

Annual Report

The Church Club of New York

2016-2017

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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**, **Leadership for the 21st Century: Real Estate Matters, Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther, Annual Dinner Gala**, the **Annual Bishop's Forum**, the **Annual Christmas Toy Drive**, and more.

2016-2017 Overview

The 2016-2017 year saw several new programs and initiatives. In an effort to grow Church Club membership, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of a new Basic Membership level at a rate of \$65 a year. The Church Club gained 19 new members compared to 9 new members the previous year. In October, an annual "Meet and Greet" event was established with the first one being held at The French Church of St. Esprit. The Church Club also added more monthly programs with an enhanced fellowship reception following each event. In January, as part of our mission and commitment to service, members participated in "A Day of Service" on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen. The Church Club plans to make the "Day of Service" an annual event at Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen on every Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. A signature event aligning to the Annual Dinner in May was a visit to the Martin Luther Exhibit at the Morgan Library and Museum followed by Candlelight Communion at nearby Church of the Incarnation and then a fellowship reception. In May, the Church Club further commemorated the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation by honoring the Rev. Dr. Robert Allen Rimbo, Bishop of the New York Metropolitan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as guest speaker at the Church Club's Annual Dinner in May at the Yale Club. Finally, the Church Club enlisted the services of vendor Eventbrite to move to online event registration and payment processing, reducing registration processing time and the cost of postage and other mailing expenses. We look forward to more growth and innovation in the 2017-2018 year.

2016-2017 Programs/Events

Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 6:15pm

**Members and Prospective Members 'Meet and Greet'
The French Church du Saint-Esprit**

New York, New York

The Reverend Nigel Massey, Rector

"Prière du Soir" (Evening Prayer, with music), with
Father Massey, followed by a private tour of the Church
and a reception to meet Church Club interim Executive Director Susan Ridgeway.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 6:30pm

2016 Annual Bishop's Forum

with The Rt. Rev. Mary D. Glasspool

Assistant Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of New York

Church of the Holy Trinity

New York, New York

Evening Prayer with Father Beddingfield at 5:30pm and Holy Eucharist at 6:00pm.
Following the services, we'll hear from our newest Bishop, **The Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool**.
The evening will conclude with a private tour of the church and Reception in the Rectory.

Wednesday, December 6, 2016, 6:00pm

Annual Christmas Party and Toy Drive on the Feast of St. Nicholas

Church of the Epiphany

New York, New York

The Rev. Jennifer Reddall, Rector

Sunday, January 15, 2017, 3:30pm

**Martin Luther: Words and Image - Morgan Library & Museum, Candlelight Communion at
Church of the Incarnation, and Reception in the Parish House**

The Rev. J. Douglas Ousley, Rector

This special event will commemorate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation.

3 :30pm - Explore the Morgan Library & Museum on your own

4:00pm - Guided tour of Martin Luther Exhibit and Museum Highlights

5:00pm - Candlelight Communion followed by a Reception at Church of the Incarnation

Monday, January 16, 2017 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Day of Service – Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen

Church of the Holy Apostles

New York, New York

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 5:15pm

Real Estate Matters: Leadership for the 21st Century

Trinity Church Wall Street

The Rev. Dr. William Lupfer, Rector

The Rev. Phillip A. Jackson, Vicar

Please join us at 5:15pm for Evensong in All Saints Chapel followed by a panel discussion, Q&A, and reception
in the Manning Room.

2016-2017 Programs/Events – cont'd

About the Program

"Real Estate Matters: Leadership for the 21st Century" will examine the challenges faced by clergy, vestry members, building committees, parish administrators, facilities managers and others, related to all matters of Church Real Estate, including air rights, preservation, landmarking, leasing space to other organizations, and more.

Moderator

The Rev. Canon George W. Brandt

The Rev. Canon George Brandt was born in New York City. He attended Franklin and Marshall college. He holds a Law Degree from Boston College and a Master of Divinity from Nashota House Theological Seminary. He has been very active in his Law career, including working for the US Securities and Exchange Commission, Rogers & Wells, and, since 2016, as an Arbitrator for Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Rev. Canon Brandt has served as Rector of St. Michael 's Church in Manhattan and St. Margaret of Scotland, in Chicago. He also served as Canon, Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta as well as Provincial Secretary and PA to the Archbishop, Church of the Province of Central Africa. He is currently Honorary Assistant at Church of the Incarnation in Manhattan and is a member of the Sacred Sites Committee of the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

Panelists

Fred Bland

Fred Bland is Managing Partner of Beyer, Blinder, Bell Architects & Planners LLP. He is a member of Grace Church Brooklyn and serves on the Vestry of Trinity Wall Street. He is a graduate of Yale University. He is a Commissioner on the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission and chairs the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Colleen Heemeyer

Colleen Heemeyer is the Grants and Technical Services Manager at the New York Landmarks Conservancy. She helps run the Conservancy's Sacred Sites program which provides matching grants and technical assistance to historic religious institutions in New York State. Colleen and her husband are both active in the parish of St. Ann and the Holy Trinity Church, an 1844 Episcopal Church in Brooklyn Heights. In 2015, Colleen ended two three-year terms on the parish's vestry.

Peter A. Irwin

Peter "Tony" Irwin was born in Pasadena, California. He grew up in Bronxville, New York, received a B.A. from Pomona College and a J.D. and LLM from NYU. He worked as an attorney at Con Edison for 36 years, retiring in 2008, first as a corporate and transactional lawyer, then in supervisory positions. He was on the Vestry and Strategic Planning Committee at St. Luke in the Fields during the selection of a developer of some underused real estate, and the negotiation of long-term leases with the developer and with St. Luke's School."

