

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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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.



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, serving others, taking Sabbath time for renewal, practicing hospitality to all, generous, joyful giving from, what we have been given.

I WANT TO LEARN 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 go deeper? Great!**

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

Subscribe to Saint Mark's weekly e-newsletter, Sundays & Beyond, at saintmarks.org/subscribe.

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

2017 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DEAN AND RECTOR



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

Well, it's been quite a year! My heart is brimming with gratitude and great joy given all the ways we've lived into our mission in the past twelve months. In the Benedictine rhythms of life, the practice or vow of obedience is not so much about "obeying the rules" or doing what you're told as it is about being faithful to one's true vocation at any given moment. I have a keen sense that this parish has been obedient to God's call to us with remarkable faithfulness in this time, and that we are doing what we are supposed to do and being who we are supposed to be—for each other, for the broader church, and for a broken hurting world, and always to the glory of God.

The pages that follow in this booklet describe in some detail many of the ways this faithfulness is manifest. I'd like to highlight a few here—not because they are more important than any other (we would do well to remember St. Paul's admonition that the body is richer with every part present), but because these have shaped our lives so generously and in so many ways.

1. **The Living Stones Campaign and Construction Project.** As the final elements of work on the project are completed, there is a sense of standing on the shoulders of those who've gone before, while also laying down a legacy for generations to come after us. To date we've raised just over \$9.5 million on the \$10.4 million project which will preserve the cathedral building for decades to come. But in it all we are reminded that the work on the building was engaged SO THAT mission and ministry might continue here well into the future.

2. **Saint Mark's 2030 Plan.** Adopted by the Vestry mid-year 2017, this comprehensive strategic visioning work will guide

our prioritization of other capital needs on the buildings and grounds as well as developing a master campus plan driven by the needs of ministries. I'm grateful to all who contributed to this effort.

3. **Worship**—the centerpiece of all that we do, and the reason we exist. While our average attendance dipped a bit due to construction challenges in 2017, we still had more than 40,000 attended worship here on Sundays, thousands more for weekday services, weddings and funerals, and tens of thousands more listening to Compline via internet or radio and, since Easter, watching the Cathedral Eucharist, Choral Evensong and other special services via our new livestreaming ministry.

4. **Justice.** Buoyed by the faithful work of so many in established ministries, and augmented by more than 100 new persons engaged in tangible responses to the Statement of Commitment and Action which the vestry adopted in December 2016, there is a palpable momentum afoot that what we say we believe we enact in our lives. A special shout out to the Habitat for Humanity crew who have quietly worked this past year to improve accessibility in our buildings, provide new space for the choir and childcare space, all with an eye toward hospitality, a core value we hold here.

5. **Formation and Community Life.** In the midst of so many "special" projects engaged this past year, I want to highlight and give thanks for all who've carried on with their faithful work of spiritual nurture, caring for one another, pastorally, spiritually, formationally, communally. It is the substrate for a healthy spiritual community, and I'm so glad for the ways we do this, together.

6. **Diocesan Relations.** There is a renewed sense of commitment to be the cathedral for the entire diocese, and this



has translated into several points of engagement with other parishes in the past year, especially with the backdrop of the Living Stones campaign appeal in which every congregation in the diocese was asked to contribute. To date some 50 congregations have, and I've enjoyed very much the invitations to preach and teach in several of these in recent months.

7. The Broader Community. More than 100 community groups and non-profits call this cathedral “home”—a location for their meetings, fundraisers, and special events of celebration and sorrow. It is a community resource in that way, but it is also worth noting that the cathedral is active in a variety of ways, providing leadership to local and national efforts to ease human suffering, to respond to the planet’s climate crisis and related environmental disasters, to work in the cause of peace, and justice and reconciliation.

I could go on and on, but let me stop at seven—a good biblical number, and say thank you once more to all who are here, in this community, and to also say, I believe that the same faithfulness with which you have all gone about our common life in the past year will be required still, in this new year, as we continue to “live and move and have our being” as the community that bears Christ’s name in this place. So, carry on, good and faithful servants, and know that I walk with you, with a glad heart.

Gratefully,

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



SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8 A.M. Eucharist, Thomsen Chapel
 9 A.M. Eucharist Cathedral Nave
 11 AM Eucharist, Cathedral Nave
 4:30 PM Choral Evensong, Cathedral Nave (*First Sundays, October-May*)
 7 PM Contemplative Eucharist, Thomsen Chapel
 9:30 PM Compline, Cathedral Nave

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 6:30 PM
 Evening Prayer: McCaw or Thomsen Chapels
 MONDAYS, 7:15-9:15 PM
 Centering Prayer in McCaw Chapel
 WEDNESDAYS, 12 NOON
 Eucharist in Thomsen Chapel
 THURSDAYS, 7 AM
 Eucharist in Thomsen Chapel
 THURSDAYS, 12 PM
 Centering Prayer in Cathedral House 209 (*temporary relocation*)

CATHEDRAL STAFF

The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason, *Dean & Rector*
 The Rev. Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, *Associate to the Rector*
 The Rev. Canon Nancy Ross, *Associate to the Rector*
 The Rev. Cristi Chapman, *Curate*
 The Rev. Earl Grout, *Deacon*
 Craig Ackermann, *Sexton*
 Jason Anderson, *Compline Choir Director*
 Liz Bartenstein, *Communications Director*
 Irene Beausoleil, *Events & Office Coordinator*
 Greg Bloch, *Cathedral Shop Associate*
 Erik Donner, *Executive Assistant to the Dean*
 Ian Ford, *Sexton*
 Rebekah Gilmore, *Associate Musician & Choir School Director*
 Cam Jarvis, *Music Series Coordinator & Choir School Registrar*
 Michael Kleinschmidt, *Canon Musician*
 Karen Komoto, *Bookkeeper*
 Barbara Martin, *Child Care Director*
 Malcolm McLaurin, *Canon for Youth & Young Adult Ministries*
 Kelly Moody, *Director of Children's and Family Ministries*
 Glenn Sands, *Facilities Manager*
 John Stuntebeck, *Associate Organist*

Worship & Music

WORSHIP & LITURGY



Central to all that we do and are 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. This past year, as the Living Stones construction project unfolded, we took great care to ensure the worshipping life of this community faithfully pressed on, even while the absence of windows and noise surely influenced the experience. Even still, more than 40,000 passed through the doors, with six services on Sundays, and week-day services in Thomsen Chapel. Add to that the weddings, funerals, ordinations, Cathedral Day (with 75 confirmations and receptions), we persisted as the people of God gathered in this place. By November we reclaimed the nave, freed from scaffolding, and with new windows, even though important work continued elsewhere on the building. It takes a host of ministers to plan and conduct all these services of worship—many are described in more detail in other accounts included in this booklet. I am grateful for them all, and for all who call this place their spiritual home. “Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!”

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



MUSIC

The music staff amicably completed their second full year together in 2017. Congregational singing remains robust in the 11am service and is becoming ever more confident in the 9 a.m. service. Attendance at Choral Evensong continued to grow in 2017.

Approximately 75 adults and 52 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. The Evensong Choir, comprising advanced choristers, youth, and adults, continued to grow and deepen in numbers and skill. They cemented plans to sing week-long residencies at Ely Cathedral and Saint Paul’s, London, in July, 2018.

The building project of 2017 led to felicitous room reassignments for the choirs. Rooms in the Saint Nicholas Building are now home base for the Choir School, and the Northrup Room is now home base for the adult choirs.

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 four Sundays monthly, and the 11 a.m. Eucharist with the Cathedral Choir on one Sunday monthly. As in 2015 and 2016, a splendid Pageant of the Nativity was a high point of the Choir School’s calendar year, as was the annual summer choir camp week.

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.

The Arts at Saint Mark's Music Series continued to draw appreciative guests of all ages. (See the Music Series Coordinator's report in the Community Life section.)

