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Come Holy Spirit, Come



A standing-room-only crowd gathered in December at St. Luke's Church in Cleveland to celebrate the ordination of the Rev. Leah Romanelli-Dejesus. There was

something especially wonderful about the day: the joy for ministry and the hope for St. Luke's was palpable, as folk from that neighborhood and from around the diocese gathered to invite the Holy Spirit to come down to make her a priest in God's church. There we were, much like the apostles on the day of Pentecost in that upper room, praying together for the Holy Spirit to come down and change us.

At the moment of ordination itself, when the bishop lays hands on the head of the person to be ordained, the priests come forward to gather tightly around her to pray for the Spirit to move through us and to make Leah a priest. It's one of the most sacred things we priests get to do: it is humbling and emotionally powerful as we stand, tightly together, while the hauntingly beautiful song *Veni, Sancti Spiritus* is sung, calling the Holy Spirit to come. We are keenly aware of the Spirit swirling and dancing around us as a profoundly sacred change takes place.

This January will be infused with the life of the Holy Spirit. On January 8 we

observe The Baptism of the Lord when the Spirit came down and anointed Jesus. Then on January 15 we'll celebrate The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with our guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel.

This fall Dr. Powery published a powerful book called *Becoming Human: The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race*. It confronts the destructive and dehumanizing powers that perpetuate racism, that racialize Gods' children into categories that God never imagined. He writes, "It is time for the church to remember that we can never be fully human as long as racialized violence still pervades the land, denying and destroying otherness." He adds from Howard Thurman: "The burden of being black and the burden of being white [are] so heavy that it is rare in our society to experience oneself as a human being."

What we need, he tells us, is a holy transformation that comes through the Holy Spirit, much like that holy huddle gathered around Leah through which the Spirit changed us all. Dr. Powery calls the church to wake up to the unpredictable power of the Holy Spirit, "to reignite a type of rehumanization in which we can reclaim our common humanity."

During the Eucharistic prayer at *The*



PREACHING SCHEDULE

- January 8
The Rev. Adrienne Koch
- January 15
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery
- January 22
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
- January 29
The Rev. Adrienne Koch

Abundant Table service, we have a ritual act that embodies this hope: at the *epiclesis*, together we elevate our arms to welcome the Holy Spirit into the bread and wine...and into ourselves.

In ordination language, we call this an "ontological change", in which something in our very being is changed by the Holy Spirit. As we strive to become fully who God calls us to be, the same spirit calls us to the spirit-filled work of rehumanization as well.

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
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The Trinity Forum

Sunday, January 15

The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

Dean Owens welcomes the Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel in Durham, North Carolina on Martin Luther King Sunday. This fall, Dr. Powery published *Becoming Human: The*



Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race. How might we look to the Spirit to guide us past the dehumanization of a racialized world?

The forum will take place at 10:10 a.m. in conference room A/B and will be livestreamed: trinitycleveland.org/trinity-forum. Powery will also preach at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services on January 15.

Powery is associate professor of homiletics (the art of preaching) at Duke Divinity School and author of numerous books. His teaching and research interests are located at the intersection of preaching, worship, pneumatology, and culture, particularly expressions of the African diaspora. He is the author of *Spirit Speech: Lament and Celebration in Preaching*; *Dem Dry Bones: Preaching, Death, and Hope*; *Rise Up, Shepherd! Advent Reflections on the Spirituals*; and *Were You There? Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals*.

He was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College for his ethical and spiritual leadership in the academy, church, and broader society.

Sunday, January 29th

An Episcopal Approach to Creation Care

To learn how the Episcopal Church thinks about our responsibility to care for God's creation, we can begin with a review of General Convention actions over the years. How has The Episcopal Church attempted through acts of convention to respond to the climate crisis? How does that shape our faith and ways of worship in each individual church and cathedral? Dean Owens will lead this conversation, which will take place at 10:10 a.m. in conference room C/D.

Epiphany Bible Study Concludes Advent Series

On Sunday, January 8 at 10:10 a.m. in conference room A/B, the Rev. Adrienne Koch will lead the final installment in this year's Advent Bible study series, *The Light Will Shine*, with a unique Epiphany course. All are welcome, including those who have not attended previous sessions and those with no Bible study experience.

It's Not Too Late...

... to make a contribution to Trinity's Christmas offering. All donations received benefit Trinity's hunger and outreach ministries such as *A Place at the Table*, the urban farm, campus ministry, the Marion-Sterling partnership and more. You can donate online at bit.ly/ChristmasDonation2022. You can also send a check to the Trinity office. Make sure to write "Christmas offering" in the memo line.

