



2014 MINISTRY FOCUS

AN ANNUAL REPORT OF CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



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SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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.

WHAT WE DO

We gather in **prayer** to experience God and to seek spiritual renewal and direction.

We offer diverse **worship** services that engage people through liturgy, spoken word, and music.

We create **faith formation** opportunities that invite people to grow, wherever they are on their journey of faith.

We build a vibrant **community life** by sharing our stories and nurturing our relationships.

We practice Christ's message of **justice** in all of our ministries through service to others.

Our spiritual practices include:

- daily prayer,
- weekly worship
- regular study
- servicing others
- taking Sabbath time for renewal
- practicing hospitality to all
- generous, joyful giving from what we have been given

CATHEDRAL STAFF

THE VERY REV. STEVE THOMASON,
Dean & Rector

THE REV. CANON DR. NANCEE MARTIN,
Associate to the Rector

THE REV. MICHAEL CARROCCINO, *Curate*

THE REV. JENNIFER KING DAUGHERTY, *Curate*

THE REV. EARL GROUT,
Deacon

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Musician/Chapel Organist

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MALCOLM McLAURIN,
Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministries

MARK JACOBS,
Accounting Manager



2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEAN AND RECTOR

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

What a year 2014 has been in the life and legacy of Saint Mark's Cathedral! So much good energy, so many exciting developments, so much momentum to live headlong into the future to which God is calling us. I will list a few things here, knowing the height and breadth of life here is so much more, because of the myriad ways we express our vocation as the Body of Christ here in this place. I bless you in your place in this Body, and I give thanks to God for your presence here.

- ◆ **125th Anniversary.** 2014 marked the 125th anniversary of the founding of St. Mark's Parish, and we celebrated with posters hung around the walls of the nave, documenting some of the milestones. I've also commissioned Dr. Alan Davidson to write a new, updated History of Saint Mark's, and he is well underway in that work.

- ◆ **The Living Stones: Building for Ministry campaign.** While preparatory work for this campaign has been underway for more than two years, in 2014 we contracted with Marc Reike of the Enrichment Group as campaign consultant, we contracted with Olson Kundig Architects to work with a Design Committee that guided a process, as charged by the Vestry, that led to the design plans on which the capital campaign has been based. External cladding of the walls and replacement of the deteriorating windows were identified as priorities, and the Cathedral parish is currently wrapping up the first element of this capital campaign. More about this is written elsewhere, and more will be communicated in the coming weeks and months, but let me state here how gratified I am by the strength of lay leadership who conducted all aspects of this campaign, and whose energy and inspiration have been rich blessings to us all.

- ◆ **Strategic Plan.** Early in 2014, the Vestry adopted a Strategic Plan that will guide

our common life in the near term, over 3–5 years. The process that led to this seminal document was grass-roots in nature, drawing on broad-based input, and again, layered. The plan is available electronically on the website, and in print through the office. We have now begun the planning for longer-range strategies, including campus planning, ministry resourcing, and asset management that will provide clarity when decision points present to the leadership.

- ◆ **Staff Changes.** As our finances have strengthened as a result of the stewardship of members and market performance, we've been able to rebuild the Cathedral staff that was depleted during the long interim. 2014 brought the arrival of The Rev. Canon Dr. Nancee Martin (Associate to the Rector), The Rev. Jennifer Daugherty (part-time curate), Canon Malcolm McLaurin (youth and young adult ministries), Mr. Mark Jacobs (accounting manager), Roger Sherman (associate organist), Ian Ford (sexton, part-time), and Camille Jarvis (arts associate, part-time). Some of these replaced staff who departed, and of course, the retirements of Mel Butler and El McFarland have prompted significant change for us all. We bid them well in their new ventures, even as we turn to new and exciting things. Michael Kleinschmidt has been called as Canon Musician, to begin March 1, and George Treusch will begin his work as Cathedral Shop manager in February, supported by additional staff to be hired. I am so grateful for the privilege to work with our staff, and I know they are a rich blessing to us all.

- ◆ **Balanced Budget.** For the third year running, we have ended the year with a surplus. This is a result of faithful stewardship, careful management of expenses, and the generous support of the Cathedral Foundation with whom we enjoy a healthy synergy for mission here. In 2014, we overhauled

2014 DEAN'S FORUMS (A SELECTION)

The Nicene Creed

Theology of
Health Care

Faithful Living,
Faithful Dying

Rehabilitation of the
Jordan River (led by
Doug Thorpe)

the (outdated) Financial Policies and Procedures with an eye toward long-term fiscal health, with changes that include reduction of investment earnings to be spent operationally (reduced from 5% to 4% per annum), and a savings goal of increasing liquid reserves to at least four months of operational expenses (about \$500,000) as a “rainy day fund.” This feels like responsible work, and we continue to strive for transparency in all our financial affairs as we work to build trust among those who are stewards of Saint Mark’s.

◆ **Revitalization of Faith Formation.** 2014 saw new energies in the area of faith formation. Children’s and Family have begun new ministries, Youth and Young Adult Formation has new leadership and is in process of developing focused strategies for growth, and Adult Faith Formation is burgeoning with energy and new offerings. We enjoyed hosting world-renowned speakers and preachers, including Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, Laura Winner, Karen Armstrong, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Diana Butler Bass. A second Education for Ministry class has formed, and a new group, Listening for the Holy Spirit, grounded in Quaker listening, has formed as people yearn to discern how God is calling to them in their lives. Choir Camp turns to its third year here. Read on through this booklet to learn more about these things.

◆ **Community and Diocesan Leadership.** We continue to serve the broader community and the diocese as a cathedral for all people, hosting events such as the Compassionate Communities Conference, Cathedral Day, ordination and confirmation services, special funerals, the Lummi Totem festival, and other events. A group led by The Rev. Mike Jackson is advising the Bishop and the Dean and Vestry on ways to serve even more effectively as a cathedral, and we will hear more from them in 2015.



Dean Steve Thomason raises his ballot alongside other participants during a march in support of Initiative 594, requiring background checks for all gun purchases, on October 19, 2014.

