallock’s music and liturgical innovations and the Compline Choir.

**2019 Activity:** The board, comprised of nine members appointed by the Bishop, met five times in 2019. The board adopted a strategic plan, gift acceptance policy, and investment and spending policy. The September meeting was held jointly with the Compline Choir board to help bring to light areas of overlap and confusion as to the work of each board. The result of this meeting was the creation of a coordinating task force charged with identifying areas for collaboration and recommending which board should be primarily responsible for identified Hallock-related tasks. Looking ahead, in 2020, the Institute will make available its first publication (The Compline Psalter) and launch a more robust web presence.

Members of the board of directors include Jason Anderson (President and Director), Maria Coldwell (Vice President), Gerard van Wesep (Treasurer), Kathy Crosier (Secretary), John Henson, Joel Matter, Roger Sherman, The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason, and The Rev. Dr. Ann P. Lukens (the Bishop’s designee).

If you have questions about the Hallock Institute, please contact Jason Anderson at [director@complinechoir.org](mailto:director@complinechoir.org) or Maria Coldwell at [mvcoldwell@hotmail.com](mailto:mvcoldwell@hotmail.com).

— Dr. Jason Anderson,  
*Director of the Compline Choir  
and President of the Hallock Institute*

### COMPLINE BY THE NUMBERS

#### In the year 2019:

**10,627** total attendance for Compline in the nave (average of 205 per Sunday)

**387,504** KING-FM radio listeners (average of 7,452 per Sunday)

**24,261** Digital downloads/streams

**50,811** podcast downloads

**7,956** SoundCloud listens

## CREATION CARE

The Creation Care Ministry strives to faithfully address the crisis of climate change because our love for God and for the Earth requires us to limit our carbon emissions so that all of God's creation might thrive. In addition to the sustainable actions that Saint Mark's Cathedral will incorporate, the Creation Care Ministry offers education about how we as individuals can significantly contribute:

- Sponsoring two Forums early in 2020: March 8 and April 19.
- Suggesting ways that individuals can connect actions with their spiritual beliefs and develop spiritual practices that inspire and support our daily living.
- Training about how to measure one's carbon footprint.
- Researching collective options by which we can jointly offset individual emissions.
- Offering opportunities to "get outside" and connect with our natural world.

### THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

at the Saint Francis celebration, October 10, 2019. This year, for the first time, the Saint Francis liturgy and blessing was offered on a Saturday afternoon, outdoors.



Saint Mark's is a member of Earth Day Northwest 2020, whose purpose is to demonstrate real solutions to climate change and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2020. Saint Mark's will proudly announce as our contribution the significant steps to be taken in the coming year to reduce our carbon footprint and begin to work toward a goal of a net zero carbon footprint by 2030.

We recognize our commitment as a unique opportunity and responsibility in our time to address the many social justice issues tied to the climate crisis. The Creation Care Ministry at Saint Mark's strives to bring hope to our community to face the threat of climate change and together make changes to be better stewards of this fragile Earth God entrusted to our care. To share your interest in sustainable action and become part of this Ministry, please contact Marjorie Ringness. — *Marjorie Ringness*

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saint Mark's Habitat for Humanity Justice Ministry supports the mission of Habitat for Humanity International, domestically and internationally, which is to provide decent affordable housing for families with limited incomes. In 2019, a group of volunteers worked at the Habitat site in Pacific, Washington, for an Interfaith Build project. The ministry's talents were also put to use for a number of Cathedral projects: 1) we completed constructing storage racks for the Cathedral's collection of framed art work; 2) we installed new flooring in Cathedral House 210; 3) we installed baseboard trim in the Leffler Living Room; 4) we helped to transform the Cathedral Shop into a new meeting space; 5) we created a meeting space on the stage of Bloedel Hall by building a new wall; and 6) we installed a railing on the wheelchair ramp in the nave.

—*Jacquelyn & Gordon Miller*

## HIV/AIDS CARE TEAM

The AIDS Care Team is composed of six active members with five being Saint Mark's members, who support two men living with AIDS. Routine activities involve weekly contact by a team member for socialization and practical support, most often sharing a meal and shopping. Special events this year included celebrations of our care partners' birthdays and attending a Mariners game with one of our partners. The team meets monthly for scheduling, sharing information, prayer, and mutual support.

