

From The Dean . . .

In the days immediately following Hurricane Katrina, I began discussions with Abigail Nelson, Vice President of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) regarding the possibility of their financial support of a ministry to stabilize our Central City neighborhood primarily through affordable housing. They had never done this kind of funding in North America; however she encouraged me to come up with a plan and promised to keep an open mind. I approached Chris Beary who was Senior Warden of the Cathedral at that time and he agreed to lead the research and analysis effort which led to an initial proposal to ERD resulting in exploratory funding and our first Executive Director, Brad Powers. Within six months, and with the strong support of then Diocesan Bishop Charles Jenkins, we received additional funding of \$2.3 million and our massive undertaking began to come to life.



As we approach our 10 year anniversary, Jericho Road has recently received the important distinction of being certified by HUD as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and we continue to revitalize our community through an innovative three-pronged approach: 1) fostering the human capacity that can promote change through building resident leadership and neighborhood institutions; 2) stabilizing and investing in targeted high-impact block faces through vacant property management and greening; and 3) creating healthy, accessible and energy efficient affordable housing.

I serve as the Chair of the Jericho Road Board and, in addition to Chris Beary, other Cathedral members who have served on the Board include former Senior Warden Mary Baldwin Kennedy, and Rick Mithun.

Jericho road is an outreach ministry of Christ Church Cathedral; however, it does not receive any direct funding from the Cathedral. The Executive staff of Jericho Road and its Board members are responsible for raising the funds needed to continue and advance our mission which is crucial to the continuing renaissance of our community. Holly Heine, Director of operations would be happy to give you any additional information you would like : (hollyheine@jerichohousing.org). Also listed below are the social media addresses for Jericho Road. I hope you will take a moment to check in and learn more about the work we have done and that which we still seek to achieve. I hope you will also consider making a financial contribution to help ensure we are able to continue this ministry well into the future.

Web: <http://www.jerichohousing.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jerichoroadepiscopalhousinginitiative?ref=hl>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/JerichoHousing>

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WELCOMES YOU

Thrift sale returning in 2016

In the wake of the recent death of Diane Piret, and given her monumental efforts in leading our annual Thrift sale, we have decided to take a hiatus in 2015 in order to regroup and be prepared to offer this very popular outreach ministry in 2016. To this end we will be forming a planning committee later this year to take over leadership of the sale. If you would like to be included on this committee, please send an email to Suzette Follette in the parish office (suzettefollette@ccnola.org).

The Cathedral is not taking donated items this year. Please take your items directly to UNITY or Bridge House. Thanks.

UNITY of Greater New Orleans needs household items to furnish apartments for the newly housed homeless. Dishes, flatware, pots and pans, blankets, sheets and pillowcases are among the most needed items. No electronics, large appliances, or clothing, please. Take donated items directly to their warehouse at 506 N. St. Patrick Street in Mid-City. The warehouse is open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Questions? Call warehouse manager Joe Herren-Mueller at 483-9300.

Bridge House takes donations of household goods and clothing. They do not take large appliances, electronics or sewing machines. You can drop of donations at one of their two stores, 1160 Camp Street (504) 522-4476 or 7901 Airline Hwy. , Metairie (504) 737-4752.

LECTIONARY TEXTS
(Sunday Readings)

June 7

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 14

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 21

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 28

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 5

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 12

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 19

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-19
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

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Submissions for Cathedral publications
are always welcome.

*Items for the August, 2015 issue of
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Send photos to
photos@cccnola.org

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VESTRY

2016

Chris Beary (Treasurer), Sam Buckley
(Secretary)

Julio Figueroa (Senior Warden)

2017

Mikey Corcoran,
Sandy Jackson (Junior Warden)
Karen Whitfield

2018

Kendall Genre, Jesse George
Lawrence Marrione, Rick Mithun

2019

Ryan Garrity, Angela Kellum,
Dan LeGardeur

Weekly Liturgies

Sundays

7:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
1928 Prayer Book

10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)
Rite II (Rite I in Lent)

6:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)
Real Presence

Weekdays (M-F)

12:15 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist

Saturdays

9:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
Rite I

WGSO 990AM

Sunday Morning 10 AM Eucharist
Live Broadcast on WGSO 990 AM
Radio.

