



CROSSTOWN

August 2022

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



Felix Peete, Noah Pozo, and Sarah Lewis display art created at Vacation Bible School inspired by the story of Jacob's Ladder. Photo by HILLARY PEETE.

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First Round of Microgrants Assists Those Who Support Those Most in Need

Penny Roen, Outreach Chair

The Outreach Committee is pleased to announce the first recipients of its microgrant program, designed to support non-profit organizations that provide important



services to the vulnerable in our community through food, health, education, relationship-building, and inclusivity initiatives.

Ten organizations applied for a total of \$2,500. A subcommittee led by Hillary Peete with members Shar Nudelman, Al Phillips, Karen Raihill, Cathy Rome, and Penny Roen met several times during the spring to establish procedures for awarding the grants.

A second grants cycle runs from August 1 through September 15. Applications are available at spcathedral.org/grants and awards totaling about \$2,300 will be made in October.

Cheerful givers: Members of the microgrants subcommittee, back row: Cathy Rome, Al Phillips, Karen Raihill. Front row, Hillary Peete, Penny Roen, Shar Nudelman. Photo by MICHELLE THOMAS.

If you know of a local non-profit that could benefit from our support, please send them an application directly, or let someone on the committee know and we will reach out to them.

The grant amounts and recipients are:
\$500 to The Kind Mouse Productions.

The grant will purchase food for the Mouse Nibbles program, which provides weekend/out-of-school food packages to low-income, food-insecure children in seven Pinellas County schools. More information at: thekindmouse.org.

\$500 to Refugee and Migrant Women's Initiative (RAMWI). The grant will support their Wellness Support Project, which gathers refugee women, especially new arrivals to the Tampa Bay area, to give them an experience of community and a safe place

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to learn how things are done in this country. Specific examples of uses: translators, transportation expenses, educational items. More information: ramwi.org.

\$500 to Clothes to Kids, Inc. The grant will be used to purchase underwear for

children. Clothes to Kids stores in Clearwater, St. Petersburg, and Tampa provide free new and gently-used clothing in a cheerful environment. Each child who “shops” at the store receives five new pairs of underwear. This grant will enable Clothes to Kids to provide underthings for 57 children. Each year Clothes to Kids provides more than \$65,000 worth of underwear. More information: clothestokids.org.

\$700 to Good Samaritan Food Pantry. The grant will be used to purchase canned meat for their Pantry Bags. The bags, distributed twice a month, contain mac and cheese, cans of soup, vegetables, fruit, cereal, crackers, peanut butter, canned meat, bread, dairy products, etc.

Hillary Peete and Shar Nudelman, second and third from right, present a microgrant check to The Kind Mouse. Founder Gina Wilkins is at center back. This group of volunteers call themselves the Golden Girls.

Since the start of Covid they have grown from serving 120 people each month to 1,700 per month. For more information: discovergoodsam.org/how-can-i-help.

\$300 to Victor Newman Ministries. The grant will be used to purchase commercial insulated/storage containers to be used by volunteers at this Largo-based organization to provide meat to food-insecure residents of Pinellas County. More information: victornewman.org.

KIDS HELPING KIDS!

As you're cleaning out closets and getting ready for the school year, please consider bringing in your *gently* used clothes, shoes, and accessories to donate to Clothes to Kids. Donations can be dropped off at the Cathedral throughout August and September.



Cathedral Joins FAST To Seek Social-Justice Solutions

Betsy Adams

How do we stand? FAST together!

The Chapter voted in May to join 50 diverse congregations that have committed to strive towards Becoming Beloved Community in Pinellas County by becoming a member of FAST (Faith and Action for Strength Together). Participants join to bring the justice needs of our community

to the attention of public officials and to demand work toward solutions.

It all begins with a listening process. The Spirit speaks to us through our personal stories and the stories of the community. As we listen, we begin to hear the Spirit directing us in the way we should go.

This listening process starts with house meetings, where small groups of parishioners share the stories that will form the basis for the next year's focus. These stories, gathered from all 50 congregations, are collated to identify the areas in greatest need of social-justice reform within our county.

St. Peter's will hold its first house meetings in September. These meetings, just 90 minutes in length, are your chance to make



your story and your voice heard. We ask that you prayerfully consider the call to justice and answer “yes” when invited to join your fellow parishioners at a house meeting. You can have a large impact for such a small investment of your time. Your willingness to say “yes” can change lives forever!

Over the past two years, some members of St. Peter's have been active in FAST through St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

What is FAST?

Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST) is a justice-ministry organization of 50 religious congregations throughout Pinellas County that band together to create positive change in our community. FAST is a congregation-based 501(c)(3) non-profit whose purpose is to train low- to moderate-income residents from diverse congregations to work together to identify root causes of community problems and take action on these problems. Through FAST, diverse people come together to powerfully address the needs in their own communities. Learn more at fast-pinellas.org.