—*The Rev. Earl Grout*

## HOMELESS ADVOCACY MINISTRY

The Homeless Advocacy Ministry began the year 2019 with an all-day retreat facilitated by The Rev. Canon Marilyn Cornwell, in which the attendees explored new ways of thinking about advocacy, and looked critically at the cathedral's response to the crisis of affordable housing and homelessness in our region. As a result of those discussions, Saint Mark's activities in this area are divided into three broad categories:

### 1. Direct feeding and housing ministries:

These include Noel House, Saint Brigid's Banquet, Community Lunch at Central Lutheran, Edible Hope at St. Luke's Ballard, and other opportunities.

### 2. Financial and material assistance:

This includes participation in the United Churches Emergency Fund, community donation drives for socks and hygiene items, and distribution of these necessities through the Front Door ministry. It also includes the Threshold Fund, an initiative of Saint Mark's launched in March of 2019, providing financial assistance to cover move-in costs for individuals and families transitioning into permanent housing. Between March and September 2019, the Threshold Fund

made disbursement to 16 households (35 individuals in all), who have received assistance totaling \$18,917. The average assistance per household was \$1,182. (The figures for the fourth quarter of 2019 were not yet available at the time of publication.)

**3. Education and advocacy:** In 2019 several forums, presentations, and formation opportunities on the subject of homelessness were offered. In the spring, a series of "study sessions" were offered, in which participants examined a number of different community initiatives in depth. In October, Marty Hartman, the CEO of Mary's Place presented a Wednesday evening forum. Later in October, a forum with Rogers Weed of the non-profit Building Changes was scheduled, to discuss recently updated McKinsey Report on affordable housing and homelessness in King County.

—*David Wagner*

## JUBILEE DEBT CANCELLATION

The Jubilee Debt Cancellation ministry tabled in the back of the nave twice during 2019, at which several people signed postcards to advocate for action regarding the debt catastrophe in Puerto Rico. Saint Mark's sent \$1 per pledging household to support JubileeUSA, and the vestry made that contribution part of the annual budget for justice outreach. In October, the ministry offered a Sunday forum with Michael Righi, retired Economics professor and expert on international debt and debt forgiveness. The ministry is currently looking for new leadership—please contact Betsy Bell if you have an interest in this important issue.

—*Betsy Bell*

## MIDEAST FOCUS MINISTRY

This year was filled with a variety of activities related to promoting education and advocacy about the rights of the Palestinians and fostering a just peace for the people living in the Holy Land. Paramount was the sixth season of the Film Series led by Ruth McRee with assistance from five other members from the Mideast Focus Ministry. Appreciation to Richard Gilbert for managing to show the films with all the challenges of formatting and sound involved. Five films on the theme of “Finding Home” were selected by the film team that included: *Soufra*, *Sky and Ground*, *This is Home*, *Naila and the Uprising*, and *Wajib*. A local expert was invited to facilitate the discussion following each film. Attendance was around 40–50 persons at each screening, with about 60 persons at the kickoff reception before the screening of *Soufra* in February 2019.

The Mideast Focus Ministry was approached by several community organizations to provide support for fundraisers and awareness about their mission. The requests came from Kids4Peace and the Middle East Peace Camp. The Middle East Peace Camp fundraiser was held in Bloedel Hall with about 65 persons (parents and children) in attendance. The Kids4Peace fundraiser was held at Temple de Hirsch Sinai with Saint Mark’s Cathedral sponsoring three eight-person tables.

The Mideast Focus Ministry co-sponsored a very successful dinner and conversation discussing the plight of the Uyghurs living under occupation by the Chinese. The Uyghurs who spoke begged us not to forget them as they stifled their sobs. About 70 persons attended this event.

Other activities included having an informational table about upcoming events and current issues pertaining to the Middle East following the 9:00 and 11:00 services on the third Sunday of each month. In addition,

there is an extensive library of books, pamphlets, and films in a well organized room near Bloedel Hall. Efforts are being made to computerize the holdings.

The Mideast Focus Ministry has experienced a decline in participation due to ill health by some of its members. A discernment process was held at a meeting in the Fall to discuss the way forward. The members present expressed commitment to support their involvement in the Ministry and suggested ways to be more efficient in terms of time and our resources. We welcome and invite members of the congregation to join this ministry at meetings held periodically on the second Tuesday evening in Leffler Living Room from 7 to 9 p.m. The Mideast Focus Ministry thanks the congregation, vestry, and staff for their support of our activities.

—Mary Segall

## FRONT DOOR MINISTRY

The Front Door Ministry began on September 23, 2019, after it had been decided that the narthex restrooms should be locked during weekdays due to safety concerns.