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 6:00pm

130th Annual Dinner Gala

with Honored Guest

The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Rimbo

*Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

The Yale Club of New York City

New York, New York

This special evening

will commemorate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation.

2016-2017 Programs/Events – cont'd

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 6:30pm

Annual Meeting and Barbecue

Church of the Transfiguration

New York, New York

The Rev. John David van Dooren, Rector

6:30pm - Annual Meeting

7:00pm - Fourth Annual Young Adult of the Year Award Presentation

7:30pm - Food, Fun, Fellowship, & Libations at the Barbecue!

Welcome Transfiguration's New Rector

Fr. John David van Dooren is a native of North Carolina, growing up on its coastal outer banks. His deep love for the Church began when his Rector asked him to become an altar boy at the age of eight, an invitation of great magnitude for a young soul. This positive experience led to years of formation in his small town Episcopal Church, and to his eventual call to the ordained priesthood.

Fr. van Dooren graduated from the University of North Carolina and then attended the Virginia Theological Seminary. His first field assignment was with an Anglo-Catholic parish, one of only a few in the the area. There Fr. van Dooren was introduced to a spirituality that would define his eventual priesthood and lead him to a lifelong commitment to urban ministry.

After beginning his ordained life as chaplain and coach at an Episcopal school, Fr. van Dooren served as curate of All Souls Episcopal Church in Washington, DC. He then served as an assistant in a large Church near Baltimore, MD before being called back to All Souls as their sixth Rector.

After 14 years as Rector, Fr. van Dooren accepted the call to the Church of the Atonement in Chicago, where he has served as Rector for the past eleven and half years. Both rectorships have been rewarding calls filled with growth and loving ministry.

Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition Award – 2017

The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin, Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, was on hand at the June 14, Annual Meeting to present the Fourth Annual Young Adult of the Year 2017 Service Recognition Award. The Award went to Christopher Wilson of St. Mary's Church in Mohegan Lake, New York, for his work raising funds and gathering resources and school supplies for underserved children in Hatsavan, Armenia.

Treasurer's Report – as of June 14, 2017 Annual Meeting

The financial health of the Church Club has become more stable during recent years, reversing a previous trend. The main expenses of the Church Club have been for staff, office rent and event expenses. The board and Executive Director have been prudent in expense management and are continually evaluating ways to increase revenue and manage expenses.

In January, the Church Club was the beneficiary of a \$25,000 bequest from the estate of Scott Glasscock.

As a result of the success of the 2016 Annual Dinner honoring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, we ended the previous year with a positive net income, exceeding our approved budget. The 2017 Annual Dinner, held last month at the Yale Club, and honoring Bishop Robert Alan Rimbo of the Lutheran Church, was also a great financial success, with expenses being less than budgeted and with revenue exceeding expectations, for a net income, from the dinner, of more than \$8,800.00

Treasurer's Report – as of June 24, 2017 Annual Meeting – cont'd

Your Membership contributions remain a vital source of Church Club revenue. So far in 2017, we have 40 new members compared to 18 last year.

The Church Club's endowment as of December 2016, reported from the Diocesan Investment Trust where it is invested, totals \$326,969.36. Of this figure, \$249,321.87 is unrestricted. The \$77,647.49 balance is a donor-restricted endowment fund of which only the interest may be used to support the Church Club's activities. Last year at the same time the endowment totaled \$354,774 of which \$277,504 was unrestricted.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Storen, Treasurer

Election of Trustees and Officers

At the June 14, 2017 Annual Meeting at Church of the Transfiguration, the Membership elected six new Trustees to fill the vacancies created by Trustees resigning from the Board or whose terms are due to expire. Trustees may be elected to serve two consecutive three-year terms and must be re-elected to serve a second term. The following new Trustees were elected.

- Donna Ashley, Chapel of the Good Shepherd, General Theological Seminary
- Willem Brans, Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue
- Nicholas Birns, Grace Church Manhattan
- Gregory Stoskopf, Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue
- Christopher Strome, Church of the Incarnation, Manhattan
- Edward Valentine, Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees met for the election of officers. The following Trustees were elected to serve as officers for 2017-2018:

- Scott Evenbeck, President
- Muriel Kneeshaw, Vice President
- Christopher Strome, Vice President
- Alissa Abrams, Secretary
- Stephen Storen, Treasurer

Membership Report

Membership Report: Annual Meeting - June 13, 2018

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:

Currently, there are a total of 306 Members, as compared to 271 at the same time the previous year.

The Board of Trustees has elected thirty-four new and reinstated six previous Members, thus welcoming a total of forty individuals to the current Membership roster. This compares to fourteen new and four reinstated.

Membership Report – cont'd

Membership Report: Annual Meeting - June 13, 2018

In August/September of 2016 to allow Clergy to be admitted to membership as Associate Members. Additionally, the Board approved of the creation of a new Basic Membership level of \$65

Membership Levels

- 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	As at 2016 Annual Meeting	As at 2017 Annual Meeting
Life Members	36	37
Patron Members	9	9
Sponsor Members	175	163
Basic Members	n/a	36
Dual Members	36	36
Clergy Associates	n/a	10
Young Adult Members	10	10
Honorary Members	0	0
Patron Associates	1	1
Sponsor Associates	3	3
Young Adult Associates	1	1

Board of Trustees

2017-2018 Officers of the Board

Scott Evenbeck, President
Muriel Kneeshaw, Vice President
Chris Strome, Vice President
Stephen Storen, Treasurer
Alissa Abrams, Secretary

Members of the Board of Trustees

Alissa Abrams
Donna Ashley
Nicholas Birns
Willem Brans
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Muriel Kneeshaw
Stephen Storen
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Christopher Strome
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