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To My Family of Grace,

Greetings and Salutations in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May the Incarnate Word fill our hearts and souls with joy and emancipating love for each other.

By resolution of its Annual Convention the Episcopal Church in Connecticut decided to enter a two-year "Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation. It declared that on the second Sunday in February, all parishes will be asked to begin a conversation with their congregations about the sin of racism in ECCT by hosting a forum on racial reconciliation. The Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network strongly recommends using video and discussion questions from the joint session on racial reconciliation held at the 2018 General Convention in Austin, Texas and reading the Jan. 4, 2019 Bishops' Letter about this Season.

The initial goals of the Season are to:

- introduce foundational concepts, language, and tools to help encourage and enable congregations to begin opening hearts and minds;
- recognize the reality of white supremacy and bias against people of color;
- awaken Episcopalians in Connecticut to the need for concerted action to address the ongoing injustice of the racial divide.

Supporting groups who are engaged in this work include (and are not limited to):

- Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network (includes members of Leadership Gathering working group)
- Clergy Allies on Race
- Clergy of Color
- Region missionaries and Region leadership
- ECCT Bishops, Canons, and other staff

The ECCT Annual Convention also approved:

- funding a 10-hour/week ECCT position to assist other Episcopalians in gathering, curating, and distributing/disseminating educational resources to address the history of White supremacy; facilitate the conversation on racism; identify models of reconciliation locally and globally; and encourage more civic involvement surrounding the issue of racism;
- creating a report and process for all ECCT parishes to report in detail how they have engaged in conversation, study, and action regarding racial healing, justice, reconciliation, and the sin of racism;
- training all leaders in clergy transition on the impact of white privilege and the importance of including diverse candidates in every search;
- asking parishes in clergy transition processes to report the number of candidates of color included in their process;
- declaring that all searches for ECCT staff positions include at least two people of color, or one if there are fewer than four people in total, among the final candidates interviewed.

In addition, the Leadership Gathering of ECCT approved recommendations to:

- host a one-day workshop with Kelly Brown Douglas on the history of racism open to all in ECCT; this will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford on April 6, 2019 and Dean Lina Howell is the contact for this event;
- offer training for missionaries and other facilitators in each Region so they are equipped to lead truth-telling conversations accompanied by active listening; a leader from the Absalom Jones Center in Atlanta, Georgia, will lead this in June, 2019 at a location and date TBD.

- coordinate field trips to significant places such as St. Luke's, New Haven; the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C.; the Center for Reconciliation in Providence, RI; the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, informally known as the National Lynching Memorial
- develop a strategy for raising new, diverse leadership in ECCT
- invite Camp Washington and parishes to teach children meaningful lessons around difference in 2019, and to consider using the youth curriculum from the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing for that work;
- formalize the integration of the Leadership Gathering working group on race with the existing Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network, and to create a clear charter with specific accountabilities and deliverables; support the Commission on Ministry in fulfilling their charge to incorporate racial reconciliation work (reading, conversation, experiences) in the ordination process;
- hold a diocesan-wide book discussion during a designated time that will be supported by a discussion guide
- provide a web page or content area for resources; provide other communication and media content

The Vestry of Grace has been actively working on this and has already scheduled a Bibliodrama on February 9th, the second Saturday of February, that deals with this very topic. Max Kuziak has also been working with the local Human Rights Commission, of which he is member, to get an excellent program originally given for the Town brought to us. Also, on February 10th, we will be using the Diocesan mandated service for Racial Reconciliation.

May God guide us into all truth and light and may we as the Grace Church Family continue to battle prejudice wherever and whenever we find it. Let us have the grace to participate in this Season of Racial Healing and become more of a people that God intends us to be.

Fr. Chip

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ECW Quiet Day

Saturday, March 9

9 AM - 2 PM



*Lenten
Quiet
Day*

Topic: To be determined

Speaker: Fr. Chip Elliott

Please contact: Joanne Roach to register at jrtoothfairy@aol.com or 860-688-8091.