Profound thanks to all singers, Choir School families, concert underwriters, 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 Musician
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THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

The Saint Mark's Choir School finishes another fun-filled year of growth and joyful music making. Each week, 52 choristers attend rehearsals, services, and musicianship tutoring in the St. Nicholas Building - Mezzanine Level, the new home of the Choir School. In the fall of 2017, rehearsals and classes were moved to these classrooms allowing the choirs a permanent home and extra weekday space for six dedicated adult volunteers to tutor 24 Sr. Choristers at our drop-in music tutoring center. Over the course of the year, 15 new children and youth became cathedral choristers, most coming to the choirs through the annual Open Houses held in January, the annual summer Choir Camp, or through the publicity of the Pageant of the Nativity.

Choir Camp 2017 embraced the construction project outfitting the 37 campers in t-shirts reading "Caution: God's Work Zone". Once again, campers included children from around the Diocese and, through cathedral generosity, many campers joined us with the help of scholarships. The Sr. Choristers traveled on choir pilgrimage to Sun Valley, Idaho, made an appearance singing Compline with the Compline Choir far past their bed-time, and playing host to the semi-annual Cathedral Children's Choir Festival boasting five of the regions children's choirs. The high school Schola traveled to Eastern Washington on retreat singing services at St. Luke's Episcopal in Wenatchee. Choir School choristers (and their parents!) again brought the story of the Nativity to life in music and action during the Pageant of the Nativity. The YouTube video of the Pageant has the most number of views of any Cathedral video so far!

Thanks to an exciting grant from the Diocese of Olympia, the Choir School will be hiring additional conducting, accompanying, and administrative help to further the growth and offerings of the Choir School. Stay tuned!

THE COMPLINE CHOIR

The Compline Choir dealt with a unique challenge this year, as construction meant window removal in the nave. As the windows disappeared, so did our acoustical space and the peace and tranquility which those old "temporary" win-



dows afforded us. With the new windows in place, we are rediscovering what it's like to be at home in the right space, in the right acoustic, using the right vocal technique, and utilizing our ears and eyes more purposefully. 2017 was a productive year for us and we have much to be thankful for and much to celebrate!

- Thanks to Scott Kovac's leadership, and the generosity of 80+ donors, we helped Saint Mark's to raise \$150,000 for the capital campaign and were able to successfully name the half-sized window in memory of Peter Hallock. The window will be blessed and dedicated at Compline on March 11.
- On December 3, we actively participated in the Advent Procession: O Antiphon Service, singing multiple anthems and ringing 31 hand bells.
- On December 31, we offered a special candlelit Compline service, surrounded by 600 people walking or waiting to walk on one of the many labyrinths in place.
- There were 18,609 SoundCloud listeners to recordings of Compline through KING-FM and 19,324 streams, downloads, or purchases of Compline Choir digital music. Our greatest listening-base is in the United States, but we also reach notable numbers of people in Canada, the UK, Australia, South Korea, Switzerland, Japan, Germany, the Netherlands, and Spain. The Office of the Compline, sung by the Compline Choir in Seattle, Washington is still Classical 98.1 KING-FM's most listened-to half hour. Approximately 10,000 to 30,000 are listening to the Compline Choir chant Compline on Sunday nights.

In 2018, we hope to produce a new CD of music for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. We want to lift this as an opportunity to help finance this project through an extraordinary gift to the Compline Choir. The estimated cost of this recording project is \$8,000. Looking toward August 2019, the Compline Choir will be serving as choir-in-residence at both Canterbury and Salisbury Cathedrals in England.

—*J. Scott Kovacs, Compline Choir Board President*
Jason A. Anderson, II Compline Choir Director

Prayer & Contemplation

EVENING PRAYER & CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

As a community, we are creating more opportunities to be together in prayer, contemplation, and silence. We offer a contemplative, candle-lit Sunday evening service at 7 p.m. in Thomsen Chapel. Evening Prayer is offered daily, Monday-Friday at 6:30pm in either McCaw or Thomsen Chapel. Centering Prayer is practiced on Monday evenings at 7:15pm in McCaw Chapel, and a Contemplative Prayer sit in silence is offered on Thursday at noon in McCaw Chapel.

CATHEDRAL YOGA

A practice thousands of years old, yoga coordinates the integration of body, mind and spirit. In the past forty years, yoga has become an immensely popular form of centering, stretching and increasing strength. The practice invites us to bring awareness inside the body with various asanas (poses) and also focuses on coordinating the movements with deep breathing and a meditative mind. By the end of class, participants have stretched most major muscle groups in a gradual and restorative format. An average of 15–25 people attend and are invited to make a donation to the Cathedral. Cathedral Yoga was a concept introduced to the community and the congregation by Dean Steve Thomason in September 2013. Classes are offered every Sunday evening from 6–7 p.m. on the altar platform. Some of those attending have never before set foot inside the cathedral and stay afterwards to ask questions about the history of the Cathedral. Teachers Emily Bogen and Irene Beausoleil are certified yoga instructors and now lead the ministry in place of the program founders, Brenna Kramer and Wendy Townsend.

—Irene Beausoleil, ibeausoleil@saintmarks.org

LISTENING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

This group uses a reflective model saturated with silence and the compassionate stream of God's love. Led by a team of leaders, it is open to all interested in listening for the presence and call of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

—Phillip Lienau, *ministry coordinator*, silbern@icloud.com

PRAYER CHAIN

100+ members pray, each in their own way, for parishioners, family and friends who have requested prayers for various concerns and thanksgivings. We want to be known in the Saint Mark's community as being present and available for any and all who desire, need, count on prayer support. There are no meetings. To join or make prayer requests, contact Jonie Pritchard.

—Jonie Pritchard, *ministry coordinator*, joniepr@msn.com

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

In early 2017, parents gathered with clergy to discern the needs of our children and families at Saint Mark's. These brainstorming sessions led to a new vision, articulated as follows: *"we seek to nurture each child's spiritual journey by grounding them in the Christian story, supporting parents and children's primary pastors, and building a community of faith and fun for all ages."* With this vision in mind a half-time staff position was posted in May, and filled in October. In 2017, we witnessed the baptism of 12 children, and maintained an average Sunday attendance of 19 students in church school. Parents were treated to a *Faith at Home* workshop with Wendy Claire Barrie, and 9 people attended a Godly Play class for adults.

Whole-family formation gatherings included topics like "Stump the Dean," Instructed Eucharist with Pat Taylor, and St. Francis Sunday with Emily Austin. Special events included the Epiphany Feast of Lights, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, kids' stations of the cross, Cathedral Day, Pentecost "Red Run/ Bike/Walk", and a parish-wide Advent kick-off with alternative giving options.

New offerings in 2017:

- Summer Sunday School: relaxed, fun-focused Christian formation.
- Last Splash of Summer Picnic, co-hosted with Choir School and Youth.
- A weekly formation e-newsletter for families.
- Introduction of *Jesus and His Kingdom of Equals* for 3rd-5th grade.
- Customized bulletins and hospitality for children on Easter Day, Cathedral Day, and Christmas Eve.
- Families as element-bearers at the 9 a.m. service

In 2018, we will move the Childcare Center into the main building so young children will be easily accessible to their parents in Bloedel Hall or the Nave. We also look forward to partnering with other ministry leaders to continue integrating children's and families' formation into broader parish life.

—Kelly Moody, *Director of Children and Family Ministries*, kmoody@saintmarks.org

YOUTH FORMATION

Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation.

While we continue to focus on creating a safe space and modeling healthy relationships in the Saint Mark's Youth Ministry, this year, which ushered in living into our new youth space, the attention was turned to opportunities to be together. The goal was to create many different points of contact for the youth to be in community. With that goal in mind, two new programming events were added.

Sunday Night Youth Group: On the first Sunday of the month, the youth gather in the Youth Room for games, curated music, and pizza. We gather with rousing games of

ping-pong and end in prayer. This gathering intentionally follows Evensong, where many of the youth sing or attend.