The purpose of the ministry is to welcome visitors to Saint Mark’s Cathedral, to offer tours and information, to allow the restrooms to be open, and to offer material help to people who need socks, snacks, hygiene supplies, or assistance finding help from other agencies. We sit in the narthex from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Front Door has recorded 188 visitors since we began our work. About half the visitors needed supplies and the other half sought information or quiet time. Almost all expressed gratitude for the presence of the volunteers.

—The Rev. Canon Pat Taylor

## NOEL HOUSE SHELTER

Each Sunday and Monday, hospitality is extended to 20 women in Bloedel Hall. Evening volunteers work 9–10:30 p.m., serving the women hot soup, bread, and green salad. Morning volunteers assist staff from 5:15–6:30 a.m., offering a light breakfast and helping with cleanup. The soup is prepared monthly by a dedicated team.

In December, we collected items for 30 holiday gift bags and distributed them just before Christmas. Items included: gift cards, hand lotion, lip balm, laundry pods, pad of paper, pen, Kleenex packets, zip lock bags, granola bar, homemade cookies, Satsuma oranges, socks, and warm gloves. The children of the cathedral made Christmas cards for the women and we added them to the bags.

We welcome women and men who are interested in volunteering and who care about the issue of homelessness and want to help alleviate the pain that a woman experiences when she has no place to call home. Contact [noelhouse@saintmarks.org](mailto:noelhouse@saintmarks.org) to learn more.

—*Norva Osborn*

## ST. BRIGID'S BANQUET

Saint Brigid's Banquet (SBB) provides nutritious, hot meals to people in Seattle who experience homelessness or food insecurity. In 2019, SBB provided monthly meals at the St. Martin de Porres men's shelter (every third Sunday), bi-monthly meals at Teen Feed in the University District (every other second Friday), and at Community Lunch on Capitol Hill (three times a year and during quarter breaks). Dedicated teams of cooks, drivers, and servers gathered to prepare and serve meals for these three communities. Thanks to the faithful ministry of SBB and the financial support from Saint Mark's and the Hunger Offering, over 5,000 meals were provided this past year.

—*Brenda Schoolfield, Maris Olsen,  
& Dale Largent*

## SANCTUARY

Sanctuary at Saint Mark's has welcomed Jaime Rubio Sulificio to live in Sanctuary here while he pursues a legal path to keep his family together. The congregation rallied around him—with the entire campus designated a “sensitive location”—and providing financial support, attending Know Your Rights trainings, and welcoming him and his family as members of this community. Jaime's dance fundraiser here welcomed 150 people and garnered terrific support! We also continued support for Jose Robles—who was in Sanctuary at Gethsemane Lutheran and is now in the Detention Center awaiting his hearing—participating in demonstrations, rallies, and taking point as Rapid Responders for his interactions with ICE.

Sanctuary continues our committed partnership with Casa Latina, a leading immigrant and worker rights organization, participating in actions, gatherings, and trainings, including providing volunteers and financial support for their Father's Day Breakfast for day workers and collecting Christmas gifts for the children. With the Church Council, Sanctuary offered support trainings and immigration updates, and Sanctuary volunteers participated in demonstrations and rallies at ICE headquarters, the Sea-Tac Detention Center, and more.

Sanctuary sponsored The Rev. Nancy Frausto from Long Beach, a DACA Dreamer and powerhouse activist, to come at the Dean's invitation to preach and do a workshop. Canon Ross joined a task force at the border at McAllen, Texas and attended the Border Ministry Summit in Tucson to assess ways our community can be even more involved and useful in 2020.

—*The Rev. Canon Nancy Ross*

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR ADULTS

### IN 2019 WE WELCOMED TO OUR CAMPUS:

The Rev. Nancy Frausto

Author and translator  
Mirabai Starr

Rania Qawasma-Dana,  
Architecture for Refugees

Seattle author  
Karen Treiger

The Rev. Canon  
Stephanie Spellers

The Rev. Dr. Ray Pickett

The Rt. Rev. Katharine  
Jefferts-Schori

Mary's Place CEO  
Marty Hartman

Author and artist  
Gertrud Nelson

*Mujeres Sin Fronteras*  
group from Casa Latina

Uyghur activist  
Dilnur Qurban

and many more...

At baptism, we promise to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. During 2019, there were many opportunities to engage and continue in spiritual growth as a cathedral community.

Throughout the year, Sunday Forums provided a venue to discuss a wide variety of topics, including: reflections on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, wisdom through the lens of poetry, creation care and climate change, spirituality and money, exploring spiritual practices, and conversations with authors such as Mirabai Starr and Alan Davidson.