ACTIVE MINISTRIES 2023

Trinity has just released a listing of its active ministries for the new year. You can check it out and find opportunities that might line up with your interests and abilities. In all, there are 26 ministries to choose from including adult faith formation, the Green Team, the Knitting Pearls and worship ministries. Each group has a contact you can reach with questions. Get involved with Trinity in the new year; [download our Get Involved! flyer](#).

Knowing God Bible study

Starting Sunday, January 22, a new seven-week *Knowing God* Bible study class will begin.

We'll explore how God's people have carried questions about their creator which are mirrored in the Scriptures. They wondered: What is God's true nature? Can we trust God to be loving, fair and just? How can we know the unknowable God? We wonder, too! This study will explore these and other questions which shape our faithful inquiry yet today.

This study is based on *The Kerygma Program*, a non-denominational resource for adult Bible study. In this program, "leader" is preferred to "teacher," the leader being a learner among learners. Trinity began using this curriculum during Advent for our *Light Will Shine* Bible study.

Class dates for *Knowing God* are January 22 and 29, February 5, 12, 19 and 26 and March 5. Classes will be held in conference room A/B during the 10:10 a.m. formation hour.

Standing Against Jewish Hatred



Over the week of Hanukkah, Jewish federations across the country participated in a campaign titled *Shine A Light* to raise awareness of the dramatic rise in antisemitism. The Jewish Federation of Cleveland placed a full-page ad in the Cleveland Plain Dealer on December 18, broadcasting the Cleveland community's voice in solidarity and calling out hatred against the Jewish community. To show our solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters everywhere, Trinity signed the ad along with senators, congressmen, state and municipal executives, religious leaders and local institutions (jewishcleveland.org/news/blog/shining_a_light_on_antisemitism).

We join with our Jewish neighbors in Cleveland and across the country. We stand united with them in the face of growing hatred and violence being directed at Jews today. From stereotyping to scapegoating to physical attacks and worse, we support their fight against intolerance and ignorance.

Did You Know...

...that the first Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is 474 years old? It was first published and authorized by the Church of England in 1549. The most recent revision of today's BCP was in 1979.

Choral Evensong Returns Feb. 1

Get ready for Choral Evensong's return February 1. Trinity's Evensong services take place on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Evensong is a 45-minute long service in which the song of voices sounding together in harmony is heard at the even point between the active day and restful night, allowing listeners time for contemplation. It is both free of charge and free from requirement of religious commitment, and its 470-year-old choral music tradition – established around 1549 – is performed live and to a very high standard.



Starting in February, we will offer programming on Wednesdays. Evensong takes place at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a light supper.

Afterward, educational programs like Bible study and inquirer's classes will take place, along with the occasional Trinity Forum. For more information, contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch at akoch@trinitycleveland.org or better yet, join us on Wednesdays starting February 1.

BrownBag Concerts Return in February



After an outstanding fall/winter 2022 BrownBag concert season, Music & Art at Trinity will soon commence its spring 2023 schedule. Concerts are held select Wednesdays at noon. All BrownBag concerts are also livestreamed on trinitycleveland.org/brownbag-concerts.

February 1 – Dancing Wheels

This group is art in motion, celebrating the spirit of dance. Dancing Wheels is a professional, physically integrated dance company uniting the talents of dancers both

with and without disabilities.

February 15 – Cleveland Institute of Music Guitar Studio

Enjoy music from one of the world's finest programs of classical guitar studies.

March 1 – Shaker Heights High School Chamber Orchestra

Enjoy this award-winning ensemble, considered one of northeast Ohio's most talented chamber orchestras. They will preview music they'll play on their upcoming trip to New York City.





Diocese's Winter Convocation

The 2023 Winter Convocation will be held at Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky on Friday and Saturday, February 3-4. Building upon her book, *Real Connections*, Joy Skjegstad will serve as the keynote speaker and leads attendees in discovering practical ways they can develop deeper and more meaningful relationships. The Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop Coadjutor-elect, will preach at the Eucharist service held Saturday morning. More information and registration is [available on the diocesan website](#).

The following is an overview of the workshops being held at the convocation.

Listening to the Community Around Your Church Using an Asset-based Approach

Keynote speaker Joy Skjegstad shares how listening to the people and organizations around your church can help you start new conversations and begin new relationships that are critical to effective ministry.