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Feel free to email any of them: Betsy Adams (betsygadams@icloud.com), Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com), Cynthia Garrels (c-garrels@kellogg.northwestern.edu), and director of Christian formation Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

They're Involved

These are some members of our congregation who have attended the FAST Nehemiah Action, an annual rally where FAST members present their demands to public officials and seek a commitment to funding proven solutions. Please talk to them about their experience!

Michael Adams	Bill and
Melissa Barlow	Penny Roen
Kathy Coughlan	Rita Sewell
Susan Darrow	Michelle Thomas
Fay Mackey	Karen Torrisi
Susan Regan	



Batter Up! Baseball, the Bishops, and Rays vs. Yankees

Baseball with the Bishop returns to Tropicana Field on Friday, September 2, at 7:10 p.m., when the Tampa Bay Rays take on the New York Yankees.

Actually, make that “Baseball with the Bishops,” plural, since you and several hundred of your fellow Episcopalians from the Diocese of Southwest Florida will be cheering along with Bishop Dabney Smith and Bishop Coadjutor-Elect Doug Scharf.

Lower-corner tickets are \$30 (a \$45 value) and a portion of the ticket price

benefits Episcopal Charities.

The Cathedral has a group of tickets so we can all sit together. To purchase a ticket in the Cathedral block, please contact Michelle Thomas (mthomas@spcathedral.com). You can pay by cash or check made payable to the Cathedral (please indicate “Baseball with the Bishop” in the memo line), or via Realm by selecting “Baseball with the Bishop” in the drop-down list. Deadline: Sunday, August 28.

Hello to One Bishop, Goodbye to Another: Transition Plans Are Shaping Up

From September through December our diocese will be in a state of transition as we welcome a new bishop and bid a loving farewell to another.

Here are the dates, with details to come:

*** Consecration of Bishop Coadjutor-elect Douglas Scharf**, 11 a.m. Saturday,

September 24, at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Chief consecrator: the Most Rev. Michael Curry, presiding bishop. Visit the diocesan website, episcopalswfl.org, starting August 5 to order complimentary tickets.

*** Retirement Celebration for Bishop**

Dabney Smith, 5-7 p.m. Friday, November 18, at Kline Hall, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center in Parrish. Watch for information about registration.

*** Seating of Bishop Coadjutor Douglas Scharf** as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 10, at the Cathedral. Details forthcoming closer to that date.

Meanwhile, the diocese is seeking donations to purchase gifts for the incoming and resigning bishops, including vestments and worship clothing for the bishop-elect.

Please visit the diocesan website (episcopalswfl.org) and click on the “donate” button to view samples of the coadjutor’s clothing and to donate online via credit card. Or mail a check to Diocesan House, c/o Ms. Wendy Martucci, 8005 25th St. E, Parrish, FL 34219. Make the check payable to the diocese and note “Bishops’ Transition” in the memo line.



Bishop Smith with his wife, Mary Wallis Smith; and Shannon Scharf and her husband, Bishop Coadjutor-Elect Doug Scharf. Photo by LINDSEY NICKEL

Final Affairs Fair Will Help You Plan for Here and the Hereafter

Unless you plan to live forever, we strongly encourage you to attend the Final Affairs Fair on Sunday, September 11, to prepare yourself — and your loved ones — for the day when you enter into the nearer presence of Christ.

Our Stewardship Committee will present this popular information-sharing session at noon that day (after coffee hour) in Harvard Hall. A light lunch will be served. Please register at spcathedral.org/final-affairs so we have a good number for lunch.

A second version of the fair, aimed specifically at young families with children, will be offered at 5 p.m. that day, and child care will be provided. A light supper will be served, so please register at that same site.

“The pandemic has made planning for what happens when we die a front-of-mind issue for lots of people,” Stewardship chair Ray McColgan said. “There are lots of issues, and the time to think and plan and talk to your family about them is before there’s an emergency or a crisis, while you’re still of sound mind and have plenty of time to make the decisions you want.”

The fair will cover such topics as medical surro-

gates, living wills, and your wishes for the way you wish to be treated in case of catastrophic illness; wills and trusts; charitable giving (yes, including to the Cathedral); and planning your funeral.

The session for young families will include conversations about the importance of designating caregivers for surviving family members, especially children, and the legal documents you need to prepare now.

Members of the Stewardship Committee will be the presenters. Our faith community nurse, Rita Sewell, will offer flyers on end-of-life matters. She directs you also to the Church Health Organization, which devoted an issue of its seasonal magazine to the topic of “dying well.” You can read the magazine online or download and print specific articles. Here is the link: https://issuu.com/chreader/docs/2011_fall_chreader_archive

We’ll have further details in September, but please mark your calendars now. Or speak to Ray McColgan (rmccolgan@me.com) or Marilyn Polson (marilynpolson@mac.com).