Cathedral Commons offered a regular weeknight opportunity for people to be nourished and formed in a more in-depth way. Commons offerings included the practice of gratitude, putting sanctuary into practice, ethical implications of advanced technologies, planning your own funeral as a Lenten discipline, racial reconciliation and healing with The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, holding loss and finding hope in community, a primer on the Enneagram, and conversations with Mary's Place and Casa Latina.

Other opportunities during the year included a book study with Dean Thomason on *The Soul of America*, a preaching workshop with Dr. Ray Pickett, and the formation of a new women's spirituality group. In addition, a lectionary based weekly Bible study met each week, two Inquirer's Classes were offered, and several baptismal preparation days took place.

For those seeking more quiet and contemplation, two quiet days took place, once each during the seasons of Lent and Advent. Finally, for those willing to make a long-term commitment, three different Education for Ministry (EfM) cohorts met throughout the year. EfM is a four-year theological education program designed by The School of Theology of Sewanee, University of the South, and facilitated by local mentors. This small group model allows participants to engage in theological reflection and intense study of scripture, history, and mission.

—The Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman

## THE WISDOM SCHOOL AT SAINT MARK'S

Now in its fourth year, the Wisdom School offers a balanced path for spiritual transformation grounded in prayer and practice, drawing on the Christian contemplative tradition while respecting the diversity of experiences born from contemplative practices of other traditions. More than 250 people have enrolled in the Wisdom School, participating in workshops and practice days with focus on a range of resources—the enneagram, spiritual retreats,

forgiveness and mercy, spirituality and the arts, centering prayer, and more. Keynote speakers in 2019 included Mirabai Starr (*Wild Mercy: Wisdom of the Feminine*; and *From Dark Night to Transformation*) and Gertrud Mueller Nelson (*Liturgical Living: Learning to Dance With God in Every Place*). A pilgrimage to Iona and the ancient Celtic missions is scheduled for August 2020. For more information about the Wisdom School, visit [saintmarks.org/wisdom](http://saintmarks.org/wisdom).

—The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason,  
Dean and Rector



**EAT, PLAY, LOVE!**  
August 13, 2019.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

**Eat, Play, Love!** Thirty volunteers welcomed 86 participants from every generation over the course of four evenings of food, biblical storytelling, communal art, fellowship, and closing worship in our signature Compline order around the baptismal font.

**Annual Family Camping Trip:** Six families (26 people, three dogs) camped, hiked, and rafted together in the North Cascades this year, inaugurating a new location for a long-standing tradition.

**Advent Preparation Festival:** Roughly 70 participants enjoyed lunch together, and prepared for a season of waiting through conversation and contemplative activities.

**Alternative Giving Celebration:** Church school volunteers led the creation of 30 handmade cards, as well as taking donations totaling over \$2000 for five Episcopal organizations, coordinating a sock drive, and helping kids make over 50 ornaments.

**Sunday/Wednesday Church School:** ten faithful volunteers support an average of 18 children each Sunday in deeper experience

of sacred story, liturgical action, and the life and teachings of Jesus. An additional section was added on Wednesdays during the 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, drawing between six and eight more children each week.

**Monthly Children's Chapel:** In order to encourage children to participate in regular worship, chapel was reimagined this year with great intention. Twenty-five junior choristers and preschoolers gather once a month during the 9 a.m. Sunday service for exploration of various elements of our liturgies. This fall, we heard from our deacons, the Bread Baker's Guild, and youth acolytes and crucifers.

Saint Mark's families welcomed the birth of five babies in 2019! We continue to welcome a healthy community of toddlers to the carpet during Sunday morning services.

**Child Care Center:** Five staff members, two parent volunteers and two trained back-up providers team together to offer child care during Sunday morning services.

—Kelly Moody, Director of Children  
& Family Ministries

## YOUTH MINISTRY

In 2019, Saint Mark's Youth Ministry continued cultivating community and spiritual development through regular meetings and involvement in parish-wide and diocesan events. The current youth ministry team consists of The Rev. Canon Pat Taylor, parishioner Neil Gavin, Seattle Service Corps members Emily Eaton and Anna Wiley, and Director of Youth Ministry Nicole Silvernale.

In collaboration with Cathedral Worship and Cathedral Choir School ministries, we continually strive to incorporate youth into existing Saint Mark's ministries and programs and provide a variety of opportunities to foster community and let youth gather to consider scripture, theology, faith practices, and daily life. On any given Sunday morning at Saint Mark's, you will see and hear youth participating in one of the many parts of our worship, whether it be at the lectern reading the epistle, processing in white cassocks as acolytes, or singing the Psalms as a members of the Schola, Senior Choristers, or Evensong choirs.