Sunday

10 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday

- CT Concert Ballet, Great Hall, 6-7:45 PM
- AA, LPH, 8:00 PM

Tuesday

- Scottish Dancers, Great Hall, 7 PM
- Lacrosse, First Tuesday, LPH, 7 PM
- Vestry, Second Tuesday, LPH, 7 PM
- Book Club, Fourth Tuesday, LPH, 1 PM

Wednesday

- CT Concert Ballet, Great Hall, 6-6:45 PM
- Food Pantry, LPH, 4-7 PM

Thursday

- CT Concert Ballet, Great Hall, 5-6:45 PM
- Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm., 7:00 PM

Friday

- Grace Talk Spiritual Discussion, Catacombs, 10 AM
- Windsor Club, occasional Fridays, LPH, 7:30 PM

LPH – Lower Parish Hall (downstairs hall)

Great Hall – upstairs hall

Music Rm. – upstairs

If planning an event, PLEASE schedule ANY meeting through Carol in the office FIRST to make sure there are no scheduling conflicts.

FundIt

You can buy FundIt gift cards through Carol Flanagan on Sunday mornings at Coffee hour or call her at 860-688-1141. There are a wide variety of cards to choose from.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

If you were born in February and your name is not on our list, please notify the Church Office, 688-1232.

Connie Hegarty, Yvette Ali, Tammy Girard, Pat Ould, Ken Roach, Jenny Hawran, Miriam Rogers, Kaitlyn Ali, Chip LaClair, Linda Rickard, Muff Fowler, Bob Keating, Liam Blais, Pat Loucks



Grace Church Book Discussion Group

Date: February 26
 Time: 1:00 PM
 Place: LPH
 Host: Avril Mitchell
 Book: Little Bee
 Author: Chris Cleave

We don't want to tell you too much about this book. It is a truly special story and we don't want to spoil it. Nevertheless, you need to know something, so we will just say this: It is extremely funny, but the African beach scene is horrific. The story starts there, but the book doesn't. And it's what happens afterward that is most important. Once you have read it, you'll want to tell everyone about it. When you do, please don't tell them what happens either. The magic is in how it unfolds.

A tip from the Planned Giving Committee

If you are 70½ and older, you might consider making any monetary contributions to the church in 2019 by direct payment from a traditional IRA to Grace Episcopal Church as part of your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). By doing this, your gift may become a QCD (Qualified Minimum Distribution) and as such will not be taxed, even if you take the standard deduction rather than itemizing deductions. We recommend you check with your tax advisor, financial planner or IRA custodian before taking this step.

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**Please Join Us for a Bibliodrama on
Saturday, February 9 from 9:30am to 12:00.
In the music room at Grace Episcopal Church,
311 Broad Street (next to the library)**

We often learn best about each other through stories. We talk about walking in another's shoes, but what if we could *see* through another's *eyes*? Marcia Hinckley invites you to join her in doing just that as we explore the issue of racism by reading "The Necessary Knocking at the Door," a short story by Ann Petry, a Connecticut author. We're not going to be acting out the story *per se*, although there will be some enactment, but it will be my job to help us draw on our own experience and sensibilities to delve into the characters' minds and hearts in order to deepen our understanding of the impact racism has on all our lives. For more information or to sign up and receive a copy of the story, please contact Marcia (Marcy) at 860-688-0943 or md3hinckley@gmail.com.



Date: Sunday, Feb. 17

Time: 4:00

Sparkling International Music for Mandolin & Guitar

Grace Episcopal Church will present a one-hour concert by the internationally famous husband and wife duo, Handler & Levesque. The concert will benefit the newly opened Red Door of Grace Food Pantry, open Wednesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Judy Handler and Mark Levesque have performed over 2,000 concerts together throughout the US and Europe and have produced many CDs. The program on Feb. 17 will be "Rhythms of the World"—including classical, swing, gypsy and jazz.

Audiences respond with great enthusiasm to their extraordinary sound, amusing anecdotes and the joyful spirit of their arrangements. To hear them once is not enough. Tickets are \$15. For information and reservations call (860) 688-1232.