STUDY THE BOOK OF ROMANS WITH CANON COLE

Canon Ethan Cole will lead another of his popular online Bible studies, this one on the book of Romans, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays from August 2 through October 27. Register at spcathedral.org/adults.



Campbell Park Welcomes Walmart Gift Cards

Would you like to offer extra support to Campbell Park Elementary School, one of our community partners, as the new school year begins?

The school's community coordinator, Carlos Childs, tells us that the teachers and staff would welcome Walmart gift cards in any amount. (Walmart only, please.) The cards will be used throughout the year to purchase needed supplies and equipment.

Please drop off your cards at the front desk, and we'll deliver them to Campbell Park at the end of the month. Thanks for caring for the kids and their devoted teachers and staff!



August Collection: Diapers and Wipes for Babycycle

The Outreach Committee will collect diapers and wipes for children from birth to age 12 for Babycycle in August.

Pinellas Park-based Babycycle is a community diaper bank that distributes diapers to partner agencies serving low-income families, including the St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Daystar Life Center, CASA, and Resurrection House.

"Our mission is for no child to go without necessities like diapers, wipes, clean clothing, and other basic items," the group says.

A month's supply of diapers for just one child can cost \$100 and is not covered by WIC or food stamps (SNAP).

St. Peter's has been an enthusiastic supporter of Babycycle for several years. Read our past Crosstown stories about the excellent and much-needed work of Babycycle at spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog. Or visit their website at babycyclefl.org.

We're seeking donations of diapers, any size, and wipes. Please bring them to church on Sundays or during weekday office hours.



Read and Talk: A Multidimensional Jesus, Justice for People with Disabilities

Our Sunday-morning classes and week-night pot-luck discussions get back on track in August.

Sundays, August 21 and 28 and September 11 and 18 at 9 a.m.: *Freeing Jesus:*

Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence by Diana Butler Bass. We'll meet in the Chapter Room to discuss how we can keep the teachings of Jesus relevant and alive in our daily lives.

"In *Freeing Jesus*, Bass challenges the idea that Jesus can be understood only in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life's challenges in several capacities: as Friend, Teacher,



Diana Butler Bass

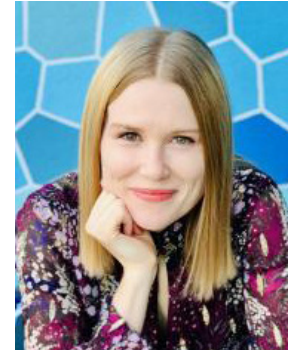
Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence," [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) says.

"*Freeing Jesus* is an invitation to leave the religious wars behind and rediscover Jesus in all his many manifestations, to experience Jesus beyond the narrow confines we have built around him," the [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) reviewer said. "It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most."

Please e-mail Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) to register.

Wednesday, August 31: *My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church* by Amy Kenny. Potluck dinner from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and discussion from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Please e-mail Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) so we have a good estimate for dinner.

"Written by a disabled Christian, this book shows that the church is missing out on the prophetic witness and blessing of disability," [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) says. "Kenny reflects on her experiences inside the church to expose unintentional ableism and cast a new vision for Christian communities to engage disability justice. She shows that until we cultivate church spaces where people with disabilities can fully belong, flourish, and lead, we are not valuing the diverse members of the body of Christ."



Amy Kenny

Museum Tour: Portraits Examine Blackness/Womanhood

Gio Swaby Exhibit on Sunday, August 28

Lunch at 11:30 a.m., tour at 12:30 p.m.

\$5 donation for Publix sub lunch. MFA tickets are \$17-22 for non-members

Contact Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) by Wednesday, August 24, to register to attend.

All are invited to a docent-led tour of “Fresh Up” at the Museum of Fine Arts. The work of Gio Swaby (b. 1991, Nassau, Bahamas) explores the intersections of Blackness and womanhood. Employing the portrait genre and a range of textile-based techniques, Swaby’s work is anchored in a desire to present and celebrate the complex personalities of the sitters. “My work operates in the context of understanding love as liberation, a healing and restorative force,” Swaby says. “These pieces celebrate personal style, strength, beauty, individuality, and imperfections.” Source: mfastpete.org/exh/gio-swaby/



Registration Opens for Education for Ministry Course

Education for Ministry registration for the 2022-23 year is now open. EfM is a four-year, mentored, small-group program of theological reflection for lay people that is grounded in scripture (Old and New Testaments) and church history.

It is not Bible study, but we do study and reflect on the Bible. While we do “learn” something each week, there are no quizzes, tests, or papers to write. The group at the Cathedral generally meets in person from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays from the week after Labor Day until the week before Memorial Day.

A typical evening consists of a time for participants to share what’s happening in their lives, prayer, discussion of the week’s readings, and a theological reflection.