This photo, by Jordan Stead, was first published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and later appeared in the Wall Street Journal.

We provided strategic leadership in support of Initiative 594 to require background checks on all gun purchases, and we are actively involved in conversations regarding racial reconciliation and the work our city has before us in that regard. And we open our campus buildings to the broader community as a resource for justice, education, and peace.

So many good things, and I am so very excited for what lies ahead. Again, I bless you in your place here, and for your work of ministry among us, and I am grateful for all the ways that our Christian faith and life abound in this place. Glory to God who working in us can do infinitely more than we could ever ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ephesians 3:20).

Blessings and peace,

*The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason,
Dean & Rector*

LIVING STONES—BUILDING FOR MINISTRY

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FALL 2014

Our *Living Stones: Building for Ministry* capital campaign to preserve and renew Saint Mark's Cathedral was officially launched on September 14, with a goal to raise sufficient funds to renovate and enhance our Cathedral. *Living Stones* beautifully expresses that we love the Holy Box not as an end in itself, but as one of the essential tools for building a strong cathedral community in service to each other, to the broader community, and to God.

Beyond basic repairs to the building, we will implement energy-efficient building enhancements, and ultimately create a more welcoming entrance. There are three priorities for our campaign, each with its own fundraising goals. For now, we are focused on raising an estimated \$7.6 million to fund Priority 1 improvements to our Cathedral's structural integrity by cladding the walls, replacing the windows, and repairing the roof. After establishing strong support for *Living Stones: Building for Ministry* within the congregation, we will reach out to potential donors in our diocese and the broader community in 2015.

This fall, parishioners were invited to attend "Next Steps Parties" to learn more about the campaign in small group settings. In early

November, a 24-hour Prayer Vigil (with a bonus hour for daylight savings!) gathered together many in the community to pray in different ways. On the morning of November 2, our children and youth gathered around the font to the song "*We are the Church*" to begin an exploration of how "we share our gifts," naming a gift that they share and talking about how our church community is a gift to them. As each stone sank to the bottom, a ripple moved to the outer edges of the font. As the children watched the ripple move, they could see how our community moves out into the world. We held a series of Sunday morning forums and Bible study gatherings to help us discern what stewardship, sacrifice, and generosity mean to us. Our clergy, youth, and parishioners also shared their stories on different aspects of this theme.

In December, we asked parishioners to make both a one-year annual pledge in support of mission and ministry and a special three-year pledge for the capital campaign. But before we made our pledges, we celebrated the parish of Saint Mark with a banquet in the nave and a children's party in Bloedel Hall. Over 250 people attended!

In all these activities we were blessed by the participation of many, many parishioners. We sense that our community is stronger as a result of this collective effort. Campaign

totals will be announced and celebrated on Celebration Sunday, February 8, 2015 at morning services.

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Over 250 people attended the "Living Stones" All-Parish Banquet, December 12, 2014.



ACOLYTES

Bringing the light into our worship, acolytes have been participating in worship for over 1,760 years. Meaning helper or follower, acolytes fulfill not only the ancient need of light for reading of the text, but the symbolic mission of signifying Christ as the light of the world. After initially lighting the altar candles, three of thirteen acolyte volunteers lead the procession to start the 9 AM service with the cross and candles, parading throughout the nave. A connection to the past and a symbol of the present, provided by the youth of Saint Marks. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all (I John 1:5).

—Peter McClung, 9 AM acolyte coordinator
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

2014 marks the first full year of programming for Saint Mark's current Faith Formation Ministry. Our goal continues to be to offer seasonal opportunities for faith formation with variation in both type of classes and intensity of commitment.

The Dean's Forum Sundays at 10:10 has become a well-established opportunity for growth and learning. In addition to that, 2014 saw a variety of book studies, small group discussions, and one-time forums.

After conducting a survey of the parish in Fall 2014, the Faith Formation Ministry decided to launch a new series in 2015 called Wednesday Wonderings—an exciting time is ahead for us!

—Danielle Richmond, ministry coordinator
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AIDS CARE TEAM

The AIDS care team consists of 7 active members, who provide companionship, spiritual support and occasional practical assistance to two men living with AIDS. One lives permanently at Bailey Boushay House; the other resides in his own home. The team's parent organization became part of Samaritan Puget Sound during this year. It continues to train, administer, and supervise AIDS care teams in our area. Opportunities to serve are available with the Saint Mark's care team.

—Sharon Ferguson, ministry coordinator
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2014 FAITH FORMATION EVENTS (A SELECTION)

Religions and Cultures of South Asia

The Journey of Alzheimer's Caregiving

Top 10 Reasons to be Episcopalian

The Psalms: Ancient Language, Modern Voice

Stations of the Season: Observing Feasts and Fasts of a Holy Lent

Lenten and Advent Quiet Mornings

Spiritual Practices for Households of Faith

Kids4Peace

A Single Person's Place at the Table

Youth Hunger and Homelessness

Storytelling and Evangelism

Should Saint Mark's Endorse I-549? A Vestry Listening Event

ARTS AT SAINT MARK'S

In 2014, Arts at Saint Mark's worked toward establishing a separate budget for AASM independent of the Cathedral's operating budget, and that seems to be working well. They added three new artists-in-residence: the Mägi Ensemble, the Byrd Ensemble, and the Choir of the Sound, bringing the total to six.

The first issue of the *Arts at Saint Mark's Newsletter*, a monthly email, was sent in September and read by more than 300 people. Arts at Saint Mark's also launched a Facebook page in October.

Camille Jarvis began serving as the Arts Assistant in September, assisting the Canon Musician and supporting the AASM ministries. Mel Butler, Canon Musician and chair of AASM, retired in December after 23 years at Saint Mark's. Michael Kleinschmidt, the new Canon Musician, was announced in mid December and will begin his ministry in March of 2015.

