

Annual Report

The Church Club of New York

2017-2018

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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**, **History of the Episcopal Hymnal**, **An Evening with the Bishop of Cuba**, the **Annual Bishop's Forum**, the **Annual Christmas Toy Drive**, and more.

A Message from the Executive Director

The Church Club's formal mission statement says that The Church Club works to strengthen the life and faith of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion by offering interchurch fellowship, educational, service, and social opportunities, and supports theological education and service ministries of young adults in the surrounding dioceses.

To distill it down to its most basic essence: We do God's work. And in doing that, we support the mission and outreach efforts of our partners in Christian communion. We promote events and projects being undertaken by various parishes and Episcopal organizations such as House of the Redeemer, Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen and others. And we hold one another up in our various endeavors and life journeys, sharing in one another's successes and joys, but also in one another's sorrows.

It is a privilege to serve the members of Church Club of New York, and all those who journey with us.

I thank the members of the Church Club for that privilege.

Susan Ridgeway
Executive Director

2017-2018 Programs/Events

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 6:15pm

Members and Prospective Members 'Meet and Greet'

Church of Saint Luke in the Fields

New York, New York

The Rev. Caroline Stacey, Rector

Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 6:30pm

An Evening with the Bishop of Cuba

St. Bart's Church

New York, New York

The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, D.D., Rector

About the Program

Bishop Griselda will discuss the current state of affairs of the 46 Episcopal parishes/missions in Cuba since relations between the U.S. and Cuba opened up under President Obama.

Learn how the Church in Cuba is growing through its focus on youth and community outreach efforts including, cultivating community gardens to show neighbors how to grow their own food, developing water purification systems and providing free potable water to members of their communities. and more.

Hear about the challenges faced by the 22 priests who cover the diocese and why there is a need for everything from baseball equipment to motorcycles!

The Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, D.D., Rector of St. Bart's, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Griselda Delgado del Carpio
Episcopal Bishop of Cuba

Born to a respected patents lawyer and a loving homemaker in 1955 in La Paz, Bolivia, Maria Griselda Delgado del Carpio was educated at the Instituto Americano's Methodist High School. She next attended the Universidad Mayor de San Andres in La Paz, graduating in 1981 with a degree in sociology. In 1982 Ms. Delgado moved to Cuba to enter the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas, Cuba.

Griselda remained in Cuba and was ordained as a deacon in 1986. Shortly thereafter, she arrived at Itabo, Cuba, a small town with little acquaintance of Jesus Christ, to serve at a church property, with crumbling walls and no roof, known as Santa Maria Virgen. Working from a small house across the street, Deacon Griselda began introducing the townspeople to the love and hope of Christ. In 1991 Bishop Emilio Hernandez ordained Deacon Griselda as an Episcopal priest in a ceremony of ordinations that included two other women, the first three women priests of the Episcopal Church of Cuba. She continued at Santa Maria Virgen as Rectora for the next 20 years, inspiring the congregation of Santa Maria Virgen to work together to build their town temple back proud and strong, to build a self-sustaining community system of agro-ecological farms on and around the church, and to build their relationships with each other and with God.

In September 2009, the Cuban church, for the second time, failed to elect a bishop coadjutor. After 13 inconclusive ballots were cast, the choice of a coadjutor fell to the Metropolitan Council of Cuba (Primate Bishops from USA, Canada and West Indies), which Council has governed the Cuban church in matters of faith and order since its 1967 post-Revolution separation and autonomy from the U.S.-based Episcopal Church.

2017-2018 Programs/Events – cont'd

On February 7, 2010, The Rt. Rev. Griselda Delgado Del Carpio was consecrated as bishop coadjutor for the Diocese of Cuba and was installed later that year on November 28 as diocesan bishop of the Episcopal Church of Cuba at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Havana. She became the first woman to serve in that role as diocesan bishop of Cuba.

At the time of her consecration as bishop, the Cuban church included about 40 congregations and some 6,000 Episcopalians. "La Obispa," as she is affectionately known, is the proud mother of three now-grown children:

Griselda Edith, Lautaro, and Marcela Beatriz. She is married to Cuban-born Gerardo Logildes Coroas, a building contractor, who was recently ordained as an Episcopal priest and now serves not only as priest at the Bishop's former parish in Itabo but also as Project Supervisor of Camp Blankingship near Santa Clara, Cuba.