Cost of the program is \$330 for the year plus books. Students may purchase either printed or electronic copies, as works best for them.

Although this is a four-year program, the student is committing for only a year at a time.

A recent graduate the program who was a member our group last year wrote that EfM “has strengthened my foundations and guided me to live as Christ in this world with an inquisitive mind. A true program to live in unity with peoples of all faiths.”

For more information about the program or to register for the group, please email the Rev. Scott Nonken: snonken@episcopalswfl.org; or you can text or call him at (727) 260-1784.

Family Fun in August

Back to School Blessings

Sunday, August 7, during the 10:15 a.m. service

Kids, teachers, and educators are welcome to come forward for a special blessing and a backpack tag as a reminder of God's presence with you everywhere you go. Following the service, coffee hour will have extra treats!

EYSeedlings Pool Party (3rd-5th grade)

Sunday, August 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Make a splash and dive into the new school year with friends! Join us for games and snacks. Hosted by the Erickson family. Please RSVP by Thursday, August 11, for the address (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

EYC Pool Party (6th-12th grade)

Sunday, August 14, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Make a splash and dive into the new school year with friends! Hosted by the Fleming family. Please RSVP by Thursday, August 11, for the address (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

EYC – Odd One Out: Fitting In

Sundays, August 21 and 28, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The beginning of the school year isn't just about new classes, new lockers, or a new school. Sometimes it's hard to find a place where you belong. This isn't a new problem, but it is something that we can tackle together. We'll talk about being the odd one out, fitting in when you're in a new place or phase in life, and what the Bible says about it, too.



Final Affairs Fair for Families

Sunday, September 11, at 5 p.m.

Dinner and child care provided.

Cathedral member, parent, and grandparent Marilyn Polson will draw on her years of experience in family law to walk parents through the ins and outs of wills, planned gifts, and getting one's final affairs in order. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 1. so we can plan for dinner and child care. Details, [Page 7](#).



We continue on **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** through Labor Day: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Fridays. The Cathedral and offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day. We'll reopen Tuesday, September 6, and return to winter hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Fridays.

Benison Farm Grow Day Saturday, August 20, from 9 to 11 a.m

All ages are invited to join with others from the community to learn more about this community garden, tend the chickens, and do a little weeding. Benison Farm, at 2920 26th Ave. S, is a joint project of St. Thomas' and St. Augustine's Episcopal Churches.



20s/40s Meet Up at Urban Brews and BBQ Thursday, August 18, at 6 p.m.

Whether you're a competitive player or a beginner, join us for dinner, drinks, and a game of shuffleboard at Urban Brews and BBQ, 2601 Central Ave. Contact Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) to let us know you plan to join.

Save the date! Thursday, September 15: Game Night at 3 Daughters Brewing. Bring your favorite board or card game from 6 to 8 p.m.

Sleepless at St. Peter's

Not much sleep, lots of fun for members of EYC on July 15: Games, movies, dancing, a pizza competition (California Pizza Kitchen rules!), midnight breakfast with Michelle Thomas's sausage gravy, Compline by flashlight in the Cathedral.



Katherine Knippen and Olivia Norman oversee the pizza rankings. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

Saints Among Us



A Modern-Day Civil Rights Martyr Who Laid Down His Life for His Friends

Jonathan Myrick Daniels Seminarian and Martyr (1939-1965)

Jonathan Myrick Daniels died as a modern-day martyr to the faith and witness to the cause of civil rights.

Like many young adults, Daniels struggled with a sense of vocation in his life. While he considered a call to ministry as early as high school, he also considered careers in medicine, law, and writing. After the death of his father in 1959 and an extended illness of his sister, he entered a time of questioning and a near loss of faith.

On Easter Sunday 1962, at Church of the Advent in Boston, Daniels experienced a profound conversion of faith. He felt a renewed conviction that he was being called to serve God. Soon

after, he enrolled at the Episcopal Theological School, expecting to graduate in 1966.

In March 1965, Daniels was deeply touched by a televised appeal by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to come to Selma, AL, to secure for all citizens the right to vote. His conviction was deepened at Evening Prayer during the singing of the Magnificat: “He hath put down the mighty from

their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things.’ I knew that I must go to Selma,” Daniels wrote. “The Virgin’s song was to grow more and more dear to me in the weeks ahead.” He sought a place where he could confront the nation’s racism and the Episcopal Church’s share in that inheritance.

Daniels spent the spring in Selma, where his efforts to integrate the local Episcopal Church were



*Jonathan Myrick Daniels
and friend c. 1965*

A Prayer for Jonathan Myrick Daniels

O God of justice and compassion, you put down the proud and mighty from their place, and lift up the poor and afflicted: We give you thanks for your faithful witness Jonathan Myrick Daniels, who, in the midst of injustice and violence, risked and gave his life for another; and we pray that we, following his example, may make no peace with oppression; through Jesus Christ the just one, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

unsuccessful. He returned to Boston to take his exams, then journeyed once again to Alabama in July to continue his work. He helped assemble a list of federal, state,

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Jonathan Myrick Daniels

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and local agencies that could provide assistance for those in need. He tutored children, helped poor locals apply for aid, and worked to register voters. That summer, on August 2, 1965, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act, which would provide broad federal oversight and enforcement of the constitutional right to vote. Before that, African-Americans had been effectively disenfranchised across the South since the turn of the century.

On August 14, 1965, Daniels and others were jailed for joining a picket line protesting whites-only stores in Fort Deposit, AL. Released on bail six days later, Daniels and three companions walked to a small store, one of the few local places to serve non-whites. One of his companions, a 16-year-old African-American civil-rights

protester named Ruby Sales, stepped up to the store entrance, where she was confronted by a white man who began shouting curses and pointed a shotgun at her. Daniels pushed Sales down and caught the full blast of the shotgun. He died immediately. His murderer was found not guilty by an all-white jury.

Dr. King, commenting on Daniels's murder, said that "one of the most heroic Christian deeds of which I have heard in my entire ministry was performed by Jonathan Daniels."

Daniels's letters and papers reveal an eloquent witness to his calling to serve in the civil rights struggle in Selma. He writes, "The faith with which I went to Selma has not changed: it has grown.... I began to know in my bones and sinews that I had been truly baptized into the Lord's death and resurrection ... with them, the Black men, the white men, with all life, in him whose

Name is above all the names that the races and nations shout.... We are indelibly and unspeakably one."

On August 14 we honor the memory of Jonathan Myrick Daniels, saint and martyr, who, following the example of our Lord Jesus, laid down his life for his friends. Daniels is one of only two American martyrs commemorated by a monument at Canterbury Cathedral in England. The other is Martin Luther King Jr.



Ruby Sales c. 1965

To Learn More

* View a PBS documentary about Jonathan Myrick Daniels, "Here Am I, Send Me," at

<https://www.pbs.org/video/here-am-i-send-me-the-story-of-jonathan-daniels-bkneej/>

* The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama will hold its annual pilgrimage to the scene of Daniels's martyrdom on August 13. View videos of previous pilgrimages here:

<https://dioala.org/jonathandaniels>

General Convention Wrapup

Episcopal Church will face its role in Indian boarding school trauma: [Page 17](#)

General Convention Embraces Diversity and Justice

Episcopal News Service

The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church committed itself to reckon with its history of racism, elected two women of color as its leaders, and took the first steps to define the Book of Common Prayer in a digital age.

Because of Covid-19, the convention was delayed for a year from its originally scheduled gathering in 2021. It was reduced from eight days to four; deputies were masked at all times and took daily Covid tests; and much of the work was done online before the convention.

The gathering, July 8-11 in Baltimore, took up only those matters deemed “essential for the governance and good order of the church,” and deferred many others to its next meeting, in Louisville, KY, in 2024.



Newly-elected president Julia Ayala Harris addresses the House of Deputies at General Convention. Retiring president the Rev. Gay C. Jennings is behind her.

That is when the Convention will elect the next presiding bishop, successor to the

Most Rev. Michael Curry.

In passing legislation, the bicameral General Convention — the House of Deputies (clergy and laity) and the House of Bishops — sets policy for the Episcopal Church and finances activities and initiatives through approval of a budget.

Among those essential actions, convention:

- * Approved a \$100.5-million budget for the next two years;

- * Elected Julia Ayala Harris, a deputy from the Diocese of Oklahoma, as the first Latina to serve as president of the House of Deputies, and the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, a First Nation deputy from the Diocese

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of Olympia, as vice president;

- * Approved a new Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice and allocated money for research to confront the Episcopal Church's historic ties to the federal system of indigenous boarding schools.

- * Approved the first reading of a constitutional change to clearly define the Book of Common Prayer. If the change passes a second reading at the 81st General Convention in 2024, liturgies that are not in the current prayer book – such as same-sex



Southwest Florida deputies and friends at the convention: The Rev. Roy Tuff, the Rev. Charles Cannon, Jacqueline Smith, Anna Haeffner; Wendy Martucci, the bishops' executive assistant; Bishop-elect Scharf, Bishop Smith and his wife, Mary Wallis Smith; Dr. Navita Cummings James, the Rev. Christian Wood, the Rev. Adrienne Hymes, and Andrew Yow.

- * An interview with the new president of the House of Deputies, Julia Ayala Harris: [youtube.com/watch?v=hTppYSzREds](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTppYSzREds)

- * A conversation between Ayala and the new vice president of the House of Deputies, the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton: [youtube.com/watch?v=QSMYL0six7c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSMYL0six7c)

marriage rites and gender-expansive liturgies – could be elevated to “prayer book status,” whether they are replacing parts of the prayer book or standing on their own.

- * Affirmed access to gender-affirming care in all forms.

For fuller details on these and other actions of General Convention, visit <https://tinyurl.com/56fyzu33>

The House of Bishops issued a state-

ment during the final day of the convention naming the climate crisis as the overarching issue that affects all the other issues of social justice that convention has considered. More here: <https://tinyurl.com/mv4a88pb>

The Rev. Richard Norman, canon to the ordinary in our diocese of Southwest Florida, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary in New York City. He will serve a two-year term.

General Convention Wrapup

Church Will Research Its Role in Indian Boarding School System

Religion News Service

The Episcopal Church will create a fact-finding commission to research the denomination's role in the federal Indian boarding school system that separated generations of Indigenous children from their families and cultures in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Bishops and deputies approved the Resolution for Telling the Truth about The Episcopal Church's History with Indigenous Boarding Schools at their 80th General Convention last month in Baltimore.

The resolution encourages the Episcopal Church to hire one or more research fellows to work with dioceses where Episcopal-run boarding schools for Indigenous children were located and share records with the Indigenous Ministries of the Episcopal Church and the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

It also directs the denomination's archivists to create educational resources about the schools and encourages dioceses where boarding schools were located to gather information from survivors and their descendants about their experiences.

It allocates \$2.5-million for the work.

"This is a moment for us to really examine how we as a church might look at the ramifications of our unintentional sometimes and sometimes intentional acts of culturalism, racism, and every other sin we could talk about," Bishop Carol J. Gallagher, a member of the Cherokee Nation, told the House of Bishops before its vote on the resolution.

The federal Indian boarding school system was part of an effort by the U.S. government to assimilate Indigenous peoples and seize their land. Many children en-

dured physical and emotional abuse in the schools, and some died.

The resolution incorporates language from a second resolution acknowledging the intergenerational trauma caused by the schools and directing the denomination to support community-based spiritual healing centers in Indigenous communities. The denomination has budgeted \$225,000 for that work.

"You might think your diocese doesn't have a history of boarding schools with Indigenous people, and — while that might be true — there isn't a diocese in this church that doesn't have a history with Indigenous people," Bishop Mark Lattime of the Diocese of Alaska said.

At Last, a New Executive Director For Family Promise



Family Promise of Pinellas has called Denis Sousa as its new executive director. He began work July 18.

Sousa has had a long career in social-service work. Most recently he was an operations manager at the St. Vincent de Paul CARE Center, which prioritizes housing and basic necessities as the foundation for a life outside of homelessness.

Earlier he was a training specialist for the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, and before that operations manager of a shelter for men, women, and families in St. Augustine and a child advocate manager for the Guardian ad Litem program in Key West.

The departing interim executive director, Kirsten Sutton, has left the organization in a much stronger position to reopen to serve guests. This is especially important with the closing of a shelter for homeless families in Clearwater.

Family Promise of Pinellas County is part of a

national nonprofit organization serving homeless children and their parents. Families are housed at participating churches, moving from church to church each week. Four times a year they receive their meals and lodging for a week at Palm Lake Christian Church, with St. Peter's support. They spend days at the Day Center at Central Christian Church, 6201 22nd Ave. N, where they seek jobs, social services, and permanent housing.



Denis Sousa

Services to clients have been on hold since late 2018 while the board worked toward financial stability and leadership development and dealt with the limitations imposed by the pandemic. Four new

members have recently been added to the board, bringing skills in grant-writing, fund-raising, legal work, administration, and member engagement.

Want to know more? Please contact Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com) for details. Learn more at fppinellas.org.

Photo by KAREN AMUNDRUD

It may be only August, but **2023 CHARITY CALENDARS** are already appearing in our mailboxes. If you've got more than you need, we're collecting them for our neighbors at Peterborough Apartments (who are very grateful every year for these donations). Please bring them to the front desk.

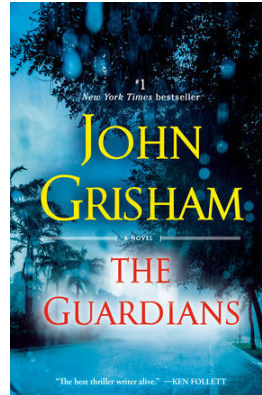
A Ripped-from-the-Headlines Read Will Keep You Turning the Pages

Looking for some good summer reading? The St. Peter's Book Club offers you *The Guardians*, a gripping legal thriller by John Grisham, when it meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 23. John Sumner is the presenter.

In the small Florida town of Seabrook, a young lawyer is killed. No suspects, no witnesses, no motive. A young Black man is wrongfully convicted. His case is taken up by an innocence project, The Guardians, run by a lawyer who is also an Episcopal priest. He discovers that powerful, ruthless people wanted the young lawyer dead, and they do not want the Black man exonerated.

The Guardians is based on the true story of James McCloskey, founder of Centurion Ministries in Princeton, NJ, the first organization in the world dedicated to the exoneration of the wrongfully convicted.

The book club meets live in the Chapter room, but if you can't attend in person, we offer a Zoom option. More information available at spcathedral.org/book-club. No need to have read the book; our lively discussion may prompt you to do so.



Root, Root, Root for the Home Team

Four Rays baseball enthusiasts attended the Tampa Bay Rays annual Pride Night on June 4. Special rainbow-themed hats are proudly worn by Doug Hansen, Meg Banitch, Ellen Alexander, and Johnny Van Heest. The Rays played the Chicago White Sox and lost a close one, 3-2.

Statement Opposing Same-Sex Marriage Roils Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops

The 15th annual Lambeth Conference — a gathering of more than 660 bishops from around the worldwide Anglican Communion that runs through August 7 — was expected to focus on “God’s Church for God’s World,” exploring what it means to be responsive to the needs of a 21st-Century world.

But that plan was upended July 18 when host Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, released a 58-page study guide including draft versions of 10 “Lambeth Calls” covering such topics as Anglican identity, science and faith, discipleship, reconciliation, and human dignity. The term “call”

was used rather than “resolution” to acknowledge that Lambeth does not legislate or set policy for its member churches.

Among the calls was a provision asking bishops to reaffirm the 1998 Lambeth gathering’s stance against same-sex marriage, saying that “it is the mind of the Anglican Communion as a whole that same-gender marriage is not permissible.”

Bishops were given only two options: to adopt the call, lending it their support; or to adapt it, saying it requires further discernment. There was no option to reject the call. That set off a firestorm among Episcopal bishops and other leaders.

Debates over human sexuality have divided bishops at past conferences, with those from the Global South (generally Africa, Asia, and Latin America) adamantly opposed to same-sex marriage, gay clergy, and homosexuality in general.

About Lambeth

What: The Lambeth Conference is a typically once-a-decade gathering of bishops from the 165 member churches of the Anglican Communion. More than 660 bishops are attending in person, along with 480 spouses, through August 7 at the University of Kent in England.

Why: Joint consultation on internal Anglican matters, theological, social and

international questions. The gatherings shape the life of the Anglican Communion, although the Conference has no legislative authority and no enforcement power over its members.

Learn more: At the website, www.lambethconference.org, you can find the schedule and download a copy of the study guide, “Lambeth Calls.”

The Dignity of Every Human

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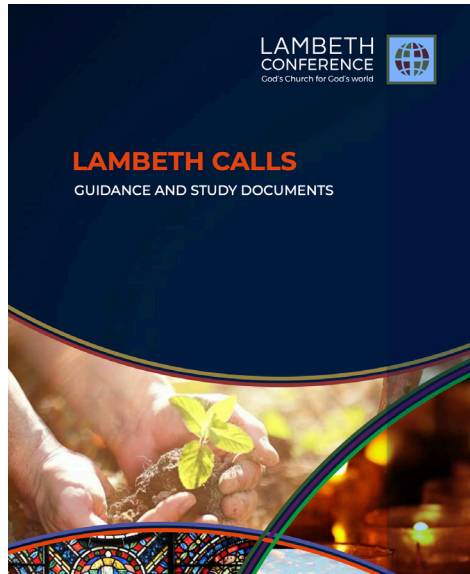
The Episcopal Church and the Anglican churches in Canada, New Zealand, Brazil, Wales, and Scotland have essentially ignored that 1998 statement. The Episcopal Church has embraced LGBTQI+ people as made in the image of God, fully welcome in the Church, and eligible to serve in all orders of ministry and to participate in all the rites of the church, including marriage. Four married gay and lesbian Episcopal bishops and one married gay bishop-elect are attending the conference.

Welby initially refused to invite the spouses of gay bishops, then relented and said they would be welcome at public events, though not at the program of activities for spouses, and could not share accommodations with their spouses. The Episcopal Church's recent General Convention approved a resolution expressing dismay at Welby's decision to exclude same-sex spouses.

At the last Lambeth Conference, in 2008, Welby refused to invite then-Bishop V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, the

first openly gay bishop in the Episcopal Church.

Episcopal bishops were quick to turn to social media to express their sense of betrayal that the call was sprung upon them with no warning; that Lambeth will take up matters that had been thought to be settled if not agreed upon; and that Christian leaders are being asked to approve a



statement that demeans, diminishes, and dehumanizes God's people.

In the days since then, the call has been rewritten to remove the offending passages. It is still not clear who inserted them or why. On July 31, Welby announced he was scrapping the electronic system that had been expanded to give bishops the ability to say no to the calls. Now they will indicate support or disapproval by voice vote.