Online streaming and downloadable
podcast at www.wgso.com
Broadcasts underwritten in part by
St. Martin's Episcopal School.



From the Archdeacon

Deacon Priscilla Maumus

Minister or Volunteer?

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justice now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now.

You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

- The Talmud



We often speak of volunteering in the community – and many of you do so. But as Christians, we frame the experience differently. “Volunteer” and “volition” share a common root, meaning “will” – and we often think of volunteer activity as something we can do – or not do – at will. However, ministry is something we are called to in Baptism, a vow which we repeat every time we renew our Baptismal Covenant, either at Pentecost or during a Sunday service when we baptize a candidate.

Volunteerism may be casual, but our pledge to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” and “to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being” is a sacred duty, inseparable from our Christian identity and practice.

Simply put, it is impossible to be a Christian without being a minister. Just as we give our treasure, so also we are called to give our gifts (talents, skills, and passionate commitment) in an intentional – and sometimes – sacrificial way. When I worked at Lambeth House, I would sometimes hear bed-bound residents say that they had nothing to give, but they had something very precious – their time in intercessory prayer – for the sick, the suffering, the disenfranchised and for the Church and institutions which serve them. For those of us more mobile, we often tend to do things scatter-shot, as fragmented as our lives can sometimes be. But our faith is really calling us to think about what we do and why, and to commit to it.

I invite you to spend some time in prayer in the coming two months asking God to help you discern how you are being called to do God’s work in the here and now (and it may be to a different ministry than one you have exercised in the past – God is full of surprises). Then, make a commitment to yourself and to God for the next twelve months to practice a specific ministry on a regular basis.

As your deacon, I have connections to many opportunities for service and can tailor your ministry to your specific interests and abilities. If you don’t catch up with me on a Sunday, email me at deacon@cccno.org or call the Cathedral at 895-6602 and leave a message for me.



June

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| 1 | Marge Smith | 17 | June Aiken |
| 2 | Caroline Nead | 18 | Harry Redman, Jr. |
| 3 | Betty Foster | 18 | Jacob Anthony |
| 5 | Ali Mansfield | 19 | Liam Richert |
| 8 | Katherine Goforth | 21 | Tihana Zschiesche |
| 10 | Caroline Dodson | 23 | Jan Cooke |
| 11 | Kitty Schmidt | 25 | Ronald Nichols |
| 11 | Adele LeGardeur | 26 | Angela Kellum |
| 13 | Karen Whitfield | 29 | Linda Roberts |
| 16 | David Murdock | 30 | Harlan Bush, Jr |

July

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| 4 | Becky Buckley | 20 | Matthew Perschall |
| 5 | Catherine Schmidt | 21 | Elizabeth Finley |
| 7 | Troy Buttone | 21 | Ingrid Bush |
| 9 | Ron Akers | 22 | Tom Bullock |
| 9 | Lillian Browning | 24 | William Taylor |
| 10 | Jesse George | 25 | Wyatt Blankingship |
| 11 | Harry Leche III | 27 | Gary Lloyd |
| 11 | William Bisso V | 27 | Patrick (PJ) Lewis, Jr. |
| 14 | Susan Kartzke | 28 | Matthew Kirkwood |
| 15 | Sara Wallace | 29 | Susan Carswell |
| 15 | Liv Dunn | 29 | James Teed |
| 16 | David Morelock | 29 | Gregory Curtis |
| 17 | Christian Shofstahl | 30 | Judy Martin |
| 17 | Claire Beary | 30 | Jason Piper |
| 19 | Sue Dicharry | 30 | Samuel (Sam) Buckley IV |
| 19 | Cathy Kirkwood | | |

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If your name isn't listed, we don't have your date of birth in our records. Please send an e-mail to acs@cccno.org or call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!

I publish the Banns of Marriage between

Caroline Martin Gray and Michael Leonard Yates.

If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it.

~ The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier

The Ministry of Greeting

Larry Marrione

The Ministry of Greeting

Christ Church Cathedral is engaged in a variety of ministries. One of our most important of these is greeting parishioners and visitors as they enter the Cathedral.