At the General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 2015 and on behalf of the Episcopal Church and Diocese of Cuba, Bishop Delgado presented its Petition to rejoin The Episcopal Church of the USA. The General Convention accepted the idea of reuniting the isolated and autonomous Diocese of Cuba with ECUSA and established a Task Force to study the feasibility of such action. The Task Force will be reporting its findings at the General Convention of 2018.

In May 2017, the General Theological Seminary in New York City conferred upon Bishop Griselda a Doctorate of Divinity, honoris causa. She will be honored again with a second Honorary Doctorate from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale in October 2017.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 6:00pm

Prove All Things, Hold Fast That Which is Good":

The Story of the Episcopal Hymnal

with The Rev. Dr. Sean M. Wallace

Church of the Resurrection

New York, New York

The Rev. Canon Barry E. B. Swain, SSC, Rector

6:00 pm - The History of the Episcopal Hymnal

7:15 pm - Members' and Guests' Reception

The Rev. Dr. Wallace will take us on a fascinating tour of the Episcopal Hymnal's history from 1786 to 1982.

Did you know?

that the percentage of women hymnodists and translators represented in the Hymnal was higher in the 19th century than in the 20th century?

that Francis Scott Key served on the first Joint Commission on the Hymnal

that the 1940 Hymnal was the first mainline denominational hymnal to include an African-American spiritual and that a member of the Joint Commission resigned because of it?

that The Episcopal Church is the only constituent Church in the Anglican Communion that has an authorized hymnal.

that Church Publishing was founded for the purpose of publishing the 1916 Hymnal?

that the relationship between clergy pensions and the Hymnal actually began in 1871, nearly 50 years before the founding of the Church Pension Fund.

that German tune names in the 1916 and 1940 Hymnals were changed because of anti-German sentiment during WWI and WWII, respectively that the revision process for the 1940 Hymnal was begun by one man, now forgotten by history?

2017-2018 Programs/Events – cont'd

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6:30pm
Annual Christmas Party and Toy Drive

Church of the Heavenly Rest
New York, New York

The Rev. Matthew Heyd, Rector

A festive and joyous celebration of the Christmas season!

Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 5:30pm

Auden, The Psalms, and Me
with J. Chester Johnson

General Theological Seminary
New York, New York

The Very Rev. Kurt H. Dunkle, '04, Dean and President

5:30 pm - Evensong in the Chapel

6:15 pm - Program: Auden, The Psalms, and Me

7:15 pm - Reception

J. Chester Johnson will tell the fascinating story of the re-translation of the Psalms for the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*. Learn about the little-known but vital part played by acclaimed poet W.H. Auden in the re-translation and how Johnson replaced Auden when the latter decided to return to live in England.

Biography

J. Chester Johnson

J. Chester Johnson is a poet, essayist, and translator. His writings have been published domestically and abroad and translated into several languages. Johnson, whose work has been praised by leading writers and critics over a few decades, has authored numerous volumes of poetry, including *St. Paul's Chapel & Selected Shorter Poems*, second edition (St. Johann Press); the collection's signature poem remains the memento card for the thousands of weekly visitors to the chapel that survived the 9/11 terrorists' attacks at Ground Zero (more than a million poem cards have been distributed). As *The New York Times* noted, "St. Paul's Chapel' has been used for the church's memento card for more than 10 years." The well-known poet, Major Jackson, said of *St. Paul's Chapel & Selected Shorter Poems*: "Undoubtedly, this is a work headed for literary permanence in our collective ear."

In January, 2017, a companion volume, authored by Johnson, was published (St. Johann Press), *Now And Then: Selected Longer Poems*, which the acclaimed poet and scholar, Lawrence Joseph, described as follows: "The scope of *Now And Then* is epic. It provides its readers with the same amplitude of intelligence, passion and formal achievement as our great American epics - Melville's *Moby Dick*, Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, and Ginsberg's *Fall of America*. It is a book of fierce spiritual and moral witness, energy and power."

Johnson and W. H. Auden served as the two poets on the drafting committee for the retranslation of the Psalms, which is the version contained in the current edition of *The Book of Common Prayer* of the Episcopal Church; the retranslation has been adopted by Lutherans in Canada and the United States, and by the Anglican Church of Canada; it was also adopted as the preferred (now, permitted) Psalm translation until the Church of England produced its own retranslation in 2000.

Johnson's memoir and literary and historical commentary on the retranslation of the Psalms, *Auden, the Psalms, and Me*, was recently published, in September, 2017, by Church Publishing Incorporated. He has also written about the American Civil Rights Movement. At the request of the Episcopal Church, Johnson authored the Litany of Offense and Apology in poetry and prose for the national Day of Repentance (October 4, 2008) when the Episcopal Church formally apologized, with the presiding bishop officiating, for its role in transatlantic slavery and related evils; the piece is one of several works constituting the J. Chester Johnson Collection in the Civil Rights Archives at Queens College (New York City), the school attended by Andrew Goodman who was martyred, along with two other civil rights workers, in Philadelphia, Mississippi during Freedom Summer.

2017-2018 Programs/Events – cont'd

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 5:30pm

2018 Annual Bishop's Forum

with The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island

Grace Church Brooklyn Heights

254 Hicks Street

Brooklyn, New York

5:30pm – Evensong

6:15pm - Forum with Bishop Provenzano

7:15pm - Members' and Guests' Reception

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano

Bishop of Long Island

The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, eighth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, was consecrated in September of 2009. He serves as President of Province II of the Episcopal Church and as a member of the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice. He also serves on the House of Bishops' Committee on Pastoral Development. He is an active member of Bishops United Against Gun Violence.

Prior to his consecration, Bishop Provenzano was rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Longmeadow, Massachusetts; rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in North Adams, Massachusetts; and priest-in-charge of Christ Episcopal Church in Westerly, Rhode Island. For ten years prior to becoming Bishop of Long Island, he served as the Chief Chaplain of the Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains.

Received as an Episcopal priest in 1984, Bishop Provenzano holds a Bachelor of Science from the State University of New York and a Master of Divinity from Christ the King Seminary. For two years before his ordination, he was a member of a religious community.

Bishop Provenzano and his wife, Jeanne, have three adult children: Katy, Mary, and Christopher.

Thursday, March 15, 2018, 6:00pm

Leadership for the 21st Century:

The Role of Libraries and Archives

St. Paul's Chapel

New York, New York

6:00pm - Recital on the Chapel's newly installed Noack pipe organ

6:15 pm - Panel Presentation: Libraries and Archives

7:15 pm - Brief Worship Service and Reception

About the Libraries and Archives Program:

The Role of the Library and of Archives in the 21st Century:

Gladstone and Hamilton

The Church Club each year addresses an important issue for the church in the 21st Century. In this digital age, what is the role of libraries? Of archives? Does the digital age make it possible to be more creative with libraries and archives? Can we increase access and reach a larger and more diverse audience?

The Rev. Peter Francis is Warden of Gladstone's Library in Hawarden, Wales. Gladstone's Library is one of a kind, a residential library and meeting place dedicated to dialogue, debate, and learning for open-minded individuals and groups who are looking to explore pressing questions and to pursue study and research in an age of distraction and easy solutions. William Gladstone left a legacy of engagement with social, moral and spiritual questions.

2017-2018 Programs/Events – cont'd

Here in New York City, a likeness of Gladstone is one of the reredos at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue. He was a hero for Armenia and was buried in Westminster Abbey with the Armenian colors. His library includes some 22,000 volumes with his notations in the margins.

