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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

From Susan Guse,
Director of Music

We are blessed with talented and dedicated musicians at St. Andrew's. Each Sunday during worship from September until June, choir members enhance our worship together at the 10:30 am service by supporting congregational singing on hymns and portions of the liturgy, in addition to singing anthems each week. This past year, singers have been joined by trumpet, guitar and flute; and on two occasions, children from Sunday church school enriched our worship with their voices. Musicians from the Kent School also offered music during our prelude and postlude several Sundays on piano and on the organ.

During the summer months, the regular choir takes a summer break. Throughout the summer, the director of music arranges solo, small choral pieces and instrumental pieces. So far this summer, we will have three soloists, a men's chorus and a women's chorus, plus at least two different instrumentalists. It will be a musical summer!

The first choir Sunday is September 10th, 2023. Please contact the director of

music to join our choir - we warm up each Sunday morning at 9:15am in the choir room. During the fall and spring, monthly Saturday rehearsals are held to review new choral works. We always welcome new voices to our choir!

It's Almost Here! Donations to the Tag Sale Begin on July 3rd



The Tag Sale itself takes place August 4, 5 and 6, but preparations go on all of July.

- Please bring your donations to the Parish Hall. Leave them on the left hand side of the hall on the “office” end.
 - Remember that donations should be clean and in good working order. If you wouldn't buy it, we cannot sell it.
 - Volunteers will be in the Parish Hall Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-2pm. We'll be happy to help you unload.
 - If possible, please bring your donations in boxes, and let us know if you have a set of, for example, china, that is in more than one box. We cannot take computers.
 - Please call Bob McDowell to arrange for large items to be picked up at your house. His number is 860-488-1635. We cannot pick up upholstered furniture or mattresses.
- Help is always needed to price, arrange, and re-arrange donations. Please call Marel Rogers (860-364-0635) to find out how you can participate. You'll meet some great people and have a lot of fun!

Kent Senior Luncheon
June 28th at Noon



St. Andrews will provide a special lunch for Seniors (aged 60 and over) at the Kent Senior Center on Wednesday, June 28th at noon. The Senior Center is located at 16 Swifts Lane in Kent. Advance reservations are requested at 850-927-2055 or ssassist@gmail.com. Come join us for the fun!

If you can help George-Ann, who is taking the lead for St. Andrews, by serving and cleaning up at the event please get in touch with her at gagowan@mac.com.

Volunteers Needed: The St. Andrew's Community Garden



"The community garden will be coming alive after Memorial Day. Tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, peppers and herbs will be planted. All are invited to help! Waterers and weeders are always welcomed. Thank you for your participation." --**Jake Fricker**, stalwart gardener for St. Andrew's Community Garden

Again this year, the produce will be donated to the food banks in Kent and Sharon. Call Jake at (860) 364-9890 if you can lend a hand.

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 25 June :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Sunday, 25 June :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost* (with music)
(in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 25 June :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 25 June: 11:30 am

Coffee Hour

Monday, 26 June :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 28 June :: 12:00 pm

Senior Luncheon at Kent Senior Center

Wednesday, 28 June :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Thursday, 29 June:: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 29 June:: 7:00 pm

Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

August 4, 5, 6

The Tag Sale!

ECCT Mission Council Selection:
Nominations now Open



To all members of the Northwest Region:

In accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, our Northwest Region must select one clergy and one lay member, and alternates, to serve a three-year term on the ECCT Mission Council.

The nomination and selection process OPENS TODAY, Thursday, June 15, 2023 and remain open until Thursday, July 13, 2023. Final selection, presentation, and announcement of selected members will take place as outlined below.

In this email please find the information to consider prior to making a nomination. Self-nomination is permissible. Those nominating another person should obtain that person's consent to be nominated prior to making the nomination. Nominations must be made using the official electronic nomination form (to open on June 15th). Nominations must be made before the close of the business day on July 13, 2023.

A virtual Region Convocation to formally select Mission Council members will be held Sunday, August 27 | 2:30pm-3:30pm via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent to all registered to receive the NW Region Newsletter.