Effective greeters reflect their personal attitude toward being at church. They are aware of their great love of the liturgy and the community here and exhibit this in their demeanor at the front door. They invite others to share this wonderful experience and welcome them authentically. This task has no special recipe or formula but is a genuine expression of the greeter.

Each person approaching the Church determines my style of greeting. If the person is familiar, I welcome them and greet them by name. If the person is new, (many visitors come from around the country and from various parts of the world), I extend my hand and welcome them, ask their names, and from where they come. I inform them of our coffee hour and invite them to stay for it. When I enter the Church, I check to see where the new people are seated. When the service is over I go to them and ask if they would like to see the Chapel -- most are interested. After a visit to the Chapel, I escort them to Stuart Hall and give them a thumbnail history of the Cathedral. In Stuart Hall, I introduce them to various parishioners and make sure they are engaged in conversation with someone.

The ministry of greeting is basically one of welcoming and engaging.



Confirmation & Reception

On Sunday, September 13

Confirmation in the Episcopal Church is a sacramental rite in which a baptized person makes a mature and public affirmation of the promises that are made at baptism (usually on our behalf by parents and godparents.) Confirmation is also proclaiming your desire to make spiritual path within the faith and tradition and community of the Episcopal Church. After making these affirmations, our Bishop lays hands on the candidate and prays a prayer of confirmation. This is very powerful expression of our faith, not only for the candidate, but also, for all who witness it. If you already have been confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, you can also take part in this profession of commitment by being Received. This rite affirms your confirmation, as the Bishop welcomes you into the Episcopal faith community.

This year on September 13 at the 10:00 am service, Bishop Thompson will make his annual visitation to the Cathedral for Confirmations and Receptions. There is preparation required for Confirmation and Reception which entails exploring the history, tradition, polity, and theology of the Episcopal Church, as well as, exploring our Baptismal vows and our faithful response in ministry. If you are interested in Confirmation or Reception, or would like more information, please contact Canon Steven Roberts at the church office.

Free Legal Clinics Continue

The Pro Bono Legal Project is partnering with the Cathedral and Jericho Road to sponsor free legal clinics at the Cathedral Saturday, June 13 and Saturday, July 11 between 10 a.m. and noon. *If you can translate Spanish to English, we could use your assistance on June 13!* If you know someone (a friend, an employee, a neighbor) who might benefit from legal advice about bankruptcy, foreclosure, debt collection harassment, contract disputes, wills, or landlord issues, encourage them to come to the Cathedral. No appointments are necessary and no fees are charged. Enter by the 6th Street door (3rd door down from the St. Charles Avenue.) For more information, call (504) 581-4043. Thanks to Vestry member Jesse George for arranging this service.

EfM

E D U C A T I O N F O R M I N I S T R Y

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GROUP is being continued. Bill Forman is seeking additional members for the Education for Ministry Group to continue in September at Christ Church Cathedral. The group is open to all denominations. EFM is a four-year study program sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and The University of the South School of Theology. EFM provides an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of Christian Theology from the Old Testament to the present. The program also gives one a perspective to consider the possibilities of various ministries. EFM is thirty-nine years old and has thousands of graduates worldwide. The group will meet for two hours each week from September until May. For further information, please call Bill at 504-891-0524.

Coffee Hour

Please consider hosting Coffee Hour one Sunday. Drinks are provided by the cathedral and volunteers provide their choice of food. Host with a friend or two. If you have no time to shop and prepare food, donations are always gladly accepted. Back-up refreshment supplies are low and contributions are welcome. For additional information or to volunteer, contact Kathy Boyd, 891-1360 or kboydaj@yahoo.com. Recent hosts: Frances Beverly, Jim Buck, Ray Goeler, Jennifer Cheatham, Kathy Boyd, Sarah and Liam Whalen, Meryl and Boyd Fink, and Kendall Genre *Many thanks to all!*



Anna's Place

Anna's Place is a mission of St. Anna's Episcopal Church. It is a merger of two missions: Anna's Arts for Kids and St. Anna's Medical Mission. The merger of these two missions reflects the commitment to the children, their families, and their total well-being.