MUSIC

Music performed at Saint Mark's during the year 2014 covered a wide spectrum, ranging from the organ recitals on the Flentrop, to choral music of every style and period, and chamber music performances presented in the intimate space of Thomsen Chapel. Recitalists on the Flentrop organ concert series included Alan DePuy, Johnathan Dimmock, and Malcolm Matthews. Our resident Choral ensembles (Seattle Choral Company, Byrd Ensemble and the Mägi Ensemble) all gave memorable performances, well-attended and enjoyed. The Organ Plus concerts in Thomsen Chapel employed both the Paul Fritts organ and the Martin Pasi positiv organ, and featured musicians from Saint Mark's and also from the local community.

The many and varied choirs at Saint Mark's continue to enhance our worship life in

meaningful and profound ways. Thanks are in order for the talents of our extraordinary music staff including Mel Butler, Brian Fairbanks, Rebekah Gilmore, Jason Anderson, and Roger Sherman. This past month we paid fond farewell to Mel Butler, and we look with anticipation to our new canon musician, Michael Kleinschmidt, who will begin his official duties in March.

DRAMA & FILM MINISTRY

The Drama and Film Ministry promotes and produces events to culturally enrich audiences and facilitate meaningful dialogue. In May of 2014, a public, participatory reading of the epic *Beowulf* was held in Bloedel Hall, with historical context given at the beginning, and reflection and conversation afterward. In November, Doug Thorpe's *A Room in the Trees*—"part poetry, part documentary"—was presented in the nave by multiple readers and musical accompaniment by Marcus Oldham.

CREATIVE WRITING MINISTRY

The Creative Writing Ministry (formerly the Writing Subcommittee) started the year in February with *Sanctuary*, a poetry reading featuring poets Scott Cairns, Kimberly Johnson, and Gina Franco. They offered two classes beginning in mid September; *Introduction to Creative Writing*, taught by Carrie Kahler; and *Autobiography/Memoir: Writing Your Life*, taught by Vonne Worth. Both classes were well received, and the Ministry plans to offer two more classes in Winter 2015.

VISUAL ARTS MINISTRY

The Visual Arts Ministry (VAM) entered a start-up year with a bang in 2014—we hosted an inaugural exhibit of works by members of the VAM during Epiphany. As book-end, we closed the exhibit year with the First Annual Visual Artists Ministry Exhibit and Sale. We held two gatherings during which we planned new activities to start in 2015.

—Camille Jarvis, Arts Assistant, AASM
 cjarvis@saintmarks.org



2014 VISUAL ARTS MINISTRY EXHIBITS IN THE NAVE

Holy Spaces and
Vestments Across the
Diocese

Reflections by a
Norwegian Family &
Tribute to Joe Running
(photo, left)

Epiphany & Advocacy

Sactuary Art Center:
Art as an Agent for
Healing

I Have a Name:
Undocumented
Immigrant Exhibition

Of the Spirit:
First Annual Visual Arts
Ministry Exhibition and
Sale

BREAD BAKERS GUILD

The Bread Baker's Guild has been a part of the Saint Mark's community for the past 5+ years. Once a month, we gather in the Cathedral kitchen to bake bread for the many services that require Communion bread. Coordinated by Becky Morrill, this activity has forged strong friendships, and we have plenty of fun in the process! A special thanks goes to Scott Clancey who donated the KitchenAid mixer to aid in the mixing process. We hope that our ministry continues to be a blessing to those who attend Saint Mark's.

—Barbara Eriickson, Roberta Kanive,
Sandra Piscitello, & René A. Marceau
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CANON MUSICIAN SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Canon Music Search Committee, an advisory committee to the Dean, met from June through December in our efforts to discern and call a new Canon Musician to the Cathedral, following Mel Butler's retirement. The position was advertised nationally over the summer, and we received 48 applications in early September. After considerable review, we did Skype interviews with 7 candidates in October, and then invited 4 finalists to visit the Cathedral in November to play the organ, work with two of our choirs, and interview with the Dean and the committee. In early December, we were pleased to call Michael Kleinschmidt, currently at Trinity Cathedral in Portland, to be our new Canon Musician, starting in March 2015.

—Maria Coldwell, ministry chair
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CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION

THE CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA

is an independently governed, tax-exempt organization. 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

CATHEDRAL DAY 2014

On Saturday, May 17, visitors from parishes around the Diocese of Olympia came (along with their banners) for diocesan confirmations, games on the lawn, and the infamous dunk tank!

The mission of The Cathedral Foundation of the Diocese of Olympia is to support the future of the Cathedral by receiving, raising, and managing capital and endowment funds for the Cathedral's buildings and grounds.

As a result of generous bequests, the Foundation is able to distribute to the Cathedral annually a percentage of the income from its two endowment funds, for use by the Dean and Vestry in accordance with donor intentions.

This year disbursements from The Capital Reserve Fund supported various projects including repairs to boiler system, replacement of windows in the sacristy, repair of pews to keep them operative, patches to the parking lot pavement, interventions to eradicate rodents from various elements of the physical plant, replacement of hot water tank, and plumbing repairs.

The Garden Guild has used proceeds from the Virginia Patty Fund this year for the preservation and improvements to the gardens surrounding the front lawn, removal of an infected tree, trimming of hedges, and additional plant materials.

The Foundation sponsored "Meet the Dean" events at Port Angeles and Bellingham to introduce the Dean to members of other congregations in our Diocese and to listen to what they desire from their Cathedral.

Cathedral Day grew in participants and activities, incorporating Diocesan confirmations with a grand parade with banners and acolytes. As always the "Dunk the Bishop and Dean" booth was a big hit.

Thanks to a generous donation and a bequest our year culminated in our being able to support the Capital Campaign with a gift of \$500,000.

Ways you can support the work of the Foundation in 2015:

- ◆ Include the Foundation in your estate plans.
- ◆ Attend a Planned Giving event.
- ◆ Give directly to the Foundation during the annual GiveBIG campaign.
- ◆ Join the fun at the next Cathedral Day: **Saturday, April 18, 2015. Save the date!**
- ◆ Attend a "Meet the Dean" event as we travel to other churches in the Diocese.