Significant Snow date: Sunday, Feb. 24, 4:00 p.m.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Windsor, Connecticut
December 20, 2018

Call to Order

Attendance

Present: Fr. Chip, Deacon Denise, Ian Rickard, Fred McLeod, Deb Hutchinson, Connie Hegarty, Marcia Hinckley, Chuck Drake, Karen Tiemann, Scott Sanislo, Ken Roach, Max Kuziak (via conference call) and JoAnne McLeod..

Absent: Larry Young, Allison Kelly, Jan Lawlor and Jane Cimbak.

1. **Opening Prayers**

The December 20, 2018 Vestry Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by The Reverend Harry (Chip) Elliott with Devotions and Opening Prayers.

2. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions made to the agenda.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes, as written, from the November 13, 2018 Vestry meeting.

4. **Wardens' Reports**

Senior Warden Ian Rickard did not have a formal report. However, he noted that recent reports stated that homelessness in the United States has increased by 18% this year. He remarked that we are doing important work at Grace Church.

Junior Warden Fred McLeod stated that he would report later in the meeting.

5. **Committee Reports as Needed**

a. Buildings and Grounds

Fred McLeod discussed the condition of the front door of the Tuttle House and he distributed a photo of the damage to the door. While the door can be locked, cold air infiltration is occurring around the damaged area. He has contacted Tull Brothers; they recommended a u-shaped sleeve that will provide a mounting point for the handle and door set. The quote includes a barrel lock, 3 keys and would match our master lock. A discussion took place regarding ways to cut costs and whether a barrel lock is needed. Marcia Hinckley and Chuck Drake suggested another vendor who they agreed to contact. Fred made a motion to repair the Tuttle House door for a price not to exceed \$1300. Following a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Stewardship

Connie Hegarty reported that 70 of the 78 distributed pledge cards for the 2018 Campaign have been returned for a total pledged amount of \$186,418. From that pledged amount, the final expected total for 2018 will be \$181,962 with \$3,123 received from non-pledgers. Not all pledged amounts were fulfilled

A total of 89 pledge cards have been distributed for the 2019 Campaign and 71 of those cards have been returned. The final total pledged amount is \$187,682. Celebration Sunday will take place on January 20, 2019 which coincides with the date of the Annual Meeting. Statements will be emailed or mailed in January 2019. Personalized letters will be mailed to each person who pledged for 2019. Father Chip and the vestry thanked Connie for her dedication and hard work.

c. Nominating

Connie Hegarty reported on the vestry nominations for 2019. They nominees are as follows:

- Sr. and Jr. Wardens Ian Rickard and Fred McLeod
- Chair of Building and
 Grounds Chuck Drake
- Treasurer Larry Young
- Clerk JoAnne McLeod
- Assistant Clerk Position eliminated, volunteers asked
- Vestry for 3-yr terms Ken Roach
 Carol Blais
 Andrew Hutchinson

- Convention Delegate Connie Hegarty
- Assistant Delegate Ian Rickard
- Youth Representative Gabby Hutchinson

6. **Financial Reports**

a. 2019 Budget

Father Chip distributed and explained the 2019 budget prepared by Larry Young. The budget is based on total parishioner support of \$188,325 which is down by \$7500 from last year. Total operating revenues for 2019 are estimated at \$222,797 with is down almost \$4000 from last year. Because of cuts in personnel expenses, the pay-off of the Diocesan loan and other line items, the 2019 operating expenses will be \$210,233 which is about \$27,000 less than 2018. As a result, the General Fund will have a surplus of \$12,564. The Finance Committee would like any surplus to go back into the Tuttle Fund to replace money used to repair the Tuttle House. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the budget. Father Chip made a motion to approve the 2019 budget. The motion was seconded. Following further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Old Business**

a. Tuttle House

Max Kuziak reported on the status of the current renter at the Tuttle House. The renter is responsible for snow shoveling and clean-up following a storm; he has a back-up person who is available to help. Max is working to find an additional tenant for the house.

b. Form New Committees

No action is required at this time.

c. Diversity Training

Father Chip stated that Marcia Hinckley and Max Kuziak are working on the training. He feels that we will have an overwhelming response to the training because of the Diocesan emphasis in this area. Marcia and Max will report at the January meeting.