Current youth programs include:

- **Sunday Morning Youth Formation** (10:10 a.m.): Any given Sunday we are gathered to engage in thoughtful discussion on the morning's sermon and lectionary, current events, living out our faith, and whatever else is on our minds at the time. We occasionally engage in group-building games, crafts, and activities as well.
- **Open Youth Room Wednesdays** (4:30–6 p.m.): During this time, the youth room is open for unstructured fellowship and free time. There are opportunities for crafts, conversation, homework, ping-pong tournaments, spiritual practices, and more. Youth and families can then attend the weekly community dinners in Bloedel Hall at 6 p.m.

- **Youth Group Gatherings:** Youth meet one Sunday per month to share a meal together, delve into deeper discussions, and participate in activities such as service projects, liturgical season practices, baking or crafting together, and large group games.

—Nicole Silvernale, Director of Youth Ministry

## YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults at Saint Mark's gather regularly to connect, share their spiritual journeys, and build community. We consider issues of faith, justice, ethics, and meaning—as we enjoy each other's company and share a meal. Many of our members are new to the Episcopal church, so it is a comfortable and light-hearted way to explore what we believe, how we worship, and how we create joyful and resilient lives. Join us for:

- **Questioning Together** (First Monday of the month, 7:30–9 p.m., Leffler House Living Room): This group gathering offers a supportive community to explore questions of faith and meaning in our time. Topics in 2019 included “How and why do you pray?” “How are spirituality and sexuality connected?” and “How do we understand the story of the cross and what does it have to do with us?”
  - **Scripture study:** In 2019, young adults gathered for two different four-week scripture studies: “Stories of God's Presence and Call” and “Listening for God in Difficult Stories in the Bible.” The group discussed history, context, approaches to interpretation, and application to daily life.
  - **Book group:** In the summer, a group gathered in Volunteer Park for a picnic and conversation of Richard Rohr's book, *The Cosmic Christ*.
  - **Social gatherings:** Dinner at the Deanery or other locations, “Holy Hikes,” and more!
- The Rev. Canon Jennifer King Daugherty

## COMMUNICATIONS

The ministry of Communications at Saint Mark's encompasses a wide range of media, including printed material, signage, the cathedral website, social media, email communication, video and livestreaming, press releases and media relations, event promotion and advertising, podcasting, cathedral tours, and more.

2019 began with a major transition, as former Director of Communications Liz Bartenstein departed and current Director of Communications Gregory Bloch took over the role. The two had already worked together for several years and respected each other enormously, so the transition went as smoothly as it could have. Several large projects already substantially completed by Liz were taken over the finish line by Greg, including a refreshed website design. Social media presence went from strength to strength in 2019, with more than 200 new Facebook page likes and 1,064 new YouTube subscribers (the majority of the latter due to the phenomenally successful *On The Mighty Flentrop* video filmed by David Wild and featuring Canon Michael Kleinschmidt).

Saint Mark's Cathedral received coverage in local media and beyond twice in 2019, first in March when Jaime Rubio entered into Sanctuary on the cathedral campus, and again in August when *Compline* was sung by an all-female choir for the first time.

The Director of Communication received invaluable assistance and oversight by the Communications Committee, which in 2019 included Dean Steve Thomason, Canon Nancy Ross, Senior Warden Julia Logan, Vestry representative Michael Perera, Cathedral Videographer Christopher Brown, *Rubric* editor Adam Conley, and filmmaker David Wild. In addition, the work of phenomenally skilled photographer Kevin Johnson raises the quality of almost every aspect of cathedral communications.

—Gregory Bloch, Director of Communications

## GARDEN MINISTRY

The Saint Mark's Cathedral Garden Volunteers have been caring for the Great Lawn of the cathedral for many years, organized as a ministry in 2001. We meet the second Saturday of the month, February through November, 9 a.m.–noon.

Tulip bulbs were planted around the labyrinth in November 2018, and at Easter time they were gloriously displayed. In early 2019, we dug up and divided eight of the Rosa "Flower Carpet" bushes producing double and triple that number of plants for the new front garden beds. In addition, five new rose bushes were purchased—with names such as Just Joey, Rosie the Riveter, Pope John Paul II, The Lady Gardener, and Flawless.

On an ongoing basis, our work involves the very basics of good gardening. We spread compost over the beds in the fall. At every garden work party, we keep up on the weeding, and we prune bushes and water as needed. The result of these routine chores is the beauty that we see through each season of the year.

We welcome all to join us, green thumb or not. Just bring your gloves and a water bottle. We have extra tools. And there are always fresh cookies to enjoy!

