

The Trinity Weekly

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A Sacred Place for All People

The Dean's Corner: The Alchemies of Racecraft

Race doesn't actually exist. Across the scientific and sociological spectrum, we see time and again that the idea of separate "races" has been a historical construct (aka fiction) of the colonial era, and that differences in skin and hair color are quite literally only skin-deep. As human beings, we are far more alike than we are different.

Yet we've aligned our whole world around this falsehood of race. Race may not be real, but it exists as a social reality, and we have greatly sinned by creating and perpetuating a world in which all of God's children are *racialized*, categorized and dis-membered from the body of our shared humanity.

Yale Professor Willie James Jennings writes that to return to our shared humanity, to dismantle the corrosive fantasy of race, *the first task is to get Christians to take seriously the Holy Spirit.*



[Read the dean's entire message here](#)

This Sunday, January 15

Second Sunday After the Epiphany Martin Luther King Sunday

[Click here for this week's Scripture.](#)

8 a.m. Early Eucharist

The Rev. Adrienne Koch, celebrating

MLK Sunday begins with Early Eucharist in the chapel. Adrienne will read one of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s sermons for this special occasion.

9 a.m. *The Abundant Table Eucharist*

The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, preaching

The Rev. Adrienne Koch, celebrating

Don't miss the sermon by the Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, widely regarded as one of America's greatest preachers. Morgan Mecaskey and friends will provide the music. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space, located in the east transept. Children's chapel is offered after the Gospel until the passing of the peace. The service will be livestreamed on trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream.

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Children from Pre-K through second grade meet in the classroom next to the nursery and third through 12th grade assemble in the Youth & Family Center on Trinity's third floor.

10:10 a.m. The Trinity Forum: 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?



11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, preaching

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating

Don't miss the sermon by the Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, widely regarded as one of America's greatest preachers. Music will include works by Florence Price, Michael Tippett and Carl Haywood. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space, located in the east transept. Children's chapel is offered after the Gospel until the passing of the peace. The service will be livestreamed on trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream.

2023 Nominating Committee

At Trinity's annual meeting on Sunday, February 12, congregants will elect vestry and 2023 nominating committee members.

In compliance with the cathedral by-laws, "any other nominations for such vacancies may be made by written notice from at least ten (10) percent of the qualified voters of the cathedral congregation." The by-laws call for a fourteen (14) day period in which they need to be delivered to the dean. This period for the written notice with required signatures shall begin on January 12 (the date of the announcement of this slate) and will end on January 27. The nominating committee also requests that at the time of written notice to the dean, a bio and picture be included.

The candidates are as follows. You can access the slate on our website at trinitycleveland.org/candidates-for-vestry-and-2023-nominating-committee.

Vestry

3 Year Term (elect 4)

Gary Benjamin
Beth Billings
Marie Curry
Kim DeNero-Ackroyd
Patty Roberts
Marilyn Valencia

1 Year (elect 2)

Mark Biddlestone
Audrey Hudak

2 Year (elect 1)

Toni Ponzio

Nominating Committee (elect 2)

Becky Snider-Fuller
Karla Rivers

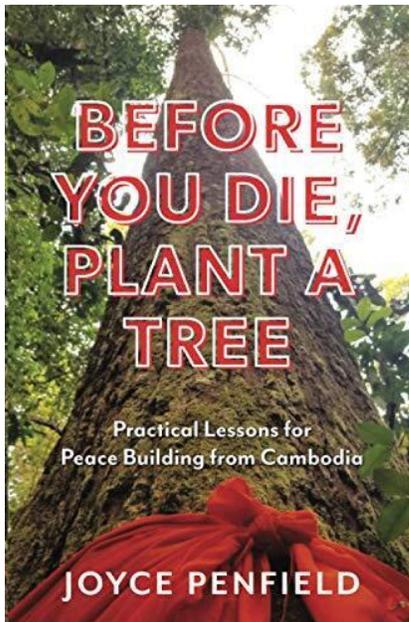
Gratefully,
Your Nominating Committee

Martin Hermes, Chair
Linda Lee
Char Nichols
Ute Vilfroy

Pancakes!

Next Sunday, enjoy a pancake breakfast courtesy of the Trinity Youth Group. The breakfast will be served on January 22 from 8:30–10:30 a.m. A freewill

donation will be accepted to benefit this year's youth summer missions. The menu includes regular and gluten-free pancakes, sausages, applesauce, regular and sugar-free syrup, milk and coffee. If you have questions, please contact Director of Children's and Youth Ministries Eric Travis at etravis@trinitycleveland.org.