Fifth Friday Fun: On the months with 5 Fridays, on the fifth we gather for an off campus outing. Bowling was a hit as parents joined us for a little competition, but in 2018 we are planning a trip to the Pinball Museum for a night of fun.

Highlights from the past year:

- Youth Formation Sunday Mornings at 10:10 A.M in the New Youth Room. Any given Sunday we are engaging in Lectio Divina, conversation that connect our “church” life and “school” life, or just sharing doughnuts and chatting.
- Year 2 Social Justice Pilgrimage to the South; 17 youth from around the Diocese (5 from Saint Mark’s) took a trip through Jackson, MS, New Orleans, and Alabama (Selma, Birmingham, Montgomery) to experience the history of social justice in the heart of the movement through culture and leaders who lived it in hopes of inspiration to further live into our Baptismal Covenant.

- New Programming Line Up for the 2017-18 Year

—*Malcolm McLaurin, Canon for Youth & Young Adult Ministries, mmclaurin@saintmarks.org*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

At baptism, we promise to continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship. During 2017, there were many opportunities to engage and continue in the practice of Christian formation at Saint Mark’s. Throughout the year, Sunday forums provided a venue to discuss a wide range variety of topics. Some of the forums included: discussions on the Saint Mark’s Covenant, the theology and practice of sanctuary, a multi-week series on preparing for Advent, Vestry forums, and construction updates. Cathedral Commons offered a regular weeknight opportunity for people to be nourished and formed in a more in depth fashion. 2017 Commons offerings included multi-week series on Spirituality and Leadership, Wisdom of Attachment, Interpretation of Dreams as a Spiritual Exercise, and Exploring the Prophets. In addition, a lectionary based weekly Bible study met each week, two Inquirer’s classes were held, 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, two different Education for Ministry (EfM) cohorts met throughout the year. EfM is a four year theological education program designed by Sewanee 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. Cristi Chapman, cchapman@saintmarks.org*





SEATTLE SERVICE CORPS

This year saw the end of the inaugural year of the Seattle Service Corps and the beginning of year two with five young adults, living on campus in community, and working with local parishes and non profits. Our second year of the Seattle Service Corps members arrived in early September to live in intentional community and represent the Saint Mark's community 32 hours a week in at local Non-profits (Epiphany Parish Seattle, Holy Cross, the Mission to Seafarers, and Saint Mark's Cathedral). Any given day you can see them in and around the Cathedral (mainly Leffler). Many thanks to all of you who continue to support this ministry. A special thanks to the Habitat crew and those who serve on the Seattle Service Corps advisory board for your faithful commitment, time, and prayers.

Highlights from the past year:

- Welcoming in our second class of Seattle Service Corps. Andrew, Patrick, Paige, Bailey, and Karen, we are glad you are here!
- Attending convention in Vancouver, WA.
- Attending the Enneagram workshop, the Gala and the many other offerings of Saint Mark's.

YOUNG ADULTS (20S + 30S)

The 20's and 30's Ministry continues to be an integral part of the day to day life at Saint Mark's. On any given committee or on any given Sunday, you will see a Young Adult involved in many roles. Saint Mark's IS a place where age is not a restriction to involvement.

Food and fellowship are two words that capture our time together. Whether it be gathering in the home for a well cooked meal by Thomason's or the Daugherty's or monthly Brunch at the DeLuxe Bar & Grill, when not participating in many of the offerings on the Saint Mark's campus, we can be found eating and laughing together. Come join this vibrant community of 20s and 30s.

Highlights of the Year:

- Sunday Night Dinners: In September we met at the home of Dean Steve and Kathy Thomason for a wonderful meal and fellowship and again in November in the home of Rev. Jennifer and Will Daugherty. A good time was had by all, with 25+ in attendance.
- Rock Shabbat at Temple De Hirsch: Six young adults from Saint Mark's attended the Rock Shabbat service as the courtyard space which was vandalized last year was re-dedicated. The shabbat also honored the Grateful Dead and was followed by free Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream. Yum!
- Holy Waste of Time: Four Saint Mark's young adults attended the diocesan young adult retreat—"A Holy Waste of Time", held at St. Andrew's House on the Hood Canal.

—Malcolm McLaurin, Canon for Youth & Young Adult Ministries,, mmclaurin@saintmarks.org

SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

CATHEDRAL OPERATING BUDGET, 2008-2018

REVENUES	ACTUALS (IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)										BUDGET 2018
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN	1,178	1,166	1,112	1,108	967	1,002	1,087	1,116	1,235	1,286	1,390
PLATE OFFERING	106	87	95	88	107	124	117	110	104	106	104
GIFTS & GRANTS	371	283	197	93	18	103	50	98	66	48	58
SPECIAL EVENTS	44	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
PROGRAM & SERVICE FEES	104	77	92	98	114	103	122	124	138	151	156
DIocese OF OLYMPIA	120	123	85	94	104	208	111	65	46	71	68
CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION	60	54	52	43	38	54	127	93	102	106	105
INTERFUND TRANSFERS/MISC.	125	157	73	165	100	80	76	69	74	77	72
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,108	\$1,947	\$1,706	\$1,689	\$1,448	\$1,678	\$1,690	\$1,675	\$1,765	\$1,845	\$1,953
EXPENSES											
PERSONNEL	1,278	1,041	900	867	918	846	904	965	982	944	1,099
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	345	395	351	306	283	298	223	238	234	231	255
MISSION DISBURSEMENTS, OTHER	30	33	18	18	15	20	5	39	29	25	31
PROFESSIONAL FEES	152	169	102	95	88	43	50	22	26	52	49
SUPPLIES & MINOR EQUIPMENT	60	60	64	63	67	63	50	42	43	85	42
COMMUNICATIONS	31	33	42	32	25	18	23	29	30	37	35
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	70	88	136	105	59	71	70	88	67	117	64
EQUIPMENT RENTAL & SERVICE	38	54	43	84	114	94	104	103	112	97	65
UTILITIES	67	74	73	110	82	92	91	77	90	107	85
TRAVEL	6	8	4	4	1	2	6	12	4	3	7
HOSPITALITY	14	10	21	18	29	15	15	18	17	13	13
CONFERENCES & TRAINING	9	5	7	13	5	8	14	14	21	22	27
INSURANCE	29	19	21	22	26	23	26	23	27	34	33
DUES, FEES, & LICENSES	11	13	13	10	19	16	17	23	20	22	24
OTHER	26	33	16	22	15	15	20	16	25	36	118
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,166	\$2,035	\$1,811	\$1,769	\$1,747	\$1,624	\$1,618	\$1,709	\$1,727	\$1,825	\$1,947
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$58)	(\$88)	(\$105)	(\$80)	(\$299)	\$54	\$72	(\$34)	\$38	\$20	\$6

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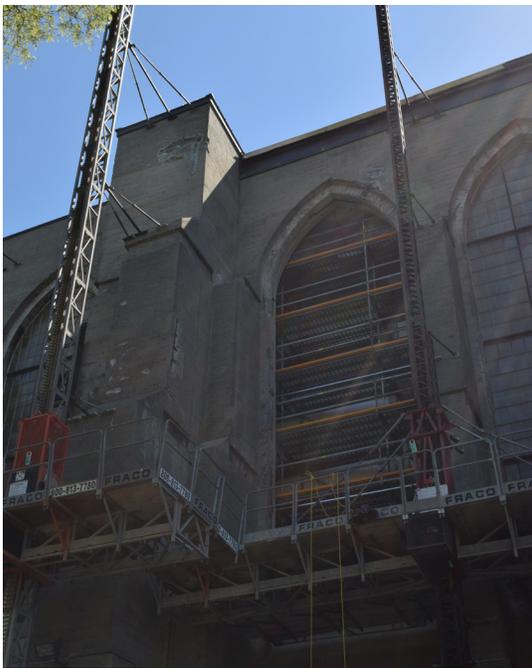
SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL OPERATING BUDGET HISTORY, 2005-2016