—Heather Hodsdon, Foundation Chair
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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Children and Family Ministries continues to grow at Saint Mark's! We are delighted to work closely with Youth Ministries, as well as the Choir School and our Liturgy Department to create opportunities for the children and families of the Cathedral to explore and participate in the various ministries of the Cathedral, and develop their Christian faith. As part of the Cathedral's Capital Campaign, we developed the mantra "we share our gifts," and this has caught on and grown as we go about our faith journeys together.

- ◆ Family/Intergenerational activities were well attended and supported, including Mardi Gras, Children's Stations of the Cross, Church School Celebration, Games on the Lawn, Advent Craft Fair, St. Nicholas Celebration, and Christmas Pageant.
- ◆ Baptism Preparation Classes for parents of young children continue to be well attended and enjoyed, with 5-10 families participating per class.
- ◆ Monthly Parents Night Out offers families with young children a chance for the children to socialize and an opportunity for parents to enjoy time together.
- ◆ 50 people (11 families) attended the now annual Family Campout in August, which included time in nature, worship on the river, hiking, and more.
- ◆ We hosted four Godly Play Workshops and two Safeguarding God's Children trainings, equipping adults to work with children and youth at Saint Mark's and around the diocese.
- ◆ We have four strong Godly Play classrooms, led by teaching teams of trained Godly Play teachers. We currently have 22 active teachers and substitutes sharing their faith with the children of the Cathedral.
- ◆ Church School (children) attendance for fall 2014 is up almost 10% over the same time in 2013, and 30% over 2012.



This year the children of the Cathedral presented a new Christmas pageant, based on Madeleine L'Engle's *The Glorious Impossible*.

- ◆ Children's Chapel at the 9 AM service for children age 4 through second grade is growing, led by a rotating team of teachers.
- ◆ Childcare is busy on Sunday mornings and for special events. We have a remarkable team of 7 trained and caring caregivers who keep this space safe and joyful.
- ◆ *Lego my Bible* (Summer Sunday School) was well-attended and continues to develop and grow.
- ◆ #WeShareOurGifts, a morning for children and families centered around stewardship and the Capital Campaign, was a lot of fun, and introduced the children to a variety of ministries as ways we share our gifts through and with the community of Saint Mark's.
- ◆ The Capital Campaign Children's Party, held in conjunction with the Parish Dinner, built on #WeShareOurGifts and further developed those themes through the story of Saint Nicholas, with opportunities for games and gift making.
- ◆ We are in the process of developing *The Christ Child Guild*, a ministry focused on support for families with new children.

We look forward to a new ministry, *First Sunday Family Breakfast*, beginning February 1, 2015. This time will offer families fellowship, formation, home-based practices, and fun.

—Cindy Spencer, Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries, cspencer@saintmarks.org

CHOIR SCHOOL

This was a year of continuing adventures for the Choir School! The **Junior Choristers** have doubled in number, and continue to learn and lead service music at the 9:00 and 11:00 AM liturgies. The **Boys and Girls Choir** sang for the “O” Antiphons Advent Procession, and went on their first pilgrimage to eastern Washington, singing at churches in Leavenworth, Wenatchee, and at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Spokane. The **Youth Ensemble** sang services at Christ Church, Tacoma, St. Paul’s, Queen Anne, and Church of the Ascension, Magnolia.

This past July, the Cathedral was buzzing with the second annual Saint Mark’s Choir Camp boasting 25 elementary school-aged choristers from the Cathedral and area parishes, as well as a large team of adult and teen volunteers. This year’s theme was “*God has Done Marvelous Things,*” and included a trip to the Bellevue College planetarium and singing at Fred Lind Manor, all culminating in an Evensong service and Sunday morning Eucharist.

Each chorister averages a total of 60 hours of rehearsal a year, and sings for approximately 24 liturgies. The next time you see a chorister, tell them thank you for their dedication and enthusiastic service to our Cathedral!

—Rebekah Gilmore & Brian Fairbanks
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The next installment of **SAINT MARK’S CHOIR CAMP** will be July 13-17, 2015, so spread the word, and consider volunteering!

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)

The Olympia Diocese sponsors two EfM classes which are housed at Saint Marks. This summary deals particularly with the Monday evening class, but much of it applies to the day-time class as well.

EfM is an extension of Sewanee Episcopal Seminary. Its objective is enlightened education about religious principles and ways of their practical application (“ministry”). The full cycle is four years, each of which involves a particular concentration (Hebrew Bible; New Testament; Church history and doctrine; and Modern theology) and exercises designed to recognize the relevance of those principles to modern concerns.

Most students are members of local parishes (including Saint Mark’s) but that is not a necessary precondition. Classes are conducted as seminars and happen during the academic year.

—Tom Hayton, ministry coordinator
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EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

Saint Mark's Cathedral is blessed to have 18 active, licensed Eucharistic Visitors who take Holy Communion, central to our identity and common life, to parishioners temporarily or permanently unable to join us at Sunday, Wednesday, or Thursday Eucharistic services. In 2014, 137 visits were made. We thank the visitors for their faithfulness to this ministry and the many other parishioners who have shared in the visits.

2014 was a year of transition, as Deacon Stephen Crippen, the clerical liaison for the ministry, departed for service at St. Paul's, Seattle, and Cathedral Canon Rev. Nancee Martin assumed that leadership role. We thank Dani Richmond for her 7 years of service as coordinator; Kevin Johnson now serves in that capacity.

A training for new visitors is scheduled for January 2015, and we look forward to the visitors' participation in the Community of Hope.

If you have any questions regarding this sacred ministry, or wish to accompany a visitor as we "extend the Table," please contact Nancee at nmartin@saintmarks.org, or Kevin at kevincjohnson@comcast.net.

—Kevin Johnson, ministry coordinator
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FACILITIES

The last year has been a busy one for the Facilities Ministry, with major emphasis on food safety and kitchen upgrades. Among the accomplishments were development and presentation of food safety training for ministries that do cooking, development of food safety guidelines custom-tailored to individual food preparation ministries, a top to bottom cleaning of the Bloedel Hall kitchen, and visits to the kitchens of several local churches to learn about their food preparation practices and kitchen designs. Much of this information will be used to develop improvements for the Bloedel Hall kitchen.

Other significant projects included preparation of an operations and maintenance manual for the Cathedral's mechanical and electrical systems, and the survey and development of a plan to upgrade exterior signs on the church campus (this plan will be implemented in 2015).

—John Selberg, ministry coordinator
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FAITH ACTION NETWORK

After Columbine, Sandy Hook, Café Racer, (and the list sadly goes on), the Saint Mark's FAN Ministry decided our faith called us to take action. Working with the Cathedral's governing board the Cathedral officially endorsed I-594, the statewide initiative to require background checks on all gun sales. With the Cathedral community, FAN, Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility and many faith communities the race was on to pass I-594 in the fall! Together we participated in informing and educating the congregation via a forum, fund raising, phone banks, house parties, and the faith march. I-594 was passed in the November election, and the important message was sent that gun responsibility matters, lives matter!

—Liz Shea, ministry coordinator
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met monthly throughout 2014 to review financial statements, monitor the budget, review investments, and receive the findings of the annual audit (a “clean” audit for 2013). This was another good year for Saint Mark’s Cathedral, in that we are projecting a small operating surplus in 2014, for the second year in a row. In 2014 the committee also created or revised several policies: the Gift Acceptance Policy (new); Investment Policy (revised); Operating Reserve Policy (new); and general Accounting Policies and Procedures (revised).

In March, the committee welcomed Mark Jacobs, the new Accounting Manager for Saint Mark’s. In December, we worked with Mark and Dean Steve Thomason to prepare the 2015 budget, which will be reviewed by the Vestry in January (later than usual, because of the joint capital campaign/annual campaign); it is a “break-even” budget of approximately \$1.8 million. The committee also consulted with Mark and Steve on capital campaign budgets and accounting procedures.

—*Maria Coldwell, ministry chair*
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FLOWERS

The mission of the Saint Mark’s Flower Committee is to enhance worship in the Cathedral through arrangements of flowers made with reverence and devotion. We offer our service to the glory of God.

Nineteen members make up the committee. We have organized ourselves into four teams, each of which is responsible for one Sunday a month, and the associated tasks throughout their week. In addition to the weekly flower arrangements, the committee adorns the Cathedral at Easter and Christmas, largely with flowers and greens gathered from parishioners, the Cathedral grounds, roadsides, and other sources. From time to time we also make arrangements for special services and events. Several of our members have been professional florists, but most of us learned to arrange the Cathedral flowers under the guidance of Cappy Rooks, and with the training offered by more experienced people.

The annual cost of flowers for the Cathedral is significant. It is covered by the Memorial Fund, by individual floral dedications and memorials, by flowers from some weddings and funerals, and by materials contributed by Flower Committee members.

—*Molly Henderson, ministry coordinator*
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GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

The Saint Mark's Cathedral Garden Volunteers have been caring for Cathedral gardens for many years. We meet the second Saturday of the month, February through November.

The majority of our work is the very basics of good gardening. We spread compost over the beds in the spring and we rake leaves onto the beds in the fall. In between those tasks, we keep up on the weeding and periodically, trim back bushes and transplant. The result of these routine chores is the glorious beauty that we see through each season of the year.

Last fall, we revived the flower bed next to the Leffler House ramp. The process involves sprinkling a molasses/water mixture over the area, covering it with newspaper, topping it with a layer of leaves and then compost. Worms are attracted to the molasses and eat their way through the sod. By springtime, we will see new dirt where weeds used to be.

We welcome all to join us. Just bring your gloves and a water bottle. We have extra tools.

—Norva Osborn, ministry coordinator
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GREENBELT

As head of the Saint Mark's Greenbelt I can report the good, the bad, and the ugly that occurred over the course of 2014 in our beloved greenbelt.

We planted over 400 more native plants in the greenbelt, had 19 official work parties, 111 volunteers, and 403 volunteer hours spent in the greenbelt. We opened up new planting areas on the lower Southwest slope and completed half a dozen survival rings. We have four dedicated forest stewards at this time, two of which hale from Saint Mark's, one from Eastlake, and one from Capitol Hill.

2014 also brought a few changes, as a very large alder tree succumbed to high winds, not once but twice during the course of the year, with half crashing down in May and the other half in October.

The ugly came in the form of major homeless encampments and drug shooting galleries that occupied multiple sites throughout the summer. We finally convinced the city to come out and clean up the area near the end of September. Two areas have since been cordoned off with fences to keep people out of critical zones and newly planted areas. The trail is slowly being improved by the city and we continue to bring nature back to this incredible natural area that is at our doorstep.

We encourage use of the space by all of those capable of navigating the terrain. Looking ahead we will be holding a visual arts ministry exhibit in the greenbelt in the spring of 2016.

—Robert Hayden, ministry coordinator
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A work party on the Greenbelt.

On August 30, 2014, Saint Mark's welcomed and blessed a 19-foot totem pole of the Lummi Nation, as it began its journey around the Western U.S. and Canada. The pole was made in protest of the planned coal export terminal at Cherry Point, on lands sacred to the Lummi. Over 400 people filled the nave for the event.



2014 GRATITUDE GATHERINGS: NEW & VARIOUS CONNECTIONS

Another great summer of fellowship was enjoyed at twelve Gratitude Gatherings, attended by 142 people (excluding hosts).

New highlights in 2014 were the classic car show at the Cathedral and two tours of the new Bullitt Center on Capitol Hill.

Gratitude Gatherings are sponsored by the Stewardship and Hospitality Ministries.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERSHIP

The Saint Mark's Habitat for Humanity Justice Ministry is now in its twenty-first year of service, and continues to have a dedicated and active core group of volunteers. For the past seven years we have volunteered the first Saturday of each month at the Rainier Vista site in Rainier Valley where the group helped build several multi-unit homes. Before this project, the Habitat volunteers participated in builds in several Seattle-area locations, including South Park, Judkins Park, Snoqualmie Ridge, Beacon Hill, West Seattle, and New Holly. Our volunteers have also attended many domestic and international Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Projects (JRCWP), and, in conjunction with the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, have helped rebuild homes in New Orleans that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

—*Jacqueline Miller, ministry coordinator*
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HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality Ministry includes greeters, ushers, welcome table staff as well as the newcomers welcome ministry, parish hospitality for funerals, weddings and other events, and the annual summer Gratitude Gatherings. All of these functions were carried out by numerous volunteers. This year also saw training sessions for greeters, ushers and welcome table volunteers. Each month, coffee receptions or brunches were hosted for newcomers. This summer 142 parishioners enjoyed 12 Gratitude Gatherings. New volunteers are always welcome, especially newcomers to Saint Mark's, since these ministries offer a comfortable way to meet people and orient oneself to the parish.

—*Deacon Earl Grout, ministry coordinator*
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HUNGER OFFERING

WHAT: The Hunger Offering Ministry is dedicated to contributing to the following food programs in the greater Seattle area.

- ◆ **St. Brigid's Banquet.** Saint Mark's own hunger ministry provides food services to Capitol Hill.
- ◆ **Downtown Food Bank** provides food services to downtown Seattle
- ◆ **Compass Center** provides food and emergency shelter services to adults in Pioneer Square
- ◆ **Lifelong AIDS Alliance** provides food services to homebound patients in Seattle/King County
- ◆ **Food Bank at St. Mary's** provides food services to South Seattle/Central District.
- ◆ **Immanuel Community Services** provides food, shelter and recovery services to South Lake Union/Cascade District

WHO: Seven current committee members. (Nancy Pearson, Roland Yancey, Wendy Townsend, Linda Julien, Liz Shea, Stacy Andersen, Sarah Beer)

WHEN: Monthly collections are taken the second Sunday of each month.

WHERE: Collections are taken at our fellowship table and at the offering baskets near the Nave doors.

DONATIONS: The six food programs received over \$9000 in 2014.

—Sarah Beer, ministry coordinator
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MIDEAST FOCUS

Mideast Focus Ministry promotes an understanding of justice and peace in the Middle East in the Saint Mark's Parish and the Greater Seattle Community through mission, prayer, education and action. In 2014 we:

- ◆ sponsored a film festival under Ruth McRee's leadership, with six films focusing on the consequences of the Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.
- ◆ co-sponsored and supported "Seeds of Justice and Hope for Palestinians/Israelis: What is required of US?," a two day Sabeel Conference in Portland, and a member's participation in a Jordan River Environmental Conference with three faiths.
- ◆ developed a Middle East Resource Center under the leadership of Valerie Van Osdel.
- ◆ co-sponsored Kids4Peace, an inter-faith camp, and a bone marrow registry drive with Temple de Hirsch Sinai.
- ◆ sponsored presentations by Palestinian Christians, Jewish activists, former Israeli soldiers, authors, and professors including: Daoud Nassar of Tent of Nations, Rev. Alex Awad, Max Blumenthal, Alison Weir, Marc Braverman, and Israeli and Palestinian parents who have lost children and are working towards reconciliation.
- ◆ raised funds for the film *1948: Creation and Catastrophe* in honor of Brenda Bentz, former chair of Mideast Focus Ministry.
- ◆ promoted trips to Palestine and support of the Diocese of Jerusalem.
- ◆ explored Boycott, Divestment and Sanction action with a panel of Stanford Professors; a presentation at Temple de Hirsch Sinai; and a presentation by Dr. Michael Kinnamon, a professor at Seattle University.
- ◆ created a Middle East Information table for third Sunday of the month.

—Randy Urmston, ministry coordinator
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MUSIC

The music ministry of Saint Mark's saw many changes during 2014. The choirs flourished under the direction of full-time musicians Mel Butler (leading the Cathedral Choir, Saint Mark's Singers, and 9:00 Ensemble) and Brian Fairbanks (leading the Gallery Choir, The Youth Ensemble, and Women's Choir). Brian also assists with the Cathedral Choir and serves as Chapel Organist. Rebekah Gilmore continues as Assistant Director of the Choir School, directing both the Junior Choristers and the Boys and Girls Choir. Alan DePuy was our Assistant Organist until the middle of March, at which time Roger Sherman resumed his duties as Associate Organist.

We are fortunate to have such talented and experienced musicians in our midst. The 45-voice **Cathedral Choir**, in addition to its weekly 11 AM service duties, continues to sing a choral mass once a month, in addition to special liturgies such as the annual "O" Antiphons service. Often one of the youth choirs joins the Cathedral Choir for Sunday liturgies.

The 30-voice **Saint Mark's Singers** sing weekly at the 9 AM service, and the **9:00 Ensemble** flourishes with ten members: flutes, trombones, oboe, clarinets, guitar and percussion. The 18-voice **Gallery Choir** and the 20-voice **Women's Choir** continue to sing regularly for Evensongs, summer services, and occasional Sunday morning services throughout the year.

Of special note is the retirement of Mel Butler as Canon Musician. We celebrated his ministry with a festive Choral Evensong on Tuesday, December 30. Singers included members of the Cathedral Choir, Gallery Choir and Saint Mark's Singers, and the Ensemble led us in the office hymn. We also welcomed back former Music Associate Dent Davidson, as well as former Assistant Organist Tom Joyce, and Chapel Organist Emeritus Herb Williams. A hymn was commissioned from Cathedral Choir member Hanna Benn, entitled "Oh the Life of the World is a Joy and a Treasure."

—Brian Fairbanks,
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"MUSIC FOR A JOYOUS CELEBRATION"

On February 2, 2014, the Cathedral Choir and the Youth Ensemble sang the Seattle premiere of a choral mass by American organist and composer—and Saint Mark's member—Joe Running.