Pray and Play Stations

Use your body, brain and spirit to connect with God in prayer, and pick up some ideas to take back to your parish! Prayer stations will be set up to coincide with each liturgical season to help you brainstorm tools that might connect individuals and communities to God and one another. Facilitated by the Rev. Anna Sutterisch.

Vestry/Lay Leadership

Bishop Hollingsworth leads a teaching and discussion around lay leadership in the church. Not only for vestry members, the bishop will explore our Episcopal understanding



Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, Jan 22
8:30-10:30am
Cathedral Hall**

**presented by the Youth Group
to support Summer Missions**

**Menu includes:
regular and
gluten-free
pancakes,
sausages, apple
sauce, regular
and sugar-free
syrup, milk, and
coffee**

 **Free will
donations accepted**

and approach.

Serving People not Problems

Explore asset framing as an approach to parish life and community ministry in ways that are grounded in love and support by building on gifts and strengths.

Starting a Parish Conversation about Racism

The Diocesan Council is soon offering a video curriculum for parishes to help them prepare for conversations about difficult topics. A "fearless inventory" is a look at practical tools for parishes to discover their own histories and practices that have benefited or contributed to racism over the years.

Parish and Clergy Coaching

Are you or your congregations reemerging, wondering how best to be the church? Have you looked

at all that your church has to offer and wondered what to do next? A coach can help you plan, take action and work together in the new world. Facilitated by the Rev. Percy Grant.

Creating an Anti-gun Violence Ministry in Your Parish

What can one parish do to combat the epidemic of gun violence in our country? Join the Rev. Rosalind Hughes, antigun activist and author of *Whom Shall I Fear? Urgent Questions for Christians in an Age of Violence*.

Where I See God Leading the Church Today

A panel of four priests share their perspectives on the future of the church as they each understand it, followed by an in-depth moderated conversation between them and workshop participants. The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens will moderate.



DIOCESE OF OHIO HISTORY

Did you know that the Diocese of Ohio is the first Episcopal diocese outside the 13 original colonies? At that time, it was the only diocese in the state of Ohio until 1875, when the diocese was split in two; the northern counties comprising the Diocese of Ohio and the southern counties becoming the Diocese of Southern Ohio, headquartered in Cincinnati.

Ohio was granted a separate diocese at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1818 and Philander Chase was appointed the first Bishop of Ohio in 1819.

Clergy & Choir Stalls

The carvings of the clergy and choir stalls in the chancel are of English oak. They were carved in Oberammergau, Germany, a town in the Bavarian Alps, home of the world-famous *Passion Play* and equally famous for its wood carvings and woodcarvers. Because the Oberammergau artists were not able to work from drawings, each of the designs were created in sculptural models.

Originally, the stalls were reserved for the dean, the archdeacon and twelve canons (six on either side). For the choir, there are 50 stalls. The clergy stalls and canopies were a gift of Mr. Hermon C. Leonard of Portland, Oregon, in memory of William Boardman Leonard and his wife, Louisa Dimon Leonard, parents of Bishop William Andrew Leonard.

The fronts of the choir stalls are paneled and carved with continuous scroll and cherub heads. Each of the stalls have finial ends, a distinctive ornament at the apex of each stall. The next time you're at Trinity, visit the clergy and choir stalls and look at each finial. Each one (45 total, 24 on the east side stalls, 21 on the west side) is a completely different carving!

LGBTQ+ Outreach Ministry Plans for a Busy 2023

Planning for the Trinity's LGBTQ+ ministry 2023 activities is well underway. We want to share some highlights so you can reserve these dates on your calendar.

All activities are open to members of the LGBTQ+ community, their friends and allies.



Jan. 15 Brunch at Collision Bend Brewing, 1250 Old River Rd., Cleveland 44113 (1 p.m.)

Feb. 25 Dinner at Dan McGuire's house, 354 Bratenahl Road, Bratenahl, OH 44108 (6 p.m.)

Mar. 19 North Coast Men's Chorus, featuring songs of ABBA

Apr. 16 Brunch; location to be chosen in the Shaker Square, Larchmere area

May 14 Trinity Forum with LGBT Center Director of Programs Gulnar Feerasta

May 14 Pride T-shirt sales

May 21 Pride T-shirt sales

June 3 Pride in the CLE

June 25 Trinity's celebration of Pride; remembrance of Stonewall riots; Pride related sermon; celebration of LGBTQ Youth of Faith Day

We're also planning events for the second half of the year including a visit to the Cleveland Museum of Art, a potluck supper, and participation in the transgender day of remembrance. Stay tuned for more details!