Please note: If you have received this message as a forwarded message, you may not be subscribed to the NW Region Newsletter. Please **click here** to subscribe. Please be certain to select "NW Region - Newsletter" from the list. **Click here to access the Self-Nomination Form Please review the materials that follow before completing the nomination form.**

Note: This is a self-nomination process. If you wish to nominate someone other than yourself, please share this form with that person/those persons for their discernment and self-completion.

General Responsibilities

Three Year Commitment (January 2024 through December 2026).

- Four Quarterly meetings on a Saturday (March, June, September, December).
- Pre-work required to review documents.
- One annual Training Session (January)
- Convention voting member and should attend Convention.
- Participation in one or more Mission Council sub-committees (meeting schedule depends on activity).

Northwest Region Mission Council representatives are ex officio members of the NWRLT Team. Mission Council representatives commit to participating in NW Region Leadership Team meetings, held on the First Sunday of each month at 1:30pm unless otherwise announced, and other events and projects as determined by the NW Region Leadership Team and/or the direction of our Bishops(s).

Note: Alternates are activated if the Mission Council member can no longer serve due to unexpected events (moved out the region etc.). If the mission council member cannot attend a meeting no substitute is sent as a replacement.

A Brief Introduction

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT), gathered in its 231st Annual Convention (2015), adopted a series of canonical resolutions to support the recommendations offered by the Taskforce for the Reimagining of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (TREC-CT).

TREC-CT had spent nearly two years engaging with Episcopalians across Connecticut, pondering how we might, as a diocese in the 21st century, respond to the rapidly changing world around us. We asked ourselves, “how *do* we “travel lightly together, follow Jesus into our neighborhoods (Luke 10), and more faithfully participate in God’s mission of restoration and reconciliation?”

As a result of Convention’s vote, we moved from 14 Deaneries to six Regions, and from deanery representatives to Mission Council team members, one lay and one ordained, selected by each Region.

A schedule for team member service was established, which provides a three-year rotating selection process whereby one corridor of our Regions (West, Central, or East) selects Mission Council members and their alternates to serve a three-year term and presents these names at our Annual Convention. In 2023 Annual Convention will be held October 27-28.

In 2023, the Northwest Region will gather in a virtual Region Convocation to formalize the selection of its team members to serve on ECCT’s Mission Council ahead of our annual fall convention.

Eligibility Guidelines

Each Region is tasked to select two members, one from each order (lay and ordained), to serve on ECCT’s Mission Council. These guidelines will help individuals discern their eligibility to stand for selection and members will be affirmed at our upcoming Region Convocation. In addition, your Region will

select one alternate for each order, which allows the alternate to serve the remainder of a team member's term only when the team member is no longer able to serve.

Note well: an alternate team member does not serve if a Mission Council team member is absent from a particular meeting. The intention is for all Mission Council team members to commit to their term of service and participate fully in the work, including:

- being onsite for all in-person meetings;
- participate in at least one Mission Council committee or board;
- arrive fully prepared, having thoroughly reviewed all background materials;
- and participate in all quarterly gatherings, the annual work day, and any additional needs (non-quarterly gathering digital votes, virtual gatherings, etc.).

However, sometimes life gets in the way; and if this occurs, rather than an alternate stepping in, the member is expected to follow up with other members and become fully apprised of what happened (*e.g.*, during the morning gathering and subsequent meeting of the Mission Council each quarter).

Lay Member Eligibility

Each Region will select one layperson to serve as a member of the Mission Council. In addition to being willing to commit to an annual workday, quarterly gatherings, and a three-year term, the layperson:

- Is a voting member of a parish or worshiping community within the Region;
- Will commit to and work for the good of the whole of ECCT through the faithful use of our shared life and resources, and not merely to “represent” a particular Region, parish, or worshiping community;
- May not be in the ordination process or currently discerning a call to the diaconate or priesthood;
- May serve on behalf of one Region only;
- Does not currently serve on Standing Committee or the Commission on Ministry; and
- Does not serve ECCT as a staff member of The Commons or Camp Washington.