The children's program has three components: an after school tutoring program; a Saturday Arts Academy; and a four week summer camp held at Christ Church Cathedral. Many of the students are in low performing schools. The tutoring program strives to get and keep them on grade level. In conjunction with the Medical Mission, the children learn about healthy eating and healthy physical play. The Saturday Arts Academy introduces them to music theory, musical instruments, choral performance;

individual vocal training, and visual arts. The summer camp continues the musical program and offers a reading program.

Anna's Place is working in collaboration with several local groups, including Christ Church. The Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra provides instrumental teachers, as well as tickets to LPO performances. The New Orleans Museum of Art offers special classes. The children have also experienced ballet and opera.

There are many needs and many opportunities to volunteer. The Medical Mission is always in need of trained medical personnel. Call Diana Meyer at St. Anna's, 504-947-2121, if you are interested in helping in this area or for more information.

If you are interested in working with the children, adult volunteers are needed to lead or assist groups of kids in academic, artistic and recreation/health related activities. Call Adrienne Finucane at St. Anna's for more information. The summer camp at the Cathedral will be held in two sessions: June 15-26 and July 6-17. The academic portion will be 9-12 with the arts portion of the day from noon to 3:00. Training will be June 8-12. All volunteers who work with children must have completed the "Safeguarding God's Children" training. This will be offered as part of the June camp training session.

The ultimate dream of Anna's Place is an accredited school on the property known as The Dodwell House located on the corner of Esplanade and Claiborne Avenues. A YouTube video called "A Home for Anna's Place" has been uploaded. It shows part of the wonderful work being done now and hopes for the future.

For more information about Anna's Place and how you can help, call St. Anna's Church, 504-947-2121, or speak to Vicki Moreland or Jennifer Buckley, both members of the Anna's Place Advisory Council.





The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

Community Mission Appeal

“Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire” (Veni Creator Spiritus, Hymn #504, Hymnal 1982)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Community Mission Appeal - or CMA - will officially kick-off on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. We are asking each congregation in the diocese to take up a special collection during the Season of Pentecost. We need your help in making this annual campaign a success. Look below for further instructions, the timeline of the CMA, campaign materials, and helpful tips.

The theme for the CMA is “Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire” taken from “Veni Creator Spiritus,” Hymn #504 in the Hymnal 1982. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians embark on their mission to realize the Kingdom of God on earth. Episcopalians throughout the Diocese of Louisiana have been inspired to reach out to those in the wider world. We participate in these missions in different ways. Many donate their time and effort, but all of us can offer up prayer and make a financial donation in some amount, small or large.

One hundred percent of the gifts received through the CMA will go directly to churches in the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana in the form of grants to support the development and continuing strength of mission work.

I ask that each of you prayerfully consider a personal gift to the CMA. It is important that we, as ordained leaders, support the ministry that we do together as a diocese. Please know that our endeavor is to show the love of Christ to our neighbor, a love that sets us free from all that is terrible and leads us to all that is good and holy.

Thank you for your leadership in this matter. The Diocese of Louisiana is a truly special place, and each of you are an important part of that fact. I am blessed to be your bishop.

In Christ,

The Rt. Rev'd Morris K. Thompson, Jr.
Bishop of Louisiana

Little Free Library

Deacon Priscilla Maumus

Re-Stockers Needed!

Our Little Free Library is a heavily used hospitality and literacy ministry. It is emptied on a frequent basis. I am looking for helpers to re-stock the library with books. This is a light-duty ministry, requiring as little as an hour or so a week. Please contact me at deacon@cccnoa.org or leave a message at my office by calling (504) 895-6602 if you are interested in this ministry.



From Advent House

Consider Centering Prayer

A faithful group of us meet weekly at Advent House on Saturdays to practice Centering Prayer together in silence and then to discuss our experiences of and to learn more about Centering Prayer. Why would we be willing to meet regularly, on a weekly basis and on Saturdays, of all days?



This prayer for 'Quiet Confidence' from of the Book of Common Prayer (referencing Psalm 46:10: 'Be still and know that I am God.') in many ways holds the answer:

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is the desire, need and hope for the things that are expressed in this prayer: peace, rest, quietness, confidence, strength, presence, stillness, and an inner knowing of God. It's about our deep yearning for spiritual wholeness and deeper communion.