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REVENUES & EXPENSES, 2017 vs. 2018

	2017 (ACTUAL)	2018 (BUDGET)
REVENUES		
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN	1,286,093	1,390,000
PLATE OFFERING	106,240	104,000
GIFTS & GRANTS	47,733	58,000
PROGRAM & SERVICE FEES	151,047	155,750
DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA	70,899	68,310
CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION	105,641	105,000
INTERFUND TRANSFER/ MISC.	77,061	72,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,844,714	\$1,953,060
EXPENSES		
PERSONNEL	943,611	1,098,640
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	231,371	255,000
MISSION DISBURSEMENTS, OTHER	25,265	31,000
PROFESSIONAL FEES	52,470	49,120
SUPPLIES & MINOR EQUIPMENT	84,833	42,450
COMMUNICATIONS	37,351	34,850
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	116,712	64,000
EQUIPMENT RENTAL & SERVICE	96,602	65,000
UTILITIES	106,662	84,500
TRAVEL	3,074	6,900
HOSPITALITY	12,786	13,000
CONFERENCES & TRAINING	22,170	27,150
INSURANCE	34,341	33,000
FEES, DUES, & LICENSES	21,970	23,750
OTHER EXPENSES	35,854	118,855
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,825,070	\$1,947,215
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$19,644	\$5,845
OTHER REVENUES		
ST. NICHOLAS REVENUE	523,568	540,324
SHOP REVENUE	68,052	89,850
INVESTMENT INCOME	172,805	100,100
RESTRICTED REVENUE	-	-
EPISCOPAL SERVICE CORPS REVENUE	60,619	74,000
IN-KIND	143,140	60,000
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$968,184	\$864,274
OTHER EXPENSES		
ST. NICHOLAS EXPENSES	341,488	347,143
SHOP EXPENSES	84,975	92,034
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	378,992	387,207
EPISCOPAL SERVICE CORPS EXPENSES	66,390	74,141
IN-KIND EXPENSES	143,140	60,000
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$1,014,985	\$960,525
NET OPERATING TOTAL	(\$27,158)	(\$90,406)



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Saint Mark's began its major construction project on April 16, 2017 (the day after Easter), and held the ceremonial groundbreaking on Cathedral Day, May 13, when the Bishop gave his blessing and all present had a chance to sign the backs of limestone slabs to be used in the construction.

The scope of construction included limestone cladding of the north, south, and east facades of the cathedral, with the buttresses and lower portions of the walls sealed and painted. All windows on the north, south, and east sides have been replaced, with beautiful triple-pane energy-efficient windows in a style very similar to the old windows. A new elevator annex has been added to the south side, making all 5 levels of the cathedral accessible. A large Celtic cross is now featured on the east façade, thematically connected to the reredos screen in the nave. Roofing and soffits were repaired. The front entry portico, patio, and stairs have all been repaired or replaced, and new landscaping will be added soon around the exterior of the cathedral. While construction was largely completed by Christmas 2017, various delays, particularly concerning the front patio and steps, have meant continued construction work into January.

With regard to the capital campaign, about \$9.5 million has been raised to fund the \$10.5 million project. Major grants were received from the Cathedral Foundation of the Diocese of Olympia and from The Norcliffe Foundation. Over 600 individual donors and most parishes within the Diocese of Olympia have contributed. A bridge loan from the diocese and a commercial loan from Dollar Bank will help bridge the funding gap.

Two capstone events mark the completion of construction. The Gala for Saint Mark's, a fundraising dinner, was held on Dec. 8, and netted almost \$300,000. Tracy and Jennifer Wong co-chaired the event, which featured music for brass, percussion, and organ, and a "raise the paddle" led by emcee Fred Northup, Jr. A Festive Evensong Celebration with dessert reception will be held on Feb. 11 at 6pm; it is free to all, and features music by the Evensong Choir and the Cathedral Choir.

- Maria Coldwell, Former Canon for Operations
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2030 PLANNING

The 2030 Planning Group met monthly from May 2016-June 2017. Members included Canon for Operations and Chair Maria Coldwell, Dean Steve Thomason, Chancellor John Hoerster, Senior Warden Lynne Markova, Junior Wardens Cara Peterson and Walter Stuteville, Canon Musician Michael Kleinschmidt, Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministries Malcolm McLaurin, Vestry members Christopher Breunig and Alice Reid, Facilities Committee member Mary Baldwin Kennedy, and former Master Planning Project Manager Nancy Pearson.

Members of the 2030 Planning Group started their work with a SWOT analysis of St. Mark's Cathedral and some demographic research from the Mission In-site database provided by the Diocese of Olympia. An online parish survey was created (also available as hard copy) and circulated in June 2016 to gather input from parish members. Reports were presented by the Dean, the Canon Musician, and the Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, on ministry priorities for the future. Reports were also presented by the Chancellor, the former Master Planning Project Manager, and guest presenter (and former member of the Master Planning task force) Gerry Johnson concerning St. Mark's campus and facilities. Several professional reports were then commissioned: a Property Condition Assessment of the St. Nicholas Building and Leffler House from the firm of Marx/Okubo, a Site Development Study from Spectrum Development

Solutions, a parking study by Transpogroup, and a seismic study of the St. Nicholas Building by Swenson Say Faget. All but the last of these reports were reviewed and discussed by the 2030 Group.

The 2030 Plan takes the form of a Report; it gathers together and summarizes the many reports received by the 2030 Group. Based on the reports, the 2030 Group makes certain recommendations for St. Mark's Cathedral over the next 15 years, and presents a prioritized list of major facilities projects to be undertaken during that time period. While the cathedral building itself has undergone major construction this year, there is still more work to be done: replacing the boiler, installing radiant floor heating and a new floor, finishing interior upgrades like new wainscoting and cathedral chairs. The St. Nicholas Building has at least \$3 million in deferred maintenance needs, including new roof and gutters, an improved HVAC system, seismic retrofitting, and significant ADA improvements (ramps, bathrooms, elevator). At Leffler House, the solarium must be replaced as soon as possible, and new stairs and decks installed in the next few years. A redesigned south parking lot, which envisions a drop-off/turnaround at the southeast corner of the cathedral and 2-way traffic through both entry and exit driveways, was recommended.

The 2030 Plan was presented at a Parish Forum on June 25, 2017, and then presented to the Vestry and accepted at its June 27, 2017 meeting.

- Maria Coldwell, Former Canon for Operations
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VESTRY

The Saint Mark's Vestry's primary responsibility is to oversee facilities and financial management and spiritual growth of the parish.

The Living Stones Capital Campaign and Construction Project was a primary Vestry area of focus this year. Major milestones included authorizing \$1M in financing, approving the Diocesan Bridge Loan, staying abreast of project progress and changes, and hosting two Sunday forums to communicate project progress. (See the Capital Campaign report for more detail.)

The Renewing Our Covenant: A Statement of Commitment and Action position statement was another major area of focus, including attending forums and participating in the many related activities it generated. At its fall work day, the Vestry focused extensively on the position statement, including reviewing its progress, the impacts on our parish and community, and potential next steps.

At its February Retreat, the Vestry discussed and approved the request from the Church Council of Greater Seattle that St. Mark's become a Sanctuary Hub. Under the guidance of the Rev. Peter Strimer, a Steering Committee worked several months to develop a Sanctuary implementation plan, which Vestry approved in September. To date, over St. Mark's 60



volunteers have been trained and we are building robust partnerships with Casa Latina, the Church Council, and other parishes and organizations.

Under the leadership of Canon for Operations, Maria Coldwell, the St. Mark's 2030 Committee completed its work. This included commissioning a Site Development Study, Building Assessments on St. Nicholas and Leffler House; and a Parking and Traffic Flow Assessment; as well as gathering extensive data from the parish, staff, and other sources. The Vestry approved the final 2030 plan last June. Forums were held to communicate the results to the congregation.

Last spring, Saint Mark's began live streaming the 11 a.m. service and other selected services and events. This has received very positive feedback. Other Vestry activities this year included adopting an alcohol use policy for campus events and approving the designation of St. Mark's as a "safe space," in partnership with the Seattle Police Department.

In October, the Vestry approved the nominations of Worship Coordinator Chris McPeak and Canon Malcolm McLaurin as postulants for Holy Orders. We give thanks for these faithful servants of Christ in our midst and will keep them in our prayers as they discern their next steps.

These and many other milestones were made possible by many hard-working and dedicated leaders. Many thanks to you all!

—Lynne Markova, Senior Warden, lsmarkova@comcast.net
Cara Peterson, Junior Warden
Walter Stuteville, Junior Warden

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee has a limited function as outlined by the Cathedral's constitution and bylaws. It's responsibility is to recruit candidates for the Vestry and representatives to the Diocesan convention. Vestry candidates are presented to the current Vestry and all candidates to the congregation for election at the Annual Meeting. The committee may also recruit a candidate for Diocesan member to the Saint Mark's Vestry. The process involves careful vetting of all candidates for full qualifications. These qualifications include a history

of leadership in and dedication to the mission and ministry of Saint Mark's Cathedral. Candidates also qualify with a spiritual practice of support for Saint Mark's which includes regular pledging and faithful fulfillment of pledges. Orientation and training in preparation for election is also part of the committee's mission. This year's committee membership is: John Selberg and Lynne Markova (Senior Warden), co-chairs, Barbara Erickson, Walter Stuteville (Junior Warden), Gerry van Wesep, Mary Mullen, Carol Hoerster, and Dean Steve Thomason, ex-officio.

—John Selberg, co-chair
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THE CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION

The Foundation was created in 1995 to provide funds that help maintain and enhance, planned and unplanned, the buildings and grounds of Saint Mark's Cathedral. Annual allocations from an endowment help with operating expenses, unexpected maintenance and special projects. Planned Giving Program: 2017 focused on planning for the future, culminating in a 2018 soft launch of a Planned Giving Program. It will grow the Cathedral Legacy Society membership and significantly increase endowment funding for 100+ years! Finance: The annual allocation for Cathedral operating expenses was \$74,669, with \$5,028 from the Virginia Patty Garden Fund. \$36,000 was allocated for unplanned repairs. Naming Opportunity: The Foundation contributed an additional \$250,000 in 2017 to the Cathedral's Living Stones Capital Campaign, bringing total support to \$1,250,000. This provided an opportunity to name the East Façade, including the Celtic Cross valued at \$1 million. The plaque will read "The East Façade and Celtic Cross are dedicated to the Glory of God by the Cathedral Foundation of the Diocese of Olympia". Cathedral Day: On May 13, 500+ people gathered at the Cathedral to hear more about "Building the Community of the Diocese of Olympia!", take a selfie with a full-size cutout of Bishop Greg and witness 160+ congregants being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. The next Cathedral Day, "Funding Future Ministries", will be April 28, 2018. Life Planning Ministry: This joint ministry of the Foundation, Saint Mark's Cathedral and the Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development has been developing workshop formats and materials for 3+ years, facilitating eight regional workshops involving 60+ volunteer speakers, with attendance by 250+ participants from 50+ congregations. Themes include wills and estate planning; death, dying and medical care; and funeral and memorials. In 2017, a spring workshop was held at Saint Mark's, and two at Diocesan Convention in November. Susan Knirk will relinquish the chair to Rev. Rich Weyls in 2018 as the ministry transitions to a consulting model that supports host congregations in conducting workshops that rotate the above themes every three years.

—Susan Knirk, Chairman, susanknirk@msn.com

STEWARDSHIP

Our vision for Saint Mark's is that we will reconcile our faith and financial commitments and live as stewards, not owners, of God's abundant gifts. Our work is welcome, invitation, celebration, and thanksgiving. In 2017, this included:

- An Easter season celebration gifts of Time and Talent
- A Fall program of weekly reflections on our financial commitments
- A festive meal and ingathering celebration

So far, we have received 414 commitments or pledges to support Saint Mark's in 2018. This number includes 47 new commitments and 228 commitments increased over 2017. Thanks to all of you who give to support the Cathedral's mission and ministries.

Our plans for year-round stewardship in 2018 include an Easter season focused on time and talent as well as our traditional fall program focused on financial commitments. In Easter, we'll be asking each of you about how you give your time and talent to support God's Kingdom here at Saint Mark's and out in the wider world. In the Fall, we'll be asking each of you to make a financial commitment to support all of our ministries in the coming year.

Our ministry welcomes new members – especially members who are relatively new to Saint Mark's. Our work includes hospitality, communication, and formation. If you want to experience greater abundance in your life, please join us.

—Co-chairs Tom Jacka, tjacka@comcast.net, and Greg Simon, simon.g@ghc.org

FINANCE COMMITTEE

In 2017 the Finance Committee oversaw its normal functions, such as keeping track of monthly financial reports, Annual Campaign updates, and Capital Campaign updates. In addition, it oversaw a review of our 2016 finances by Peterson Sullivan LLP; our financial review received a "Standard" report, as it did for the 2015 financial year. The members of the 2016 Finance Committee were Marc Aubertin, Maria Coldwell, Amanda Davis, Mary Dickinson, Vinh Do, Erik Donner, Karen Komoto, Phil Lloyd, Lynne Markova, Roberta Nestaas, Cara Peterson, and Steve Thomason.

—Cara Peterson, Junior Warden
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HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

This group works in six ways to extend hospitality to members and visitors at Saint Mark's. Greeters welcome worshippers as they arrive, while ushers welcome them to the nave, count attendance, take the collection and bring it and the elements for the Eucharist to the altar. The welcome table staff provides directions and information on events and activities at the cathedral and assists members in ordering name tags. The newcomers ministry follows up on visitors, helps newcomers get connected, hosts monthly newcomer coffees and semi-annual brunches, and meets with newcomers personally to help them find their place in the parish. Hospitality also offers brochures that help newcomers learn about Saint Mark's, how we worship, what it means to be a member and how to become one, and the many ministry opportunities available. Volunteers also occasionally support various cathedral events. The greeters, ushers and welcome table offer comfortable and easy ways for newcomers as well as long-time members to be a welcoming presence to all who cross our threshold.

At this time, the Hospitality Ministry is most in need of help for the Welcome Table, especially at the 9 a.m. service and ushers at the 11 a.m. service.

—Earl Grout, egrout@saintmarks.org

PASTORAL CARE

Caring for one another as the hands and feet of Christ is the heart of pastoral ministry. In 2017, pastoral care happened in a variety of ways by and for the people of Saint Mark's. The prayer chain gathered ongoing requests of the community, offering special intentions for those who asked for prayers. Rotating chaplains of the week provided 24/7 coverage for urgent spiritual care needs. In addition to clergy

visits, Eucharistic visitors and lay chaplains offered hospitality of the community by visiting members of Saint Mark's with particular needs. Monthly Eucharists were held at three local retirement communities. The Quilt Ministry and Worsted Wool ministries provided blankets and hats to those experiencing life transitions. The Cathedral also hosted many support groups, including AA, AL-Anon, and a dementia caregivers support group. Finally, life's major rites of passage were acknowledged through anointing and blessings.