d. Food Pantry

Father Chip reported that the Food Pantry is scheduled to open January 9th. The signage is in and fliers are being distributed. The mini food pantry has been taken down and will be placed by the back door of the LPH; it will become a mini clothing pantry. Signage for the new pantry will be placed on the remaining post. Deacon Denise, Carol Blais and Father Chip attended an orientation at Food Share; Father Chip and Carol also attended a training class. Father Chip reported on a government program, TEFAP, which subsidizes farmers by purchasing their products and then donating them. We have been approved by TEFAP and all our food from them will be free. This program is tied to Food Share; the only food we will pay for is what we purchase from Food Share. The TEFAP food is available in a special room at Food Share; a changing variety of products will be offered. The ECW has generously donated their freezer to the Food Pantry. It will be moved into the pantry and stocked with frozen foods. Father Chip noted that 11 to 15 volunteers have signed up to work at the Food Pantry. Training will take place. WIN-TV and the Windsor Journal have been approached to advertise the Food Pantry. A member of the vestry has donated 10 aprons for volunteers to wear. Father Chip stated that a logo is needed for the Food Pantry. A Logo Contest will take place; entries will be accepted until January 1st. A committee consisting of Ian Rickard, Fred McLeod, Deacon Denise and Carol Blais will select the winning logo. The winner will receive 2lbs. of their choice of delicious Chip's Chocolates. Deacon Denise stated that she will contact The Hartford Courant and WJMJ radio about advertising the Food Pantry.

e. Parish Retreat Follow-up

The next Parish Retreat will take place on January 26, 2019.

f. Organ

Father Chip reported that the organ has been fixed and it sounds great. A bill has yet to be submitted; Father Chip estimates it will cost \$500 – 700.

8. **New Business**

a. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will take place following the service on January 20, 2019.

9. **Questions and/or Comments**

No questions or comments were made.

10. **Closing Devotions and Adjournment**

With no further business before the vestry, Father Chip made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried, and Father Chip led the vestry saying the closing prayer and devotions.

JoAnne McLeod, Clerk

February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 LPH in use, LPH, 1-6 PM
3	4	5 Lacrosse, LPH, 7 PM	6	7	8	9 Bibliodrama, 9-12:30, Music Rm.
10	11 CONCORA Board meeting, Music Rm., 7- 8:30 PM	12 Vestry, LPH, 7 PM	13 Windsor African Violet Society, 7-9 PM, LPH	14	15	16
17 Rhythms of the World Concert, 4 PM	18 President's Day, office closed	19	20	21 Toastmaster's, LPH, 6-9 PM	22	23
24	25	26 Book Discussion, LPH, 1 PM	27 Lacrosse, LPH, 7 PM	28 Lacrosse, LPH, 7 PM		
		LPH - Lower Parish Hall				

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Denise – Morning Prayer	4	5 Lacrosse, LPH, 7 PM	6 Ashes to Go, 12-1 ✦ Ash Weds. service, 7 PM	7	8	9 ECW Quiet Day, 9-2
10	11	12 Vestry, LPH, 7 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Church, Great Hall, Kitchen, LPH in use 6-9 PM	23 Church, Great Hall, Kitchen, LPH in use 3-9 PM
24	25	26 Book Discussion, LPH, 1 PM	27	28	29	30 South Park Inn
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*To share and extend to others
our experience of God's love
through worship, education,
fellowship and service.*

Sunday Worship 10 AM

Sunday School 9:45 AM

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Dates to Remember

- Saturday, February 9 – Bibliodrama, Music Rm., 9 AM
- Tuesday, February 12 – Vestry, LPH, 7 PM
- Monday, February 18 – President's Day, office closed
- Tuesday, February 26 – Book Discussion, LPH, 1 PM
- Wednesday, March 6 – Ashes to Go on the Green 12-1; Ash Wednesday service, 7 PM
- Monday, March 9 – Quiet Day, 9 AM

If there is news you feel should be included in the Chronicle, please let Carol know by e-mailing your announcement to: carol@gracewindsor.org

Please submit any information for the Chronicle by the 15th of the month.