—Norva Osborn

Tulips in front of the cathedral, photographed on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.



## HEALTH MINISTRY

The Health Ministry has had new leadership with Dr. Kristen Austin assuming overall direction. The Health Ministry has two components: overseeing first aid kits on the cathedral campus, and managing The Medical Equipment Resource Center (formerly known as the Medical Equipment Library).

With the completion of the renovations of the cathedral, we began a review of the appropriate placement of the first aid kits, in addition to reviewing the contents of the kits. Dr. Austin stepped in to conduct this task. The Medical Equipment Resource Center continues to receive donations of medical equipment and to lend out that equipment on either a short-term or long-term basis. Items now on hand include wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, bath chairs, and more.

In the Fall, there was so much equipment in the Resource Center that it was difficult to organize or retrieve the items. At the same time Rita Zawaideh of Salam Cultural Mission put out a special call for donations medical equipment to be sent to aid Syrian refugees in Jordan. After conferring with Dr. Austin, we decided to donate some of our equipment to this worthy cause. Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and disposable adult diapers were sent in a shipping container in October and received in Jordan in December. We are awaiting to hear first hand reports of how the equipment has being received.

If you or a family member or friend are in need of any medical equipment, or if you have equipment you would like to donate, please contact Mary Segall at [mesegall@yahoo.com](mailto:mesegall@yahoo.com).

—Mary Segall

## BEE MINISTRY

For four years, the roof of Bloedel Hall has sported a small apiary—between two and four bee hives, depending on the year. Our bees have the best view of the city as well as nectar from luscious Capitol Hill gardens plus blackberry brambles in the nearby greenbelt. While approximately 35 pounds of Holy Honey was harvested in 2019, our bees have yet to survive through the winter requiring purchase of new nucs each spring. Honey in nine ounce jars was sold at the Ministry Fair in September and then again in December between services. We sold out quickly. Money from sales will be used to buy bees this Spring. Beekeepers Rob Reid, Brian Sellers-Petersen and (newly-minted with WA Extension certification) Kelly Lundquist are learning all the time. The well-being of our bees is a critical part of Creation. We seek your continuing prayers for the longevity of honeybees.

—Rob Reid





Five canvases from Lawrence Pitrie's series, *We Are One*, on display in the cathedral nave. Photographed on Cathedral Day, May 18, 2019

## QUILT MINISTRY

Once a month on Saturday mornings, members of the Saint Mark's Quilt Ministry met to assemble and sew quilts for members of the parish in need of comfort experiencing changes in their lives. We provided quilts for the Service Corps, gave Rebekah Gilmore a quilt for her new baby, presented several quilts in memory of family members who died, thanked Glenn Sands and Ian Ford with quilts honoring their service at the Cathedral as they moved on, undertook to repair a family quilt for Zoe Gluck after the death of her mother Tamara Kincaid, and provided handmade cloth Christmas gift bags for Noel House women and ditty bags for seafarers.

While we were actively working on these quilts we enjoyed fellowship as we sewed, learned, shared lunch, solved the problems of the world, and fed dog biscuits to Henley, our mascot.

We welcome others to join us in this ministry of fellowship and love. We will teach you to sew if you wish. (We have machines available.) For information, contact Carol Green at [ccgreen@uw.edu](mailto:ccgreen@uw.edu), or JoAnn Bailey at [joannb415@gmail.com](mailto:joannb415@gmail.com).

—Carol Green

## VISUAL ARTS MINISTRY

The Visual Arts Ministry ("VAM") at Saint Mark's is responsible for identifying and curating art exhibits in the nave, Hallway Gallery, Hoerster Annex, and elsewhere on the cathedral campus. In 2019, VAM organized a return of Virginia Maksymowicz's *Stations of the Cross* to the nave during Lent and an exhibition of Seattle artist Lawrence Pitrie's series, *We are One* in the nave in late spring. The Hallway Gallery featured stations of the cross from the Holy Land during Lent, historical photographs and blueprints of Saint Mark's in late spring, and a showing of Kathleen Fruge-Brown's series *And I, Francis* in the fall. The collection of Saint Mark's photographs was moved to Hoerster Annex for permanent exhibition.

This coming year promises to be exciting as the VAM expands its planning team.

In addition to exhibiting Maksymowicz's *Stations* during Lent once again, the VAM is considering new ideas and media for the nave and Hallway Gallery and pursuing opportunities for the community to engage with art and artists. We will continue to partner with other Saint Mark's ministries to integrate art into our spiritual practices and to honor and grow the permanent collection by hanging art throughout campus and creating storage for existing and future art donations.

—The Rev. Canon Jennifer King Daugherty

## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Stewardship Ministry at Saint Mark's is a faith-based ministry with the core belief that God has gifted us abundantly in every aspect of life. As stewards of God's gifts, we are all called to look inward and live prayerfully into our biblical call to give back generously from God's abundance. Our mission as a ministry is to provide opportunities for our community to share experiences and communicate stories in ways that invite each parishioner to cultivate a sacramental relationship between following Jesus Christ and sharing generously of their time, talent, and resources.

The 2019 Annual Appeal invited all of us to be ALL IN, open to God's transformative power working within us in every aspect of life, both inside and outside the walls of the cathedral. We were fortunate to have fellow parishioners share stewardship conversion stories about what Saint Mark's means to them, their families, and the world we all share. To date, 431 households have made

a financial commitment to support the cathedral's mission and ministry for 2020, and more commitments will be made in the coming weeks. As we look to the future, the Stewardship Ministry will continue to focus on what it means to live generously and with a deep sense of gratitude.

Numbers and percentages are interesting and helpful, but stewardship is about much more than metrics. Rather, our primary focus is to create opportunities throughout the year for everyone to recognize generosity in their midst and to live more fully into that generosity. Through that, and working together with other cathedral ministries, the Stewardship Ministry supports the mission and vision of Saint Mark's as the cathedral strives to create a faith community that is full of love and acceptance, in which the Gospel values of justice and reconciliation are proclaimed, and where all can gather in times of crisis, sorrow, or celebration.

—Robert G. Stevens & Lynne Markova

## PARTNER & AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

Episcopal Relief and Development

Faith Action Network

Friend of the Saint Mark's Greenbelt (a unit of the Green Seattle Partnership)

Mission to Seafarers

Northwest Community Bail Fund

United Churches Emergency Fund

The monthly Hunger Offering benefiting six different community feeding ministries

Lowell Elementary School volunteers



Seattle Service Corps 2019–2020 cohort, on the balcony of Leffler House.

## SEATTLE SERVICE CORPS

Now four years strong, the Seattle Service Corps grew to seven corps members for the 2019–2020 program year. Six members of the 2018–2019 program year “graduated” in June. Commensurate with this increased capacity is the cultivation of diverse and engaging site partners, many of which offer opportunities for direct service with vulnerable or marginalized communities. New partnerships with the Church Council of Greater Seattle, Immanuel Community Services, and Northwest Immigrant Rights Project were added to existing relationships with the Diocese of Olympia, Edible Hope at St. Luke’s, Ballard, Mission to Seafarers, and Saint Mark’s Cathedral.

The current members of Seattle Service Corps, who hail from all over the United States, are Aemelia Tripp, Alex Norwood, Anna Wiley, Colin Hammond, Elly Green,

Emily Eaton and Megan “Laney” Laney. The corps members wish to join Seattle Service Corps Director Adam Conley in thanking the Saint Mark’s Cathedral community for the incredible generosity of friendship, finances, in-kind household gifts, and prayers that support this important ministry.

The mission of Seattle Service Corps is “deepening lives through volunteer service, social justice, spiritual practice, and intentional community.”

Our vision is “empowering servant leaders to be grounded by resilience, deepened by prayer, motivated by justice, and inspired by prophetic imagination.”

Please follow @SeattleServiceCorps on Instagram and *Seattle Service Corps* on Facebook! Learn more at <https://saintmarks.org/justice/episcopal-service-corps/>