—The Rev. Cristi Chapman
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FACILITIES

The members of the Facilities Ministry have been diligent and hard working this year. Judy Andrews; Kathy Sodergren; Molly Henderson; Heather Hodsdon; Sharon Ferguson; Norman Le Moine; Mary Baldwin Kennedy; Glenn Sands, Facilities & Events Manager; John Selberg; Lynn Markova, Senior Warden; Dean Steve Thomason, and Chair, Walter Stuteville, Junior Warden; have met every other month this year on the second Tuesday. Our work is the oversight of the work of the continuing maintenance and repair of the buildings and grounds on our campus, including: the Cathedral, the Saint Nicolas Building, the Deanery and Leffler House. This includes ongoing work with the plumbing, electrical, heating, security and grounds issues for those buildings. We have provided guidance to specific projects such as: renovation of Leffler House by our own Habitat for Humanity (led by Gordon and Jacqueline Miller and John Selberg) to provide suitable housing for the Sanctuary Project and the new Childcare Room (formerly the choir rehearsal room). We have worked to coordinate efforts with the Hospitality Ministry, the Cathedral Foundation, the Garden Ministry and the Design and Steering Committees for the Living Stones,

our Building For Ministry work. We have celebrated the new windows, the new stonework and we will soon celebrate the completions of the new front steps and the 5-stop elevator in the south-west corner of the Cathedral.

—Walter Stuteville, Junior Warden
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QUILT MINISTRY

In 2017, for the eighth consecutive year, up to twelve members of Saint Mark's Quilt Ministry gathered in fellowship monthly to prepare quilts for distribution to parishioners and other recipients. With referrals from the clergy and the Pastoral Care Team, eight parishioners with chronic or life-threatening illnesses or other special needs received quilts. In addition, quilts were distributed to Rev. Rick Weyls, Rev. Nancee Martin, and Maria Coldwell to say good-bye and in honor of their services to the Cathedral community. Other projects this year included raffling off a quilt for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity as thanks for their work remodeling the Cathedral offices. We also raised \$446 for the Hunger Offering with the sale of reusable Christmas gift bags. Members cut fabric and assembled 20 packets with pieces ready for sewing into single bed sized quilt tops. Some packets were distributed to Cathedral Day attendees for completion, and Ministry members assembled the rest of the quilt tops. About half of them have been layered into completed quilts. Five of these quilts were distributed to the current Service Corp members. As the rest of the quilts are completed they will be distributed to DESC facilities or used for the Sanctuary program. We will also continue to make and distribute comfort quilts to members of the Cathedral community. The Quilt Ministry welcomes new members at any time and we are happy to teach those who wish to learn. Let us know if you are interested or join us on the third Saturday of the month.

—Carol Green, ccgreen@u.washington.edu
& Jo Ann Bailey, jbailey@saintmarks.org

MUSIC SERIES

2017 included a great variety of music: from a small intimate chamber ensemble performance in McCaw Chapel to the huge, stirring choral celebration that was the National Lutheran Choir concert. The year started small with a performance in January by Curt Sather, organist, and Jacob Herbert, bass-baritone, both local performers. Also in January was a visit by Portland-based professional choir Capella Romana. The next two concerts were on the Flentrop organ and featured Janette Fishell, Chair of the Organ Department at Indiana University, and John Stuntebeck, Saint Mark's Associate Organist. The season ended in May with two annual traditions. The All-Bach Flentrop concert was performed this year by Bálint Karosi, the first American-based organist to win the International Bach Competition in Leipzig, Germany. The last event of the season was a performance by the Cathedral Trio, a flute, viola, and harp ensemble that has been Artists-in-Residence since 2007.

Because of cathedral renovations which began in April 2017, there were only two concerts in the fall/winter. The 2017-18 Music Series opened in September with a very well-attended concert by the Minneapolis-based National Lutheran Choir. The 64-voice choir was joined by a choir of local singers for an inspiring performance celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. In December, Artist-in-Residence ensemble Pacific MusicWorks performed a set of cantatas to celebrate the Advent season. The second half of the 2017-18 season is scheduled to be much busier, with many opportunities to enjoy the improved acoustics of the now renovated nave.

—Cam Jarvis, Music Series Coordinator,
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VISUAL ARTS MINISTRY

The Visual Arts Ministry at Saint Mark's continues to expand with an increased focus on connecting the community with visual art. As construction draws to a close, additional pieces from the existing collection will be highlighted around the cathedral. A gallery for exhibits showcasing local artists is being created in the office hallway. This year brings two scheduled exhibits. Stations of the Cross, chosen by a jury of community artists, participates in a tradition of religious imagery while leaving space for the audience to actively engage with the installation. A traveling exhibit, I AM, showcasing 31 female artists working in various mediums from 12 countries, celebrates the diversity of human expression. By engaging local, national and international artists, the Visual Arts Ministry explores the intersection of art and spirituality.

—Vi Lynk, vilynk@mac.com

THE CATHEDRAL SHOP

The Cathedral Shop strives to be the “front door” to Saint Mark’s Cathedral. This ministry has been extremely important in 2017 and going into the New Year because of construction. With this came many opportunities for education of the Cathedral history, operations and objectives.

The Cathedral Shop welcomed four international interns from Japan. Working with ICC Consultants we offered a cross-cultural experience to university students from Tokyo. The Cathedral Staff enjoyed a facilitating conversational English, exchanging daily life styles and being tour guides to our beautiful city!

A huge thank you to our established volunteers who come in and offer their time and talents every week—we couldn’t do it without you, Catherine Faulls and Kit Herrod. Your enthusiasm and positive energy are much appreciated and welcomed. The Gift Shop Advisory Committee also has been a guiding spirit a boundless resource of wisdom and experience. Mary Bayne, Kathy Elkins, Sue Tierney, Carol Green and Joann Bailey, your support had been invaluable. We welcomed two new staff members to the shop staff—Cam Jarvis and Tessa Bowden. Along with the marvelous Greg Bloch, customers are offered a delightful shopping experience.

New looks in the Cathedral Shop include fair trade salvaged furniture from Indonesia, ever-changing seasonal merchandise, traditional religious icons and popular inspirational books and CDs make for an inviting and welcoming atmosphere.

—Gaye Scott, Cathedral Shop Manager,
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COMMUNICATIONS

The big story in 2017 was that we established **live streaming** at the cathedral! Thanks in large part to support from a Diocesan grant, we hired Christopher Brown as videographer in the early spring, and purchased the equipment needed to stream services and events from the Cathedral Nave. The set up and installation process proved to be far more complicated and detailed than we had anticipated, and I am most grateful for Chris’s tenacity and care as he worked to get each piece of the puzzle in place. We officially launched live streaming of the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017. We continue to broadcast 11 a.m. service every Sunday, Evensong services, and certain special services/events (such as the launch of the local Sanctuary Movement). We’re grateful that volunteer David Wild



joined the effort in summer 2017, bringing a wealth of experience. Thanks to the hard work of this team, we garnered 979 live views and 6,968 on-demand views at saintmarks.org.

We expect those numbers to continue to grow as we ramp up marketing efforts in year two. We’ve also received countless notes of gratitude from community members across the country and the world!

Videography. We continue to expand and improve the video recording of many Wednesday night and Sunday morning forums; these are then posted on website/YouTube for later viewing. We have also begun to produce short videos to tell the story of Saint Mark’s—stay tuned!

We continue to maintain a robust **Facebook presence**. Facebook followers increased since last November from 1874 to 2223 (349 new followers). We posted photos, videos and notices several times per week throughout the year. The most viewed post of the year was about Seattle PI article mentioned below, “If officials choose to come into our place of worship...”—with 11,900 people reached. The second-most viewed post was about the window installation being complete, with a reach of 7,100 views.