'Stillness' is the key. Stillness is a scarce commodity in today's world. It seems that we are constantly bombarded with ever-changing electronic media, sounding cell phones, and the endless demands of busy lives. Yet, as the psalmist knew, 'stillness' is needed for greater awareness of God's love and presence in our lives and within us, to enter more deeply into our relationship with God, and to give God the opportunity to heal us and mature us spiritually.

Centering Prayer is a major method of meditation/contemplation used by Christians to cultivate this silent stillness where we can let go of our constant brain chatter and preoccupations and surrender beyond words, thoughts or feelings into the arms of Love. It is not the type of prayer we are used to generally. It facilitates a movement from more active modes of prayer (verbal, discursive or affective) to a receptive prayer of resting in God in silence, from conversation to communion. Centering Prayer is a method, consisting of four guidelines, that must be learned and practiced. The essence of this method consist of learning to withdraw our attention from our thoughts, feelings and perceptions in order to rest in a gentle, open attentiveness to Divine Reality itself. It gives us a method of being present to God in spite of the many obstacles within us that block our efforts to be responsively present. This prayer form is for active, extroverted and highly verbal people as well introverted, contemplative and reflective people.

Do you feel that there is something missing in your life or a longing for 'something more' that is hard to name? Do you feel a need for God to be more real in your life or to connect more deeply with God? Do you want to grow spiritually or develop a

stronger prayer life? If you can answer even a small 'yes' to any of these questions, Centering Prayer may be just where God is calling you now.

Consider learning about and beginning to practice Centering Prayer. The best way to do this is to attend the 'Introductory Workshop on Centering Prayer' that will be offered in the fall at Advent House and then to join a weekly group. Or begin now by attending the 9:30 Saturday sessions at Advent House where newcomers are always invited and instruction in the basics is offered. And let Mtr. Bridget know that you are interested.

Deacon Maggie Dawson

Centering Prayer Facilitator for Contemplative Outreach, Ltd.



Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative is committed to setting our homeowners up for success. In an effort to support new homeowners Jericho Road sponsors a bi-monthly post-purchase educational workshop focusing on issues that homeowners face every day.

Summer is coming! Are you prepared? Well, all Homeowners who attend Jericho Road's FREE Post-Purchase Homeowners' Workshops are!! In early May Jericho Road gathered with experts, homeowners and a nutritious breakfast. We heard from Pest Control expert Andre Celestine of Al's Pest Control about how to prepare your home for termite season



NOW so you don't have to pay later! Deborah Graham of Capital One Bank helped us better understand the equity we have in our homes and talked about options for homeowners interested in refinancing their mortgage. Last, but certainly not least, a big thanks goes out to The Central City Home Depot for coming out with an awesome presentation on interior home painting in the simplest, cheapest, and best way!

Catch us in July for our next Homeowners' Workshop! Open to all!



Parents' Night Out

A great opportunity for a few hours
...for a quiet dinner? ...or errands? ...or just peace and quiet?

Wednesday night – June 24, 6pm - 9 pm.

We will provide for your children:
dinner, a time to play, do crafts & other activities.

Cost: Free

Please use the back entrance of Church on Carondelet Street.

Please RSVP to Canon Roberts.

Supervising Adults:

Christian Formation leader Page Beary (504) 232-1100
and Canon Steven Roberts (504) 352-4564.

Feel free to call if you have any questions...

...and get ready for a Parents' Night Out!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, June 15 - Friday, July 17
Anna's Place Summer Camp

Sunday, July 12
Organ Recital - Wim Ruessink

Sunday, July 26
The choir of Palmer Memorial Church, Houston
Organist, Ken Cowan
10:00 AM - The Holy Eucharist
4:00 PM - Choral Evensong

Saturday, August 1
Back-to-School Barbecue

Sunday, August 30
The 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina
4:00 PM - Choral Evensong
Officiant - The Right Reverend Morris K. Thompson, Jr.
Preacher - The Right Reverend Charles E. Jenkins

Sunday, September 13
10:00 AM - Bishop's Annual Visit with Confirmation
Startup Sunday

Sunday, October 4
Annual Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, December 13
4:00 PM - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols