

# **Annual Report**

## **The Church Club of New York**

### **2018-2019**

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#### **About The Church Club of New York**

The Church Club of New York, founded in 1887, brings people together from different parishes, in fellowship, to discuss and deepen their understanding of the issues of the day, including those in theology, social justice, the arts, and more. To that end, the Church Club supports and hosts a series of ministries and monthly events including: the **Young Adult of the Year Award Service Recognition Award**, participation in a **Day of Service at Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen on Martin Luther King Day**, **Fighting Human Trafficking**, the **Annual Christmas Party and Toy Drive**, and more.

#### **2018-2019 Overview**

The Church Club welcomed 17 new members to its membership roster in 2018-2019. The year's mix of programs included some that focused on social-justice and related issues such as "Portraits of Immigrants: Unknown Faces, Untold Stories" featuring 18 portraits of immigrants by Artist and Saint Thomas parishioner Betsy Ashton, along with their stories. The evening also included an appearance by New York Assemblymember Ron Kim to hear about his personal story as an immigrant. There was also a program on "Fighting Human Trafficking" in February. Later, the Church Club promoted a diocesan "stations of the Cross" bus tour to locations touched by human trafficking, with a number of Church Club members joining others from around the diocese on the bus trip. Church Club member Yvonne O'Neal serves on the Diocesan Task Force on Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking and helped coordinate the bus trip. In March, there was an excellent panel discussion on "How to Talk to Our Children About God" moderated by the Rev. Mark Hummell, Chaplain at Grace Church School.

And plans are set for the Church Club's Pilgrimage to Gladstone's Library – a residential library in Hawarden, Wales. The trip will include Morning Prayer in the Library's chapel, lectures and discussions, a screening of

## **2018-2019 Overview – Cont'd**

“Victoria and Abdul”, trips to Chester Cathedral, St. Asaph’s Diocese and Cathedral, plus some unscheduled free time. The trip will take place July 2-7.

The Church Club wrapped up the year with its Annual Meeting on May 13 at the Yale Club. The Church Club was pleased to welcome the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury in the U.K., who addressed the Christian’s responsibility for the care of Creation and what the Anglican Communion is doing to address the issue of climate change.

Another highlight to end the year, was the Annual Meeting on June at The Church of St. John’s in the Village. Attendees were treated to a special Evensong for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the lighting of the “Johnsmas Fire” in the church’s courtyard. Following the business meeting, attendees enjoy food and libations catered by Dinosaur Barbecue.

## **2018-2019 Programs/Events**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 6:00pm**

**Members and Prospective Members ‘Meet and Greet’**

Grace Church Manhattan

New York, New York

The Rev. J. Donald Waring, Rector

**Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 5:30pm**

**Festal Eucharist and Demonstration of Saint Thomas Church's  
new Dobson Pipe Organ**

*with Daniel Hyde, Organist and Director of Music*

Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue

New York, New York

The Rev. Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

**5:30 pm** - Festal Eucharist

**6:30 pm** - Organ Demonstration with Daniel Hyde

**7:15 pm** - Members' and Guests' Reception

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 6:00pm**

**2018 Annual Bishop’s Forum**

**with The Rt. Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche**

**and presentation of**

*The 2018 Young Adult of the Year Award*

Church of St. John’s in the Village, New York, New York

The Rev Graeme Napier, Rector

**6:00pm** - Evening Prayer

**6:45pm** - Bishop's Forum and presentation of

*The 2018 Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition Award*

**7:45pm** - Members' and Guests' Reception

## 2018-2019 Programs/Events - cont'd

**Thursday, December 13, 2018, 6:00pm**

**Annual Christmas Party and Toy Drive**

The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin

New York, New York

The Reverend Stephen Gerth, Rector

**6:00pm** - Evening Prayer

**6:30pm** - Merrymaking and Fellowship at the Christmas Party

**Monday, January 21, 2019 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Annual Day of Service - Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen**

Holy Apostles Church

New York, New York

**Thursday, January 31, 2019, 5:30pm**

**Choral Evensong**

**and**

**Portraits of Immigrants:**

**Unknown Faces, Untold Stories**

**with artist/journalist Betsy Ashton**

**and special guest New York State Assemblymember Ron Kim**

**Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue**

The Rev. Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

**5:30 pm** - Choral Evensong

**6:30 pm** - Conversation with **Betsy Ashton and Ron Kim**

**7:00 pm** - Portrait Exhibit and Reception

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 6:00pm**

**Fighting Human Trafficking in  
Our Communities and Our Diocese**

Church of the Incarnation

New York, New York

The Rev. J. Douglas Ousley, Rector

**6:00pm** - Evening Prayer

**6:30pm** - Panel Discussion: Human Trafficking in Our Communities and Our Diocese

**7:30pm** - Members' and Guests' Reception

***About the Program***

Human Trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world and it is not limited to faraway countries. It exists right here in our own back yard. It involves both labor and sex trafficking and is not limited to adults. In the U.S. roughly 200,000 children are at high risk for sex trafficking each year. The average age of entry for a child into sex trafficking in the U.S. is 13 years old, and some are trafficked at an even younger age.

Church of the Incarnation's **Associate Rector Adrian Dannhauser** has been a leader in the fight against Human Trafficking in the Diocese of New York. Adrian will moderate a panel discussion with other experts including: a legal and policy expert, a sex trafficking survivor, and a representative from LifeWay Network which provides safe housing and other services to trafficking victims.

## 2018-2019 Programs/Events – cont'd

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 6:00pm**

**Leadership for the 21st Century:  
How to Talk to Children About God**

A panel discussion moderated by

**The Reverend Mark Hummell  
Chaplain, Grace Church School**

**Grace Church High School Auditorium**

**New York, New York**

**5:30 pm** - Evening Prayer

**6:00 pm** - How to Talk to Children About God

**7:00pm** - Members' and Guests' Reception

*The Panelists*

**The Reverend Mark Hummell - Moderator**

The Rev. Mark Hummell is the chaplain at Grace Church School in Manhattan. He also serves as faculty for ethics, philosophy, psychology, and religion at the school. Before coming to Grace in 2014, Fr. Mark worked as a counselor at the Health & Wellness Center at New York University Abu Dhabi and assisted NYU Abu Dhabi with the establishment of their spiritual life program.

**Wendy Claire Barrie**

Wendy Clare Barrie has directed programs for children, youth, and families since 1989 in seven Episcopal congregations large and small on both coasts, presently at Trinity Wall Street. She is the author of *Faith at Home: A Handbook for Cautiously Christian Parents* (Church Publishing, 2016) and is currently working on a book about intergenerational Christian formation.

**The Reverend Canon Patti Welch**

The Rev. Canon Patti Welch is chaplain at the Cathedral School and Canon for Education at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine. Canon Welch also coordinates Nightwatch Crossroads, which is a Friday evening and overnight spiritual retreat for middle and high school age students, youth groups and their adult chaperones. As part of Nightwatch, young adults have the opportunity to unplug from the distractions and stresses of daily life to connect with God and one another in the sacred space of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

**Monday, May 13, 2019, 6:00pm**

**The 132nd Annual Dinner Gala**

honoring

**The Rt. Reverend Nicholas Holtam**

**Bishop of Salisbury**

**Monday, May 13, 2019**

**The Yale Club of New York City**

**Monday, June 24, 2019, 6:00pm**

**2019 Annual Meeting and Barbecue**

**Church of St. John's in the Village**

**New York, New York**

The Rev. Graeme Napier, Rector

**6:15pm** - Evensong of the Nativity of St. John

**6:45 pm** - Annual Meeting

**7:15pm** - Blessing of the Johnsmas Fire  
followed by the Barbecue!

## **The Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition Award - 2018**

The recipient of The Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition Award for 2018 was Merrick Williams, a parishioner at Cathedral of the Incarnation in the Diocese of Long Island for his volunteer ministry with the “**Mary Brennan International Nutrition Network**”. Mr. Williams received a \$500 honorarium, and a \$500 honorarium was designated for his parish/ministry. The award was presented during the Annual Bishop’s Forum with The Rt. Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, November 13, 2018, at the Church of St. John’s in the Village. Seven other Young Adults were nominated for the award and recognized at the Bishop’s Forum.