Saint Mark’s also benefitted from **coverage in both local and national media**, including *The Seattle Times*, *The Seattle Weekly*, *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, KUOW, and Episcopal News Service. A few highlights:

- KUOW, 11/8/16 - “Seattle vigils seek to heal political divisions”
- *Seattle PI*, 1/31/17 - “St. Mark’s: A ‘wall of faithful citizens’ will confront any refugee roundup”
- *The Seattle Times*, 1/16/17 - “Saint Mark’s issues a call to action for marginalized groups”
- Capitol Hill Seattle Blog, 2/9/17 - “Halted by the Depression, \$10.5M project to complete Saint Mark’s will begin this spring”
- *The Seattle Times*, 3/5/17 - Seattle cathedral tapestry weaves together gay politics, ‘radical inclusion’
- *Capitol Hill Times*, 5/16/17 - Saint Mark’s begins \$10M cathedral renovation
- Episcopal News Service, 5/11/17 - “St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral to host ceremonial groundbreaking for major construction project”
- *Art in America*, “Heaven Sent” - (Faught art exhibit)

In 2018, we plan to work on website upgrades and improvements. We also plan to expand the use of video to tell the story of Saint Mark’s.

—Liz Bartenstein, Communications Director
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SANCTUARY AT SAINT MARK'S

Sanctuary at Saint Mark's is a new ministry formed in response to the Statement of Commitment and Action, "welcoming the stranger, as our Scriptures instruct" by advocating for immigrants and their families in the face of increasing division and targeting in our nation. Partnering with Casa Latina, a leading immigrant and worker rights organization in Seattle, as our Rapid Response Coordinator to call us into action in case of a threat to members of its community, we established two work streams: Safe Space and Action. Together we developed protocols and trainings to offer hospitality on our campus and to prepare volunteers to stand with our immigrant neighbors as witnesses, interpreters, and peacemakers and to attend demonstrations and public events. In September, we honored a "Season of Sanctuary" at the Cathedral, with Sanctuary presence at the Ministry Fair, a Cathedral Commons presentation by Casa Latina, an Adult Education Forum, and adoption of the Sanctuary Hub plan by the vestry. Volunteers were trained both at Casa Latina for action response and at Saint Mark's for ten roles in providing Safe Space. Casa Latina joined us here in November to bless our Safe Space and celebrate our deepening relationship, with plans for new events and activities of ongoing fellowship, even as we expand strategies and trainings for solidarity in times of need.

HATE CRIMES/HATE SPEECH DE-ESCALATION

There is an escalation in hate crimes, hate speech and bias incidents in both our local and worldwide communities. The Hate Crimes, Hate Speech, De-escalation Ministry was created in response to Saint Mark's Cathedral Parish Statement of Commitment and Action. With God's help, members of this ministry live out our baptismal covenant by respecting the dignity of every human being. Our goal is to offer hope

and solutions to counter hateful acts. We will actively seek ways to identify, report, and confront hateful acts and behavior against all ethnic and religious groups, women, LGBTQ people, immigrants, people with disabilities, and all marginalized groups. We affirm our church as we stand together as a sanctuary and safe haven for people threatened by those who would attack them.

—Bob Chapman, Ministry Leader, Bob Chapman
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MIDEAST FOCUS MINISTRY

The Mideast Focus Ministry works through mission, prayer, education and community action to bring understanding of peace and justice issues in the Middle East to Saint Mark's and to church and community groups beyond.

2017 brought the fourth season of the Film Series with another five films at the beginning of the year. Attendance was up from last year, from Saint Mark's parish and the community. We hosted a series of world-class speakers and authors who presented on peace and advocacy in the Middle East, including the Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, founder of Sabeel based on a liberation theology that he developed to help Palestinians resist the occupation non-violently. We sponsored "Welcoming the Stranger," a conference which informed attendees about how and with whom we can partner to support refugees in their adjustment to life in the United States. Our hearts were touched by the stories of the refugees, their struggles to reach this country and challenges in adjusting to life here. We continue to make contributions to organizations supporting efforts in the Holy Land; e.g. Kids for Peace and American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia. We offered an honorarium to all organizations that participated in the "Welcoming the Stranger" conference, and we purchased gift cards for two refugee families. We are looking for ways to work more closely with other Justice Ministries, like the Refugee Resettlement initiative and Habitat for Hu-

manity.

Thirteen individuals actively participate in this ministry through monthly meetings, working to organize the film series and conference. During the past year, several hundred people have attended various events sponsored by this ministry.

—*Mary Segall, Ministry Leader*

AIDS CARE TEAM

AIDS Care Team provides companionship and practical assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS. Outings, social contact, shopping, and simple household assistance are examples of how team members interact with their “care partners.” The team works under the auspices and supervision of Samaritan Center of Puget Sound.

—*Sharon Ferguson, sharonkferguson@comcast.net.*

HUNGER OFFERING

The Hunger Offering Ministry partners with six food banks in the Seattle area, to provide healthy meals and food security for people suffering from economic inequality. The Ministry is one of many ways that Saint Mark’s answers the question of how we can be God’s voice in the world; to do what we can to help, to use our resources prayerfully and compassionately, and to literally feed the hungry. Through the donations taken every second Sunday, the cathedral has worked with our partner food banks to feed thousands of people and families, and we look forward to continuing the mission in 2018.

—*Michael Perera, perera.michael@gmail.com*

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 40 women in Bloedel Hall. Evening volunteers work 9:00-10:30 pm, serving the women a simple meal; morning volunteers assist staff from 5:30-6:30 am, offering simple breakfast and helping with cleanup. Monthly orders from Food Lifeline, as well as volunteer donations of food, supplement the weekly shopping done by a volunteer. A dedicated soup-making group cooks up delicious soups and the Noel House women are the happy recipients.

In December, we collected items for 30 holiday gift bags and distributed them to our Noel House friends on Christmas morning. Items included: socks, a Bartell’s gift card, Starbuck’s card, toiletries, laundry pods, pad of paper and pens, ziploc bags, breakfast bars, and Satsuma oranges.

Our current roster includes 50 volunteers: morning helpers, evening helpers, shoppers, soup makers, and Food Lifeline pickup and drop off volunteers. We welcome women and men volunteers who are interested in volunteering. We care about the issue of homelessness and possess a desire to help

alleviate the pain that a woman experiences when she has no place to call “home”.

—*Norva Osborn, norva@ix.netcom.com*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saint Mark’s Habitat for Humanity Justice Ministry supports the mission of Habitat for Humanity, domestically and internationally, which is to provide decent affordable housing for families with limited incomes. The ministry’s talents were put to use to continue to remodel Leffler House, as well as take on projects in the Cathedral House to support the cathedral construction project.

—*Jacquelyn Miller jcmiller31@gmail.com*

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Mission to Seafarers is an Anglican ministry which offers mariners spiritual and practical support in ports worldwide. Our local ministry visits ships calling in Seattle, Tacoma and Everett. Cargo ship chaplains supply mariners with phone and internet cards and materials ranging from Bibles and devotional literature, prayer cards and rosaries to local newspapers and maps as well as trade publications. Occasionally, chaplains offer rides into town or to shopping areas. The ministry also has a driver, who works several days a week. In cruise ship season, volunteers shuttle crew members from Pier 91 to downtown Seattle and back. In serving seafarers, volunteers bring God’s love to often forgotten sailors, who work far from their homes.

The Seafarers Mission has more visibility than it has had over the last few years. A few Saint Mark’s members help drive during cruise ship season. The two service corps members assigned full time to the mission have provided day-to-day stability in regularly visiting ships in port and managing the operations of the program. Service as a ship chaplain requires obtaining a transportation workers card from Homeland Security and training by the Seafarers Mission.

—*Earl Grout, deaconeg@gmail.com*

SAINT BRIGID’S BANQUET

For several years, Saint Brigid’s Banquet (SBB) has provided nutritious, hot meals to people in Seattle who experience homelessness or food insecurity. In 2017, SBB provided monthly meals at the St. Martin de Porres men’s shelter (every 3rd Sunday) and bi-monthly meals at Teen Feed in the University District (every other 2nd Friday). Dedicated teams of cooks, drivers, and hosts gathered to prepare and serve meals for these two communities. Thanks to the faithful ministry of SBB and the financial support from Saint Mark’s and the Hunger Offering, almost 5,000 meals were provided in the last year.