Clergy Member Eligibility

Each Region will select one clergyperson to serve as a member of the Mission Council. In addition to being willing to commit to an annual work day, quarterly meetings, and a three-year term, the clergyperson:

- Must be in good standing and canonically resident in Connecticut;
- Must live within or serve a parish or worshiping community within the Region;
- May serve on behalf of one Region only;
- Will commit to and work for the good of the whole of ECCT through the faithful use of our shared life and resources, and not merely to “represent” a particular Region, parish, or worshiping community;

- Does not currently serve on Standing Committee or the Commission on Ministry; and
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Mission Council Committee and Board Service Opportunities

Closing Parish Committee

The Closing Parish Committee works with the Bishop Suffragan to support parishes that are engaging legacy planning and the closing parish process. This committee helps to ensure that the Closing Parish Protocols are completed in an efficient and pastoral manner, and with the Canon for Mission Collaboration, placing particular emphasis on the discernment within the communities about the ongoing life of parish properties.

Donations & Bequests

Donations and Bequests for Church Purposes, Inc. (D&B) was established in 1863 to safeguard and invest trust and long-term funds held by parishes and organizations in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. D&B invests these funds in The Episcopal Investment Fund of Connecticut.

Faith and Order Committee

Formerly known as Constitution and Canons, oversees modifications to ECCT's Constitution and Canons; and reviews resolutions before our Annual Convention for procedural accuracy and clarity, and considers organizational questions about the diocese.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee works with the Canon for Mission Finance & Operations to oversee ECCT's accounting and financial operations, property management, human resources, information technology services, and other administrative and operational needs.

Insurance Board

The Insurance Board works in conjunction with the Canon for Mission Finance & Operations to review and select medical and property insurance plans, determine plan administration policies, and oversee insurance and incentives for ECCT employees, properties, and parishes.

Intentional Episcopal Communities Committee

The Intentional Episcopal Communities Committee works with the Bishop Diocesan to encourage the creation of different forms of intentional, residential community living, committed to cohesion and teamwork while remaining true to the Episcopal tradition and participating fully in the life of ECCT as we join Jesus in this new missional age.

Leadership Gathering Planning Team

The Leadership Gathering of members from the Mission Council, Commission on Ministry, board of Donations & Bequests, and Standing Committee is held once each quarter on a Saturday. This team plans the content and agenda for the morning portion of the day, when all bodies gather together for dwelling in

the Word, learning, worship, and lunch.

Property Committee

The Property Committee, in conjunction with the Canon for Mission Finance and Operations and the ECCT Property Manager, oversees the care of ECCT properties, including vacant church buildings. In addition, this committee serves as a resource to parish property committees.

Recruitment Committee

The Recruitment Committee works with the Secretary of the Diocese to enlist talented, competent, diverse candidates for elected and appointed positions within the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Task Force for the Region Entrepreneurial Fund

Assisting the bishops and Canon for Mission Collaboration, this committee will develop a process by which those resources raised through the Joining Jesus in a New Missional Age campaign and designated for the support of life within our Regions shall be disbursed.

Trinity South Norwalk Fund Committee

The Trinity South Norwalk Committee oversees the Trinity South Norwalk Fund. These financial resources are available to Norwalk area parishes as designated by the Fund, which was created in 1974 after a fire destroyed the century-old Trinity Episcopal Church in South Norwalk.

Composition, Purpose, Power, and Authority of the Mission Council as set forth by ECCT Canons

Canon VII: The Mission Council

Section 1. The Mission Council of the Diocese shall be composed of:

- A) Two members, one clerical and one lay, determined by each Region, each to serve a three-year term;
- B) Nine members, clerical or lay, from Ministry Networks, elected by Convention upon the nomination of the Bishop, each to serve a three-year term; the Bishop shall nominate candidates for election from Ministry Networks equal to at least twice the number of positions to be filled by election of Convention;
- C) The Bishop Diocesan, the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, and the Bishops Suffragan, if there be any, ex officio, who shall preside in that order at meetings of the Mission Council;
- D) The Treasurer of the Diocese, the Assistant Treasurer of the Diocese, if there be one, the Secretary of the Diocese, the Secretary of Convention, and the Chancellor of the Diocese, ex officio.