EPF National Peacebuilder Book Club

The national chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship's Peacebuilder Book Club invites everyone to join in a discussion of the book *Before You Die, Plant a Tree: Practical Lessons for Peace Building from Cambodia*, authored and led by The Rev. Dr. Joyce Penfield on January 21 at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Joyce, retired Episcopal clergy, is an active member of the EPF Chapter in the Diocese of Ohio. While all participants are encouraged to read the full book, if you would like to focus on the two chapters (6 and 9) that will be discussed the most, please email Melanie Atha

at epfactnow@gmail.com and she will send them to you. Additional information and Zoom link are available in EPF's weekly newsletter [Peace Out!](#)

Knowing God Bible Study

Starting Sunday, January 22, a new seven-week *Knowing God* Bible study class will begin. This is a study of *The Kerygma Program*, which provides non-denominational resources for adult Bible study. God's people 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. Class dates are January 22 and 29, February 5, 19 and 26, March 5 and 12. All classes take place during the 10:10 a.m. formation hour. You don't need to attend all the dates to participate.

Enjoy Dinner with LGBTQ+

Outreach

The LGBTQ+ outreach team is holding dinner at Dan McGuire's house, located in Bratenahl, on Saturday, February 25. Members, allies and friends are invited. The event is limited to 15 people, so please RSVP to Dan at dmcguirenyc@gmail.com as soon as possible.



The group will also attend a concert in March featuring the North Coast Men's Chorus singing the songs of ABBA at Mimi Ohio Theatre in Playhouse Square (3 p.m.).

For more information and a complete 2023 LGBTQ+ calendar, contact Dan McGuire (dmcguirenyc@gmail.com) or Matthew Jaroszewicz (matthew.j.jaroszewicz@gmail.com).

Mission Team Tables Begin Soon

In 2023, Trinity will feature a mission team each month with informational tables in the promenade. First up is the Worship, Art and Music mission team, who will staff a table on Sunday, January 22 and Sunday, January 29. Stop by to learn about what the team has been doing and pick up information about participating in the ministries guided by this mission team.

Diocesan Observance of Bishop Harris and the Rev. Absalom Jones

The Wilma Ruth 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. 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 co-celebrants 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 and Universities. A reception will follow in the Trinity Piazza. If you have any questions please contact Wendy Wilson Walker, at ww8300@yahoo.com.

EPF Annual Member Meeting

The national chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship will hold its Annual Member Meeting on Saturday, January 28 at 2 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome to join as the former EPF National Executive Council Vice Chair and Trinity alum, the Rev. Will Mebane, leads the panel discussion, “*Effective Advocacy for Racial Reparations.*” Guest panelists, who will bring stories of hope and repair across the church, include the Rt. Rev. Alan Gates, 16th bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts; the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, Vice President of the House of Deputies; and the Rev. Canon Scott Slater, recently retired, from the Diocese of Maryland. An invitation with more details and a Zoom link [is available.](#)



Last Call for Sweatshirts

During our sweatshirt distribution Sunday, a few folks expressed an interest in ordering a Trinity sweatshirt. If you'd like to buy a sweatshirt for \$25, please contact Scott Blanchard, sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org. If we are able to accumulate enough interest, we will place a second and final order.

Save the Dates

January 22 – Pancake Breakfast to Support Trinity Youth Summer Missions

January 22 – *Knowing God* Bible Study Begins

February 1 – BrownBag concerts (12 p.m.) and Choral Evensong (6 p.m.) services resume

February 11 – Diocesan Celebration of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris and the Commemoration of the Rev. Absalom Jones

February 12 – Trinity Annual Meeting (10:10 a.m.)

March 18-19 – Middle School Pilgrimage

In the Diocese

2023 Winter Convocation

The Diocese of Ohio [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 while she leads attendees in discovering practical ways they can develop deeper and more meaningful relationships. The Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop Coadjutor-elect, will also be in attendance and will preach at the Saturday Eucharist service. A wide variety of [workshops](#) will be offered. More information and registration is available on the [diocesan website](#).



Upcoming 2023 Diocesan Events

The Diocesan and National Church mission team is pleased to announce that a diocese-wide Middle School Pilgrimage to the cathedral will commence on March 18–19. This is open to Trinity youth as well as middle schoolers from every parish in the diocese.

The mission team would also like to encourage congregants to participate in the diocese's Winter Convocation, February 3 and 4 in Sandusky, as well as attend Bishop Coadjutor-elect Anne Jolly's Ordination and Consecration on April 29 at Cleveland Public Auditorium.

The Diocesan and National Church team would love to hear additional ideas from the congregation of ways to strengthen and foster Trinity's relationship within our diocese and in the wider church.

In the Community

Self Compassion Workshop

Building on the theme of Trinity's recent Second Breath class, you are invited to *Self Compassion: The Science and Wisdom of Being Kind to Yourself*. The workshop is facilitated by the Rev. Jo Nygard Owens. The cost is \$30 and it will take place Monday, February 13 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Learn to experience the benefits of self-compassion, including greater happiness, more motivation, more satisfying relationships, less anxiety and depression and better physical health.

You can [enroll in the workshop here](#).

The deadline to submit program updates or events for *Trinity Weekly*, is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org

Deadline for items to be included in the February 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Friday, January 20. Please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org to receive a printed copy at home.

The mission of Trinity Cathedral is to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation.



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