—*The Rev. Cristi Chapman, cchapman@saintmarks.org*

JUBILEE DEBT MINISTRY

Our goal was to join other Jubilee congregations across the US in advocating for economic reforms that serve and protect the most vulnerable. To this end we tabled 3 times during the year and collected signatures on letters to our elected officials asking for their vote on economic reform legislation. We also asked the World Bank and IMF to forgive the debt payments of those countries most hit by the recent hurricanes. Puerto Rico's debt was the focus of two campaigns. The student loan company, Navient and its removal as a financial load company was the third focus.

A second goal was to increase the number of people at Saint Mark's who are aware of the role we play as a Jubilee congregation. Several new people know about this work.

We sent \$425 or thereabouts to the work of Jubilee USA, \$1 per pledging household, minus those who opted out.

—Betsy Bell, betsy@hihohealth.com

GARDEN COMMITTEE

The Saint Mark's Cathedral Garden Volunteers have been caring for the Great Lawn of the Cathedral for many years. We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month, February through November. 9:00 am-noon. Cookies provided!

The majority of our work is the very basics of good gardening. The result of these routine chores is the glorious beauty that we see through each season of the year. 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, prune bushes and transplant.

When the staging of the construction on the lawn is removed, we will have our work cut out for us, reviving the various beds surrounding the lawn and sprucing up the plantings. We welcome all to join us. Just bring your gloves and a water bottle. We have extra tools!

—Norva Osborn, norva@ix.netcom.com

GREENBELT

Saint Mark's Greenbelt continues to be a very special sacred space on our Cathedral campus. The five dedicated forest steward's (2 parishioners and 3 community members) continue to transform the greenbelt from an invasive plant wasteland to a diverse native plant habitat. In 2017 we planted 1,000 native plants in the greenbelt representing 80 different species with the help of over 100 volunteers through the Green Seattle Partnership. Our biggest concern is the lack of usage of the space by our Cathedral community. This is our space and it is imperative that we find a way to enjoy it, explore it, and meditate in it, while we view the native flora and fauna that live in the greenbelt. We would love to have Cathedral parishioners and staff, join us for our work parties (go to <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org> to sign up), but more importantly we want the Saint Mark's community to use the greenbelt. .

—Robert Hayden, rehayden2000@aim.com



OIKOCREDIT US

Oikocredit US, a registered 501(c)3 based in Seattle, exists to foster just global communities through access to fair finance and skill-building opportunities. Oikocredit US furthers the mission of Oikocredit International, a cooperative social investor working in 70 countries with 781 partners. Oikocredit believes that the most effective and sustainable means of assisting the most disadvantaged groups in the world is by providing them with an opportunity to create their own sustainable future through access to finance and technical assistance. Saint Mark's has supported this ministry since 2008. Currently Saint Mark's furnishes space for meetings, and many volunteers, board members, and past board members come from the Saint Mark's community. Through our social and environmental focus areas we respect all people's self-determination, providing the opportunities they need to stabilize their livelihoods and thrive. Last year Oikocredit US continued to build our operations and also raised donations to train smallholder coffee farmers in South America to prepare for climate change and compete in the global marketplace.

—Penny Carothers, pcarothers@oikocredit.org

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY BAIL FUND

The Northwest Community Bail Fund is a nonprofit organization advocating for bail reform and working to minimize the harm of the cash bail system by paying bail for people who would otherwise spend the pre-trial time in jail. Sponsored by and founded at Saint Mark's, NCBF provides cash bail for marginalized people charged with misdemeanor/low-level crimes who are unable to afford bail in King and Snohomish Counties in Washington State. This allows people to get out of jail during their trial period and defend themselves from a position of freedom and increases their chances of keeping their job, their housing, and their children. The NCBF currently operates in King and Snohomish Counties in Washington State.

To date, the Bail Fund has provided bail for 37 clients in Se-



attle Municipal Court and Snohomish County cases. In only 3 cases have Bail Fund clients failed to appear. Aggregating information on these 37 clients (as of December 22, 2017), the average time between when the Bail Fund posted bail until the bail was exonerated was 74.9 days. Bail Fund clients were saved 2388 days of predisposition incarceration. Using a blended rate from the King County Jail and Snohomish County, the cost of incarcerating these individuals would have been \$444,168. This sum represents a direct savings to Seattle and to Snohomish County.

—Shannon Gould, shannonac@gmail.com

HEALTH RESOURCE MINISTRY

The Health Resource Ministry has two active programs—one is to maintain a Medical Equipment Resource Center that includes wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and other equipment. Used medical equipment can be donated by bringing to the cathedral office during business hours. The second program is to update/restock the 12 first aid boxes distributed throughout the cathedral campus. Due to the Cathedral construction, first aid boxes have been moved and will now be restored to be convenient locations. During 2017, a third program was attempted around being a resource for medical information and basic screening. There was little demand for this program, so Mary Segall and Bob Chapman decided to discontinue the effort for the time being. Volunteers for the Health Resource Ministry are needed—particularly to help with restocking the first aid kits.

—Mary Segall, mesevall@yahoo.com

RACIAL RECONCILIATION GROUP

The Racial Reconciliation Group at Saint Mark's is continually evolving to address issues of racial injustice, bias, and restitution. Grounded in our baptismal covenant to “respect the dignity of every human being,” we seek to confront and engage these issues through processing, prayer and action. In 2017, the Racial Reconciliation Group:

- Hosted Chris Hoke, author of *Wanted*, at Cathedral Com-

mons. Mr. Hoke shared stories of serving as a chaplain in the Skagit County Jail and his work with Tierra Nueva, tierranueva.org. He also discussed opportunities for Saint Mark's to get involved in the One Parish, One Prisoner Initiative.

- Participated in several events at Idris Mosque and the Muslim-American Association of Puget Sound in order to build connections between the Muslim community and Saint Mark's.

- Hosted a book study of Kelly Brown-Douglas's book, *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*.

- Attended Jim Wallis' talk about his book *America's Original Sin; Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*, an analysis of America's historical racism—its treatment of the indigenous population and its enslavement of Africans—and the lasting and devastating legacy brought about by what he calls “America's original sin.”

- Participated in the peace rally and protest on the 54th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech at the Lincoln Memorial.

- Attended the exhibit of photography by Al Smith at MO-HAI, featuring African American culture in the historical Central District, and hosted coffee and conversation afterwards with members of First AME Church.

—The Rev. Canon Jennifer King Daugherty,
jkdaugherty@saintmarks.org

Canon Malcolm McLaurin, mmclaurin@saintmarks.org

SAINT MARK'S

BY THE NUMBERS

A QUICK LOOK AT THE YEAR IN MINISTRY



40,000

Passed through the doors, with six services on Sundays. Thousands more came to weekday services, weddings and funerals.



75

Confirmations and receptions

12

Baptisms

3

Ordinations



100+

Community groups & non-profits call this cathedral "home"—a location for their meetings, fundraisers, and special events.



40

Women experiencing homelessness were given shelter and hospitality at Saint Mark's every week in Bloedel Hall.



162

Combined hours worked per week by Seattle Service Corps members at local non-profits

70+

Volunteers joined the new Sanctuary effort, in conjunction with The Church Council of Greater Seattle



37

Clients for whom the NW Community Bail Fund has provided bail



17

Youth from around the Diocese went to the social justice pilgrimage to the South.



10,000-30,000

People listened to the Compline service broadcast on KING FM each week.



979

Live views and

6,968

On-demand views of the Sunday worship live stream at saintmarks.org



349

New followers on Saint Mark's Facebook page



\$1,844,714 **\$1,825,070**

2017 Revenues 2017 Expenses

\$19,644

"In the black"

\$9.5 M

Raised for the Living Stones Capital Campaign to date, which will preserve the cathedral building for decades to come.



75

Adults and

52

Children and youth sang regularly in the cathedral's choirs.



19

Average attendance in Sunday school programs for children