## **Financial Report – Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018**

### **Income / Expenses**

#### **Income**

- Membership Dues - \$24,905
- Programs/Events - \$9,453
- Contributions (general) - \$1,195
- Year End Appeal - \$3,455
- Annual Dinner - \$88,500
- Annual Meeting - \$2,276
- Other Incom - \$38.00

**Total Income: \$129,822**

#### **Expenses**

- Gift – Bishop’s Discretionary Fund - \$1,000
- Gift – Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition - \$1,000
- Annual Dinner - \$33,049
- Annual Meeting - \$1,853
- Programs/Events - \$4,169
- Office Rent - \$13,300
- Disability and Workers Compensation Insurance - \$630
- Administrative Expenses - \$10,666  
*(Liability insurance, utilities, office supplies, postage, storage space, credit card fees, Episcopal New Yorker ads, other)*
- Executive Director - \$64,800
- Other - \$1

**Total Expenses - \$130,468**

**Balance / Deficit – (\$646)**

## Election of New Trustees

At the June 24, 2019 Annual Meeting, the Membership elected one new Trustee. Trustees may be elected to serve two consecutive three-year terms and must be re-elected to serve a second term. The following new Trustee was elected to serve a first three-year term:

- Christopher Adams,

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees met to elect the following Officers.

- Scott Evenbeck, President
- Muriel Kneeshaw, Vice Presidents
- Christopher Strome, Vice President
- Willem Brans, Secretary
- Gregory Stoskopf, Treasurer

## Membership Report

### Membership Report: Annual Meeting - June 24, 2019

Membership is comprised of Episcopal laity. Associate members are Episcopal clergy, Episcopal seminarians, and laity of other faiths and are not eligible to vote on Church Club business or serve on the Board. There are various levels of annual membership dues as follows:

- Honorary Young Adults – Candidates who applied for the Young Adult of the Year Award are given a free one-year membership)
- Young Adult - \$45
- Seminarian/ Spouse - \$45
- Clergy - \$65
- Basic - \$65
- Sponsor - \$200
- Patron - \$300
- Dual - \$350
- Life - \$4,000 (Members make a one-time payment with no future request for annual dues)

### Distribution

Membership Categories	As of June 24, 2019
Life Members	36
Patron Members	7
Sponsor Members	89
Basic Members	130
Dual Members	30

Young Adult Members	31
Honorary Members	0
Patron Associate Member	1
Sponsor Associate Members	3
Basic Associate Members	2
Clergy Associate Members	15
Seminarian/Spouse Associate Members	0
Young Adult Associate Member	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>345</b>

## II. New Members

Member Name	Parish
Francis Thompson	St. James
The Rev. Brandt Montgomery	(a parish in Lafayette, LA - Former seminarian at St. Thomas)
Ronald Long	Congregation St. Saviour
Elizabeth Wyckoff	Christ the King, Old Lyme, CT
Henry Cox	Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue
Michael Kunkel	Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue
Margaret Rominek	St Bart's
The Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe	St. Bart's
Nolan Burke	Grace Church New York
Tivaun Cooper	Trinity Church Wall Street
Adam Martinek	Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue
Marisol Ortega	Grace La Gracia, White Plains
Carrie Sheffield	Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue
Kristen Vieira	Calvary St. Georges
Tamara Wernham	St. Phillips
Merrick Williams	Cathedral of the Incarnation, LI
Francis Joseph Michael Goldkamp	Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue

# **Board of Trustees**

## **2019-2020 Officers of the Board**

Scott Evenbeck, President  
Muriel Kneeshaw, Vice President  
Chris Strome, Vice President  
Stephen Storen, Treasurer  
Willem Brans, Secretary

## **Members of the Board of Trustees**

Christopher Adams  
Donna Ashley  
Nicholas Birns  
Willem Brans  
Scott Evenbeck  
Muriel Kneeshaw  
Yvonne O'Neal  
Diane B. Pollard  
Stephen Storen  
Gregory Stoskopf  
Christopher Strome  
Edward Valentine

## **Executive Director**

Susan E. Ridgeway

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