"GOTTES ZEIT IST DIE ALLERBESTE ZEIT"

On April 6, 2014, the Cathedral Choir, accompanied by an ensemble of recorders, violas da gamba, cello, and positiv organ, presented J.S. Bach's Cantata BWV 106, "Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit" ("God's time is the very best time"). This funeral cantata complemented the Gospel lesson of the day, the raising of Lazarus.



NOEL HOUSE WOMEN'S SHELTER

Providing a safe, welcoming and comfortable sleeping space for homeless women since 1999.

Sunday through Thursday, hospitality is extended to 30 women in Bloedel Hall. Evening volunteers work 9:00–10:30 PM, serving the women hot soup, a roll, and fruit or vegetable salad; morning volunteers assist staff from 5:30–7:00 AM, offering cereal, yogurt, fruit, and juice, as well as helping with cleanup.

Weekly orders from Food Lifeline, as well as volunteer donations of food, supplement the weekly shopping needs. A dedicated soup-making group cooks up delicious soups once a month—and the Noel House women love it!

During the summer, we are blessed with garden produce harvested from our very own Saint Mark's kitchen garden. The women enjoy the salad greens, tomatoes, beans, radishes, and other fresh vegetables.

In December, we collected items for 30 holiday gift bags and distributed them to our Noel House friends on Christmas morning. Items included: a hand knit hat, scarf, a pair of gloves, socks, toiletries, a Bartell's gift card and Starbucks card, a holiday card holding \$15 cash, some cookies, and a Satsuma orange.

—Norva Osborn, ministry coordinator
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OIKOCREDIT

Oikocredit International funds over 800 microfinance institutions and cooperatives serving low-income and marginalized people in 63 developing countries, with investments from over 50,000 individuals and institutions. In 2014, our northwest volunteers made educational presentations and hosted visits by international staff and partners. Highlights include:

Warren Armstrong from **Aldea Global**, an association of coffee farmers in northern Nicaragua, spoke on challenges posed by climate change and the latest results of their microfinance program, *Fondo San Marcos*, funded by Saint Mark's Cathedral and individual parishioners. Oikocredit's Honduras Manager **Gerardo Lopez** explained financing and capacity-building assistance to the region's coffee growers. Oikocredit's West Africa Manager, **Mariam Dao Gabala**, spoke on Oikocredit's pivotal role in helping project partner **Cocovico** build their market place in Ivory Coast. Six members from the northwest attended Oikocredit International meetings (in Germany and Peru) to participate as part of the global cooperative.

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QUILTING MINISTRY

A new weekly 7:00 PM **CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** began Sunday, January 12, 2014, characterized by “three C’s”:

CHAPEL. Using the sacred space of Thomsen Chapel, this celebration of the Holy Eucharist is designed to invite an intimate community into common worship

CONTEMPLATIVE. Intentional spaces of silence and contemplative music is used during the service to create an atmosphere of quiet reflection opening into the Divine Presence.

CANDLELIGHT. Drawing on themes of darkness and light at the evening hour, we are invited into the sacred space using all our senses.

The Quilt Ministry meets on the third Saturday of each month. An average of 10–13 active members regularly participate to make comfort quilts for Saint Mark’s parishioners and presentation quilts for special occasions. In addition, the ministry contributed to increased Hunger Offerings with raffled quilts on occasional Hunger Offering Sundays, raised over \$750 additionally for the Hunger Offering with the sale of Christmas gift bags, and designed, constructed, and installed new music holders for the Choir Room chairs. Members also participated in Cathedral Day and sponsored one after-service coffee hour.

Comfort quilts (13) were given to Nan Nalder, Catherine McDonald, Linda Czeisler, Dick Garlich, Edmund Dailey, George Egger, Roberta Brumbaugh, Brian Sellers-Petersen, Janet McCully, Carolyn and Glenn White, George Marshall, Marilyn Milberger and Vern Williams.

Presentation quilts (4) were given to Dean Steve and Kathy Thomason to celebrate their residence in the Saint Mark’s deanery, Mel Butler and Mary Coon in honor of Mel’s retirement, Liz Sloat in appreciation for her work as Communications Director, and El McFarland in honor of her retirement from the Cathedral Shop.

The Quilt Ministry regularly welcomes new members. Quilting skill is not required!

—Carol Green & Jo Ann Bailey, coordinators
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Singing “Silent Night” by candlelight has quickly become a popular element of the Cathedral’s Christmas Eve liturgies.

ST. BRIGID’S BANQUET

In 2014 St. Brigid’s Banquet has carried out its mission of serving meals to the Seattle homeless community while providing an opportunity for service for our volunteers. Meals are cooked and served by our volunteers for the men at the St. Martin de Porres shelter (every third Sunday of the month) and for the Teen Feed meal in the University District (every second Friday). For the second year in a row, we have expanded our service. We added two new regular monthly events: cooking and serving at the Belltown Noel House women’s shelter on the last Monday of each month, and cooking meals once a month to be served by the staff at the Belltown Noel House shelter. These expansions are due to an ever-growing group of dedicated volunteers from the Saint Mark’s Cathedral congregation and generous financial support from Saint Mark’s and the Hunger Offering.

—Elisabeth Wurtmann,
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WORSHIP & LITURGY

The liturgy office and liturgical ministers of this community are responsible for “keeping” the faith community’s story in words, song, ritual action, and symbols, and assisting in its telling and re-telling through facilitating the community’s planning, preparation, and enacting of our liturgies. In addition to our regular Sunday and weekday worship, we provide many seasonal services such as Christmas and Holy Week services. We work to equip the assembly for their worship through classes and written materials about liturgy. We train and support the hundreds of liturgical ministers, including many children, who serve in specific roles at all of our liturgies.

We work with many people and communities beyond the Saint Mark’s parish. We work with people and families at significant life moments as they come to Saint Mark’s for baptisms, marriages, and funerals. The Liturgy office manages diocesan worship services such as ordinations, confirmations, and the worship of Diocesan Convention.