—Adam Conley, Seattle Service Corps Director

SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

# SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL OPERATING BUDGET HISTORY, 2005-2020

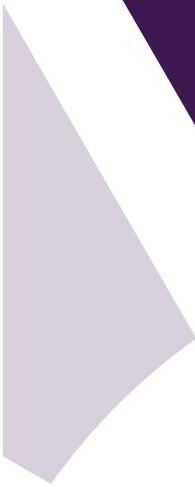
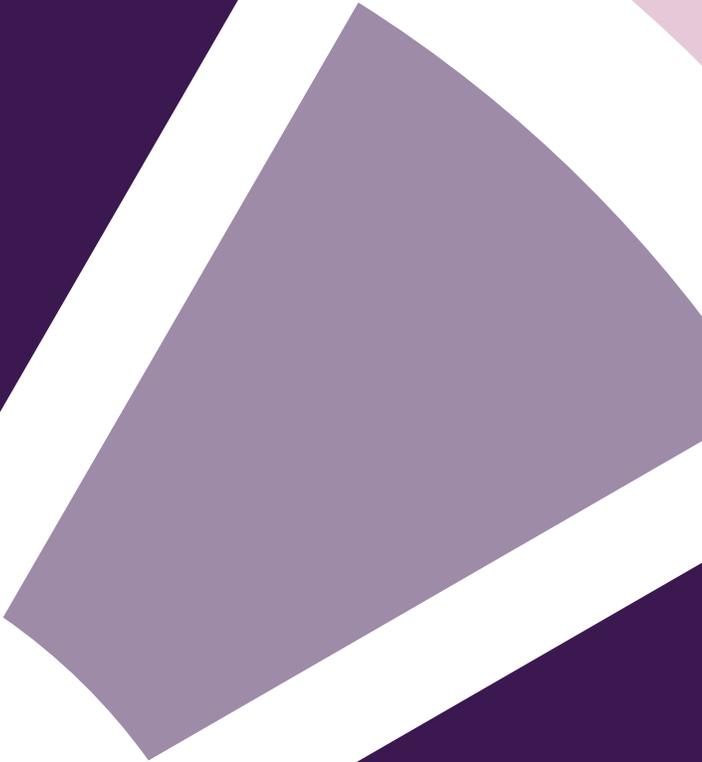
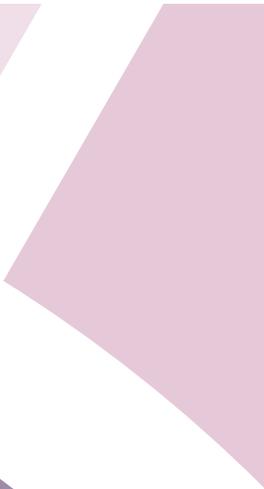


## SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

### CATHEDRAL OPERATING BUDGET, 2010-2020

REVENUES	ACTUALS (IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)										BUDGET 2020
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN	1,112	1,108	967	1,002	1,087	1,116	1,235	1,286	1,341	1,468	1,545
PLATE OFFERING	95	88	107	124	117	110	104	106	112	108	103
GIFTS & GRANTS	197	93	18	103	50	98	66	48	48	48	49
SPECIAL EVENTS	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROGRAM & SERVICE FEES	92	98	114	103	122	124	138	151	118	118	132
DIOCESAN OF OLYMPIA	85	94	104	208	111	65	46	71	68	58	41
CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION	52	43	38	54	127	93	102	106	72	53	68
INTERFUND TRANSFERS/MISC.	73	165	100	80	76	69	74	42	66	138	144
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,706</b>	<b>\$1,689</b>	<b>\$1,448</b>	<b>\$1,678</b>	<b>\$1,690</b>	<b>\$1,675</b>	<b>\$1,765</b>	<b>\$1,810</b>	<b>\$1,825</b>	<b>\$2,008</b>	<b>\$2,081</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>											
PERSONNEL	900	867	918	846	904	965	982	940	1,054	1,025	1,119
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	351	306	283	298	223	238	234	231	235	225	260
MISSION DISBURSEMENTS, OTHER	18	18	15	20	5	39	29	25	24	18	16
PROFESSIONAL FEES	102	95	88	43	50	22	26	52	46	59	41
SUPPLIES & MINOR EQUIPMENT	64	63	67	63	50	42	43	85	60	73	51
COMMUNICATIONS	42	32	25	18	23	29	30	37	37	24	29
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	136	105	59	71	70	88	67	87	46	49	86
EQUIPMENT RENTAL & SERVICE	43	84	114	94	104	103	112	95	76	94	90
UTILITIES	73	110	82	92	91	77	90	105	107	98	94
TRAVEL	4	4	1	2	6	12	4	3	5	2	2
HOSPITALITY	21	18	29	15	15	18	17	13	14	14	15
CONFERENCES & TRAINING	7	13	5	8	14	14	21	19	19	20	29
INSURANCE	21	22	26	23	26	23	27	34	37	26	26
DUES, FEES, & LICENSES	13	10	19	16	17	23	20	21	25	33	26
OTHER	16	22	15	15	20	16	25	38	72	164	197
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,811</b>	<b>\$1,769</b>	<b>\$1,747</b>	<b>\$1,624</b>	<b>\$1,618</b>	<b>\$1,709</b>	<b>\$1,727</b>	<b>\$1,785</b>	<b>\$1,857</b>	<b>\$1,924</b>	<b>\$2,081</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$105)</b>	<b>(\$80)</b>	<b>(\$299)</b>	<b>\$54</b>	<b>\$72</b>	<b>(\$34)</b>	<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>(\$32)</b>	<b>\$84</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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