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RACIAL HEALING, JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION FORUM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10



The Episcopal Church is among the many faith traditions nationally that are focused on racial reconciliation and justice issues in response to the divisive turn of events in politics.

Last year, the Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut approved a resolution setting aside the second Sunday in February (Feb. 10 this year) as a Day of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation, "during which parishes are asked to begin a conversation about the sin of racism in our lives and in the world by hosting a forum on racial healing, justice, and reconciliation."

In response to the resolution, after the 10:30 service on Sunday, Feb. 10, we'll watch a brief video of Dr. Catherine Meeks, the Founding Executive Director of the Abalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, Georgia and author of *Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America*.

This is a recording of her presentation to the Joint Session of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies that occurred on at the 2018 General Convention in Austin, Texas. This will be followed by a discussion of

the same questions last year's Convention deputies used to reflect on what Jesus is calling us toward personally, and how our churches and institutions might respond to this call collectively.

Please plan to grab a cup of coffee and a cookie (or two!) and join us as we begin to address how we at Trinity can be active in helping to establish a world in which racial healing, justice and reconciliation are implemented.

Faithfully,

Pastor Heidi Truax

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2019 Annual Meeting probably set a record for a) speed—45 minutes! and b) worst weather for an Annual Meeting within living memory!



We had a quorum (thanks, hardy parishioners!) a delicious pot luck lunch, and no new or

old business to discuss. Thanks also to all the committee chairs who submitted their reports in a timely manner so that they could be collated and posted on line (thanks, Geoff) well before the meeting.

If you wish a hard copy of the Annual Report or the Financial Report, please see Pastor Heidi.

Elected at the Meeting were:

Carol M. Taylor, *Senior Warden*

Allen Berrien, *Junior Warden*

Bev Becker, *Clerk*

Al Dorf, *Treasurer*

Martha Nesbitt, *Assistant Treasurer*

New Vestry members are Danielle A. Gaherty and Taylor Neil.

Diocesan Delegates are Bev Becker and Jackie Kuhn, with Carol M. Taylor as alternate.

Thanks to retiring Junior Warden Pari Forood (who moves on to fund raising for our stained glass repair) and Vestry member Rachel Lamb, who continues to send birthday cards to parishioners, notify folks when we will be praying for them in the Prayers of the People and to head Parish Helpers.



Installing the new Vestry
G. Brown photo

STAINED GLASS UPDATE

Wood rot...bulges....clouded plexiglass covers...scotch tape. No way to treat our stained glass windows!

Susanna Schindler is our point person with Stained Glass Resources, who will be repairing and restoring our stained glass in three phases: the altar window, the rose window facing rte 112 and the side lancets.

The first phase (the window over the altar) is estimated to cost about \$50,000.



Stained glass restoration
at Stained Glass Resources

The good news is that an anonymous parishioner has challenged the congregation to raise \$25,000, which will then be matched and the work can begin.

Making a gift in honor or remembrance of loved ones offers a way to commemorate for many years those who have been important in our lives. If you would like to discuss giving options, Pari Forood is the one to see!

Susanna is planning a video presentation during coffee hour one Sunday, and that will be followed by the distribution of flyers and the actual fund raising.

Trips to the facility near Longmeadow, MA, where our stained glass will be taken, are also planned. They should be fascinating!

Pastor Heidi and Senior Warden Carol M. Taylor are the other members of this committee.



BABY, IT'S COLD OUT THERE!

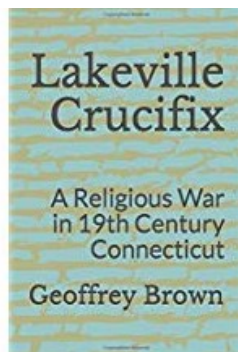
And the Corner Food Pantry needs your help to keep its shelves well stocked with food, household

cleaning and personal items for our brothers and sisters in need.

Condiments, laundry detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste and shampoo, body soap, lotion (especially in this cold weather!) and juice drinks are always welcome, as are snack packs for lunch boxes.

Take advantage of the "buy one, get one free/half price" promotions at our local stores and be part of the Body of Christ caring for one another.

A RELIGIOUS WAR IN CT???



A number of trends clashed in the Northwest Corner in the late 1800's when Father H.J. Lynch erected a crucifix on the triangle in front of St. Mary's.

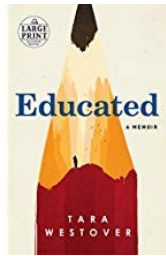
The resulting uproar made *The New York*

Times as well as *The Hartford Courant*, and attracted attention far and wide.

Author Geoff Brown (yes, that Geoff Brown, our verger/historian/photographer/webmaster Geoff Brown) will be talking about his book *Lakeville Crucifix* at **7 PM on Tuesday, Feb. 19**, along with showing pictures of the places involved.

Please join Geoff and other interested friends and parishioners to hear about the events and the role that Trinity Lime Rock played at that time.

Bring your copy of *Lakeville Crucifix* and Geoff will sign it!



BOOK GROUP

So just exactly how does a girl from a survivalist, “home schooling” (barely) fundamentalist family end up with a doctorate from Cambridge?

Tara Westover had never heard of the Holocaust, Martin Luther King Jr. or Napoleon when she found her way into the world of higher education. It’s a fascinating journey, and highly informative of other life styles in our multicultural society.

The book is *Educated* by Tara Westover, and the discussion is **Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7: 00 PM.** Readers of *Hillbilly Elegy* will find both similarities and differences in the ways that two young people from cultures other than “mainstream” encounter a world very different from that in which they grew up.

All are welcome at Book Group meetings, even when it is just for a discussion of a particular book that has sparked your interest! Further information from Alexis Dorf.

LOOKING AHEAD

What would Lent be without Chocolate Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday?

Bring your best chocolate creation for the hospitality table on **Sunday, March 3**, pay a measly \$5.00 for a plate, and fill it with as much chocolate as you can manage!



Proceeds go to the Altar Guild. Last year’s Chocolate Sunday revenue was important in putting a new rug in the Sacristy. Who knows what we’ll be doing or acquiring this year!