Some conservative bishops from the Global South announced on July 29 that they would refuse to take Communion alongside gay bishops and those who support them. They plan to force a vote August 1 on their own measure opposing same-sex marriage and the ordination of gay, partnered clergy.

Debate on the same-sex marriage provision, the Human Dignity Call, is scheduled for August 2, and is expected to be fiery.

All this said, bishops' postings on Facebook since the conference opened have focused on the rich relationship-building and discovery of points of agreement that are happening in worship, prayer, informal conversation, shared meals, and Bible study.

Information from Episcopal News Service was used in this report.

Around the Cathedral

Sing Out!

There's still time to lend your voice to the Summer Choir. Just come to the front of the Cathedral on any Sunday morning between now and August 28 at 9 a.m. for a short rehearsal. There are no weeknight rehearsals. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to try out the choir, along with current choir members who want to keep singing through the summer. Questions? Contact Dwight Thomas: dthomas@spca-thedral.com.



Health Services

Our Faith Community Nurse, Rita Sewell, continues to offer these services: blood-pressure clinic, 9-10 a.m. the first Sunday of the month in the Library; and consultations on health matters or mind-body-spirit issues, from 10 a.m. to noon most Thursdays

at the Cathedral. E-mail her at nurse@spca-thedral.com to make an appointment.

Baby Shower for Michelle

Our administrator, Michelle Thomas, and her husband, Shawn, will become the parents of Noah Samuel around October 11. Help them celebrate this joyous event at a baby shower at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, August 21, in Harvard Hall. Here is the link to Michelle's registry: <https://www.babylist.com/noahsamuel>.

Please RSVP to Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) if you're coming so we can plan refreshments.

Hurricane Reminder

As we enter peak hurricane season, this is a good time to remember that the Cathedral does not provide hurricane shelter. Think now about where you will go if you are told to evacuate. This is also a good time to get your supplies lined up to shelter in place: water, batteries, nonperishable

food, more. Find hurricane evacuation routes and other emergency information at <https://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/knowyourzone.htm>



Coffee with the Clergy

Coffee with the Clergy returns at 9 a.m. Sunday, August 14. Newcomers are invited to come learn more about the Episcopal Church and how to get connected with various ministries and groups at the Cathedral. Coffee will be available in the Chapter Room. Questions? Contact Canon Brandon Peete, Canon for Hospitality (bpeete@spca-thedral.com).



August Transitions

Birthdays

2	Franci Cross	15	Ronnie Sylvester
4	David Hobbs	15	Eve Munkittrick
4	KayeLynn Salsman	15	Beth Snyder
5	Michelle Correll	15	David Lessard
5	Michelle Correll	15	Mary Schenck
6	Abigail Albert	16	Mary Howe
6	Laurence Roberts	16	Steve Buyens
7	Molly Goodwill	16	Bruno Adams Jr.
9	Jim Stevens	17	Matt Dahm
10	Charlie Rodgers	17	Kathy Coughlan
10	Charlie Rodgers	17	Johnny Van Heest
11	Charlotte Foster	18	Gary Patterson
12	Lisa Fournier	18	Debra Davis
13	Gabriel Cotrino	18	Emma McBaen
14	Bob Churuti	19	Evelyn Ranuro
14	Barbara Wright	19	Lois Ricciardi

19	Chloe McBaen
20	Vonnie Bennett
20	Helen Munkittrick
21	Aubrey McManus
21	Addison Campbell-Correll
22	Christina Morris
25	Holly Morris
25	Anna Chandler
26	Liam Dickinson
26	Sherie Campbell
26	Suzanne Hill
26	Victoria Gault
26	Matilda McBaen
28	Pat Williams
28	Ronan McBaen
30	Karen Amundrud
30	Henry Morris
30	Joe Burnsed
31	George Billias
31	Rich Rome
31	Dianne Denk

Anniversaries

1	Louise & John Garrigues	12	Ed & Marnie Long
2	Rick & Heather Neefe	16	Ed & Betty Shamas
7	Greg & Gaye Burnsed	19	Seth Hunnicutt & Clay Farrar
7	W. Reid & Kerry Carlisle	20	Joseph & Hilary Sosa
8	Jon & Betsy Reynolds	27	John & Carol Ellis
11	Andy & Kate Munkittrick	30	Henry & Lindsey Juarez



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Death

Deborah Rowens

St. Peter's: A Guide

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Our Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I and sermon

Sunday, 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II and sermon

Wednesday, 12:05 p.m., Holy Eucharist

Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. can be viewed on Facebook or at [spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream](https://www.spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream), where the order of service can be downloaded.

If you have a pastoral emergency after hours, please call (727) 822-4173 ext. 1 to speak to a member of the clergy.

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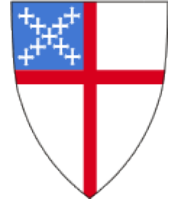
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