Section 2. The members of the Mission Council, except those serving ex officio, shall be organized into three classes of as equal number as possible, the election of which shall be staggered. Members of the Mission Council shall be adult members of the Church, as defined by the Canons. Terms of members of the Mission Council shall start on January 1 of the year following their election.

Members who have served a full term on the Mission Council may be elected to one additional term. The Mission Council shall have the authority to fill vacancies in its membership for the period remaining until the next Annual Convention upon the nomination by the Bishop.

Section 3. The Mission Council shall exercise the full power and authority of the Convention between **its sessions** except in relation to amendments to the Constitution and Canons, the adoption of the Budget of Convention, the admission of new parishes, or such other matters as may be reserved by Constitution or Canon to the Annual Convention, or the Bishops, or the Standing Committee, or when any such action would be inconsistent with any action or directives of the Convention.

Section 4. The Mission Council shall have the power to adopt such bylaws, rules, and regulations as may be necessary for its own government, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Connecticut. The Mission Council shall hold stated meetings, and shall make and preserve a full record of all its acts.

Section 5. The Mission Council shall constitute a Finance Committee and may constitute from time to time such other committees as it deems advisable, and may appoint persons not members of the Mission Council to serve on such committees, or to perform such other services as may be required. At least one member of the Mission Council shall serve on each committee of the Mission Council. 12

Section 6. The Mission Council shall submit to each Annual Convention a report of its work since the previous Annual Convention. The report shall also contain an itemized statement for the preceding calendar year of all receipts and disbursements, a statement of all trust funds, and other property in its possession or under its control, and a detailed statement of the salaries, if any, paid to each of its officers. This report shall be made available to all members before the Annual Convention.

Section 7. The Mission Council shall submit to the Annual Convention for its consideration and action a Budget of Convention representing all the work of the Diocese for the ensuing calendar year. This budget shall be made available to all members before the Annual Convention. The rate and basis of financial assessments laid by the Convention upon the several Parishes and Worshiping Communities shall be voted on by the Annual Convention. The Mission Council shall present an assessment proposal to the Annual Convention for all monies to be raised from Parishes and Worshiping Communities in the support of the Budget of Convention.

Section 8. The Mission Council may elect one or more Assistant Treasurers.

Section 9. The Mission Council shall establish human resource standards and procedures for personnel employed by the Diocese.

Click here to access the self-nomination form.

Gas Cards Needed for Kent Social Services

Our town Social Worker, Samantha Hasenflue, asked whether St. Andrew's members might like to purchase prepaid gas cards at the Mobil station, which she would give to needy Kent residents who have to drive to medical appointments outside of Kent. Some people are really feeling the impact of rising food and fuel costs, and an extended drive to seek medical care puts strain on already tight budgets.

If you would like to help in this way, please place the gas card in an envelope, labelled "Kent Social Services" and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Help Support the Kent Food Bank



Please help our parish family continue to support of the Kent Food Bank by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund
P O Box 262
Kent, CT 06757
memo: Food Bank

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of Kent's new Social Services Director, Samantha Hasenflue. In addition, it is useful for the Director to have IGA gift cards to give to families who are in need. Please consider purchasing a card, for \$25 or \$50, and taking it to Samantha's office in Town Hall, or placing it in the offering plate, marked for the food bank.

The Kent Food Bank also accepts food donations. They are especially in need of staples such as **beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna**. Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past! Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

You may drop off food items on Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon in the back of the Community House on Main Street.

Lections for this Week

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost *Year A*

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39



Worship Services

-Sunday-
Holy Eucharist
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

In person
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.





12 Step Meetings

Mondays
LGBTQ+ A.A.
(Parish House)

Thursdays
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
A.A. at 7:00 pm
(Parish House)



Parish Staff

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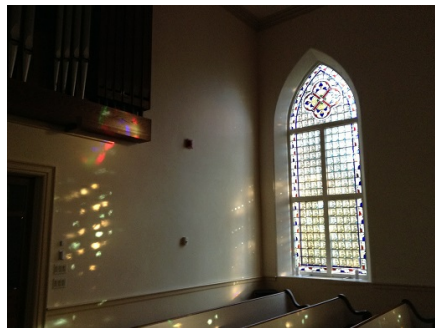
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