MA MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY

Vestry met in person on December 13 for their regular end-of-the-year meeting. Dean Owens reviewed the attendance at various services including a calculation for those watching online. The 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist has returned to near pre-COVID levels while the 9 a.m. service attendance, which declined during 2021-22, has seen modest improvement especially in November and December. Vestry members offered comments and suggestions around the issue of worship attendance. The dean also discussed the need for development strategies to address large capital improvements in the future and to make connections with the broader philanthropic community. These opportunities would allow Trinity to continue to expand its programming and capacities.

Cynthia Ries reported for the Stewardship Committee that pledges are continuing to be received and that this trend reflects the experience of the previous year.

Mark Biddlestone for Property & Sustainability reviewed the capital project forecast and proposed plan for work needed to be done in 2023. The sound system will be upgraded to provide the quality of sound necessary for Trinity. Extensive masonry work and stained-glass restoration is to be done in 2023 but on a smaller scale than what was initially hoped, given the cost and budget needs for 2023. Five stained glass windows

that need attention immediately will be



Trinity has recently created a new brochure to spread the word of God and the joyful ministry of the cathedral. You can

completed as well as the most serious masonry repairs. Ongoing assessment of both areas will continue.

Martin Hermes for the Nominating Committee reviewed the slate of candidates to be elected for the coming year for vestry and next year's nominating committee.

Dean Owens shared names of two candidates recommended for \$5,000 scholarships from the Wise, Warmeling, Way fund. Both scholarships were approved by vestry.

Paul Herrgesell gave the treasurer's report and reviewed the current financial picture for the cathedral and commons. As the end of the year approaches, trends remain the same with stable income and reduced expenses. The Commons had an increase in parking income and CSU has extended their lease in Trinity Commons for the veterans center, and we are glad to have them continue as neighbors. The property insurance rate for the Trinity campus has increased 6-8%, which was not unexpected given current economic conditions. Vestry discussed possible options to lower cost and this will continue to be reviewed in the coming year.

The budget for 2023 was reviewed by Paul and Controller Dan Hout-Reilly. The budget reflects the increase in costs in all major areas as the cathedral and commons return to normal functioning post COVID-19. Additionally, the cost of needed capital projects impacted the budget. In 2022

as the return to normal functioning moved at an incremental pace, the draw on our endowment remained only slightly above five percent. However, with inflationary trends and current capital needs, it is expected that the endowment draw for the coming year will be approximately eight percent. The vestry knows that this is not sustainable over the long term. We do depend upon the endowment for both operations and capital, and when capital needs are high, we feel that strain. We also believe that operational support means growing the congregation, which we hope will also make our ministries more sustainable over time. The Finance Committee continues to monitor economic trends and to work closely with our financial and investment advisers to make prudent recommendations. Vestry discussed the budgetary needs and financial trends at length. The budget was approved with thanks to Paul and Dan for their thorough and extensive work.

Vestry minutes are available at trinitycleveland.org/vestry. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17 at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. If you have any concerns, please send them to the wardens at yourvestry@trinitycleveland.org or contact any member of the vestry below.

Vestry Members

Gary Benjamin
Mark Biddlestone
Elizabeth Billings
Martin Hermes
Paul Herrgesell,
Treasurer
Diane Hexter

Audrey Hudak
Linda Lee
Dale Murphy
Cynthia Ries
Patricia Roberts,
Senior Warden
Jeff Spiess,
Junior Warden

New Brochure Created for Trinity Evangelism

find copies of the brochure around the cathedral campus. This is an excellent opportunity to share it with a friend or family member who might be interested in learning more about Trinity.

The brochure covers worship, education, music & art and serving at Trinity. Of course there are lots of vibrant pictures that depict life in and around Trinity. Pick up a copy the next time you're at the cathedral and share it with a friend!

Bishop-elect Jolly Profiled in *The Living Church*

The following story was published in 'The Living Church' under the title 'Diocese of Ohio Elects an Accidental Episcopalian' on November 30, 2022.

She became an Episcopalian as a young adult because she “wanted to get married in the pretty church downtown.”

Her husband encouraged her to take a job as an Episcopal lay professional, but later said “his worst nightmare was me wanting to go to seminary and be a priest” — which she had absolutely no intention of doing. She had three small children at the time, she liked her job, her community, and her life, and she laughed at her rector the first time he suggested seminary. And the second time. And the other times.