Highlights this year include the design and acquisition of a fabulous new festal vestment set, which features a cross design specifically created for Saint Mark’s; a successful shift of the Sunday Evening liturgy to a contemplative candlelit service; the institution of weekday celebrations of the major feast days of the church year, and the blessing of the new deanery.

—Becky Morrill, Canon Precentor
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SPECIAL EUCHARISTS FOR FEAST DAYS, 2014 (A SELECTION)

Feast of St. Francis & the Blessing of the Animals (photo, left)

Feast of St. Stephen

Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Feast of the Holy Name

SPECIAL SERVICES, 2014 (A SELECTION)

Twelfth Night

Ash Wednesday

Stations of the Cross

Octave of Prayer for Peace

Rogation Sunday

Blessing of the Scholars

Welcoming Rite for Newcomers

Thanksgiving Day

“O” Antiphons

Blue Christmas Service

St. Francis day photo
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SUSTAINABILITY

The Sustainability Ministry began 2014 with a Lenten series that considered environmental justice efforts through the lens of Christian ethics by reading *Resisting Structural Evil* by Cynthia Moe-Lobeda. Working with the Facilities Committee, Ministry members led the effort to clean and reorganize Bloedel kitchen and establish standards and practices for kitchen sustainability and healthy sanitation. Also with Facilities Committee, we initiated the preparation of an Operations and Maintenance Manual for Saint Mark’s, to institutionalize energy-saving and sustainable practices throughout the Cathedral’s campus. In August, the Ministry, with Earth Ministry and the Sierra Club, co-hosted the Lummi Totem Pole journey during its stop in Seattle, providing hospitality for Lummi tribe members and for the over 400 people present to bless the Totem Pole and learn about the Tribe’s efforts to protect their tribal lands.

—Judith Andrews, ministry coordinator
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YOUTH FORMATION

PRAYER FOR YOUNG PERSONS

God our Father, you see your children gowing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure not as a measure of their worth, but a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On any given Sunday morning at Saint Mark's, if you look beyond your pew, 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 Youth Ensemble. The youth at Saint Mark's continue to be a "vital part of the worshipping community" here. In 2014, Bre Overton, Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator also gathered youth outside of Sunday mornings to build a community with activities such as bouldering, youth retreats to Camp Casey and experiencing the Stations of the Cross in an "urban adventure." The youth shared laughs, experiences, and lots of pizza and cereal.

We kicked off the 2014-15 year with the addition of Malcolm McLaurin, the Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and wasted little time gathering for a return trip to the Seattle Bouldering Project. On Sunday mornings the Youth Group met during the 10:10 formation hour.

As we celebrate what 2014 was in the life of Youth Ministry at Saint Mark's, we do so with a keen eye on what is to come. Our hopes for the new year are vast and ambitious, but we would expect nothing less for the present and future of our church.

—Malcolm McLaurin,
Canon for Youth & Young Adult Ministries,
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VESTRY

The Saint Mark's Vestry continued working diligently to lead, guide, and support spiritual and fiscal growth in the community. In addition, the need to restore the physical plant took center stage as a successful Capital Campaign was planned and implemented.

Worship and prayer remain the focus of our life together. Sunday worship was expanded to include a contemplative service at 7:00 PM, and all services are well-attended and transformative. The Octave of Prayer during the summer focused our hearts during troubling times. Adult and youth faith formation is full of opportunity for growth and enlightenment. Visitors and seekers are intentionally welcomed and incorporated into the community.

Highlights of the work of the Vestry during 2014 include: purchasing a Deanery (12/31/2013) and hosting an open house there in June; hiring Olson Kundig Architects and the Enrichment Group's Marc Rieke to guide the *Living Stones: Building for Ministry* capital campaign; crafting a Listening Process that was used in July to hear a request to endorse 1-594, then formally approving that request; viewing and approving final design plans for the Cathedral renovation and expansion; supporting and approving the Capital Campaign leadership team's plans for a fall campaign (with most vestry members also part of this team); approving new Gift Acceptance and Operating Reserve policies and a thoroughly revised Accounting Policies and Procedures; participating in an extensive "branding" study which developed a new logo and look for all Saint Mark's publications; launching a large and successful search for the Canon Musician; reviewing monthly financial reports and formally accepting them at the end of each quarter; welcoming new staff (Cathedral Canon Nancee Martin, Canon for Youth Ministries Malcolm McLaurin,

Accounting Manager Mark Jacobs, and Facilities Manager Glenn Sands); and bidding farewell to beloved staff—Canon Musician Mel Butler, Communications Director Liz Sloat, and Shop Manager El McFarland.

The work of the Vestry was guided by the Strategic Plan (adopted in December 2013) and made possible through dedicated servant leaders. Many leaders have reports included here, and many more did their work silently and faithfully. Thank you to each of you.

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**IN 2014 WE WELCOMED
TO OUR CAMPUS:**

Karen Armstrong
(photo, left) and the
 Compassionate
 Communities
 Conference

The Rev. Joan Brown
 Campbell

Diana Butler Bass

Barbara Brown Taylor

The Rt. Rev. Diane M.
 Jardine Bruce,
 Bishop Suffragan of the
 Episcopal Diocese of
 Los Angeles

The Rev. Bill Miller

The Rev. Michael
 “Corky” Carlisle

The Rev. Dr. Michael
 Kinnamon

Walter Brueggman,
 Lauren Winner, and
 the late Marcus Borg
(photo, left) at the
 National Episcopal
 Preaching Conference.



HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

New to Saint Mark's? Welcome! We hope you will take the time to fill out a newcomer card and let us know how we can serve you. **Been around for a while and want to jump in deeper? Great!**

There is a lot of information about the Saint Mark's parish in the entryway to the main worship space and on our website (www.saintmarks.org). We are also happy to answer your questions either through our monthly newcomer coffee hours after the 11 AM service, our quarterly brunches, or one-on-one with a member of the clergy or staff.

Subscribe to our weekly email, *Sundays & Beyond*, to keep up with what's happening. (Look for the "join our email lists" link on our website.)

Contact us at newcomers@saintmarks.org and we'll connect you with others in the parish.

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