Both spouses evolved in their thinking. She got ordained, their children grew up, it turned out that she had administrative skills, and on November 19, the Rev. Anne B. Jolly was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Ohio. Assuming she gets the necessary consents from bishops and standing committees, she’ll be consecrated April 29, 2023. When the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., retires later in 2023, Jolly will become the 12th Bishop of Ohio. She’s already been about as close to a bishop diocesan role as a person can get without a pointy hat.

Jolly has served since 2016 as rector of St. Gregory’s in Deerfield, Illinois, a North Shore suburb of Chicago. Since 2019 she also has been president of the Standing

Committee of the Diocese of Chicago. Along with the rest of the Standing Committee, she became the ecclesiastical authority for the diocese when Bishop Jeffrey Lee retired at the end of 2020 without a successor in place. It was a gig that was supposed to last about four months, until Paula Clark’s consecration as Bishop of Chicago.



But Clark suffered a stroke in April 2021, 10 days before her scheduled consecration, and Jolly settled in for a longer haul. Throughout Clark’s recovery, Jolly never wavered in her determination to see Clark eventually consecrated. When that happy day arrived in September 2022, Jolly presented the crozier to the new bishop.

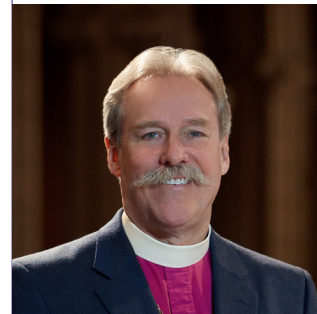
“Paula is extraordinary,” Jolly told TLC. “She’s not the same person she was. But she’s a wonderful person, she’s 110 percent of who she is now. And, ‘who she is now’ has tremendous gifts to offer the church and the world. And her episcopacy won’t be the same episcopacy it would have been. But it’s going to be an extraordinary episcopacy.”

Jolly was not looking to become a bishop, but while spending nearly two years at the helm in Chicago, she discovered “I like complex systems. I like that level of thinking and organizational structure.” Despite COVID, the extended transition, and the health issues of the incoming bishop the experience “was life-giving to me at the time, and so that was part of my discernment.”

You can read the rest of the story by visiting bit.ly/AccidentalEpiscopalian

Bishop Hollingsworth’s Final Episcopal Address

At the Diocese of Ohio convention held in November, Bishop Mark Hollingsworth delivered his 19th and final Episcopal Address.



Good morning, colleagues and friends. This is the 19th and last time I will gather with you in this

context and present the Convention Address of the Bishop. In my first Convention Address, I recalled an essay by Verlyn Klinkenborg, a non-fiction writer known best for his reflections on life in rural American. It described Independence Day in this way:

On the Fourth of July, the instinct “is always to look backward in time to the first news of that great Declaration... That habit of looking backward is a little like taking a rowboat under the pier once a year to see for ourselves that the pilings are still sound. (The Rural Life, p. 97)”

The image remains an apt one for this annual task, and perhaps particularly so this year, as we return to an in-person Convention for the first time in three years and prepare to elect a Bishop Coadjutor.

Read the rest of Bishop Hollingsworth’s address at bit.ly/HollingsworthAddress

Diocesan Celebration of Bishop Barbara Harris and the Rev. Absalom Jones

The Wilma Combs/Northern Ohio Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, the Diocese of Ohio and Trinity Cathedral are co-hosting the Diocesan Celebration of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris and the Commemoration of the Rev. Absalom Jones. This Eucharist will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Cathedral. The preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Retired Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Massachusetts, who succeeded Bishop Barbara as suffragan. Celebrant Bishop Hollingsworth will be joined by diocesan clergy on the occasion of the first observance of this feast day following the passage of the General Convention resolution honoring Bishop



Barbara. The offering will be sent to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for the Episcopal historically Black colleges. A reception will follow in the Trinity piazza.

This service is to be a tribute to the life and ministry of Bishop Barbara Harris and will also honor the Rev. Absalom Jones, whose feast day is February 13. If you have any questions please contact Dianne Smith, President, Wilma Combs Chapter, UBE das.srvtldr@gmail.com.



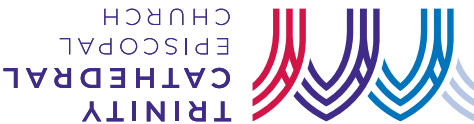
Volunteers are needed to help with setup, serving and cleanup for this event. Please contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org if you are interested.

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Space Rentals: trinitycleveland.org/facilities-use-requests
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