Trinity Parish, including St. Paul's Chapel, was founded in 1697. Trinity's benefactions include many parishes and institutions in New York City and around the world, including Columbia University and the public schools of New York City. The parish has paid attention to its archives over the centuries and is placing a renewed emphasis on sharing its legacy as it celebrates the 250th anniversary of St. Paul's Chapel with restoration of the chapel and the installation of a pipe organ from another parish, restored and using the 1703 case. **Alexander Hamilton, buried in the churchyard, was an active churchman at Trinity, and the archives highlight his engagement. Joseph Lapinski is the Archivist at Trinity Wall Street and will share artifacts as part of his presentation.**

Ann D. Thornton is University Librarian and Vice Provost at Columbia University, earlier serving as the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Libraries. Ms. Thornton will bring her perspectives and moderate the panel.

The evening will conclude with a brief service of worship and a reception.

Panelists

Ann D. Thornton (Moderator)

Ann Thornton is Vice Provost and University Librarian for Columbia University in the City of New York, where she is responsible for one of the top five academic research library systems in North America with world-class physical and digital collections and expert staff in support of research, teaching, and learning. She came to Columbia in June 2015 after serving for nearly two decades at the New York Public Library, where she was most recently the Andrew W. Mellon Director, a position she held since 2012. Early in her career, Ms. Thornton served as a systems librarian at the University of Houston Libraries. Ms. Thornton is a board member of the Association of Research Libraries, and she serves on the New York State Education Department's Board of Regents Advisory Council on Libraries and on the Council of Experts for the National Academic Library and Information Systems Foundation of Bulgaria.

The Rev. Peter Francis

Peter Francis is the Warden of Gladstone's Library, and has held this position since 1997. Peter is in charge of the day-to-day running of Gladstone's Library, its yearly programme and the Writer in Residence Scheme. He is festival director of the literary festivals, Gladfest and Hearth, and is the direct link to the board of trustees. The role of Warden of Gladstone's Library has led to Peter's interest in the life and influence of the Library's founder, William Ewart Gladstone, and to editing two collections of lectures on Gladstone, *The Grand Old Man* and *The Gladstone Umbrella*. Concerned to make Gladstone's Library more than a shrine to the Victorian statesman, Peter is keen to encourage debate about liberal values in contemporary society.

Joseph Lapinski

Joe Lapinski is the Archivist for the Parish of Trinity Church Wall Street where he heads the Archives and Records Management programs of the historic parish, which includes St. Paul's Chapel. His current work focuses on Records Management practices in corporate settings, and sharing Trinity's unique history through research, talks, and tours. Joe holds an MS in Library and Information Science from Simmons College, and has held previous positions at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Appalachian Mountain Club's archives, and New York Public Library's Manuscripts and Archives Division.

2017-2018 Programs/Events – cont'd

Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 6:00pm

131st Annual Dinner Gala

with Honored Guest

The Very Reverend Dr. John Hall, Dean of Westminster

The Yale Club of New York City

New York, New York

Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 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 - Food, Fun, Fellowship, & Libations at the Barbecue!

Financial Report – Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017

Income / Expenses

INCOME

- Membership Dues – 24,575
- New Life Member - \$4,000
- Annual Meeting/Reception - \$2,604
- Bequest - \$25,000
- Programs/Events - \$9,726
- Contributions (general) - 916
- Year End Appeal - \$4,015
- Annual Dinner/ - \$75,252

Total Income: \$146,088

EXPENSES

- Gift – Bishop's Discretionary Fund - \$1,000
- Gift – Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition - \$1,000
- Annual Dinner - \$27,518
- Annual Meeting - \$2,144
- Programs/Events - \$5,477
- Office Rent - \$13,200
- Uncategorized expenses – \$551 (*Parking, Transportation, other*)
- Disability, D&O Liability Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance - \$1,427
- Administrative Expenses - \$12,800 (*Utilities, office supplies,, storage space, credit card fees,, other*)
- Executive Director - \$70,200

Total Expenses - \$134,766

BALANCE / DEFICIT – \$11,322

Election of New Trustee(s)

At the June 13, 2018 Annual Meeting at Church of the Transfiguration, the Membership elected two new Trustees to fill vacancies created by Trustees resigning from the Board or whose terms were 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.

- Yvonne O'Neal, Holy Trinity Church
- Diane B. Pollard, Trinity Church Wall Street

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 2018-2019:

- 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:

- 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)

Membership Report – cont'd

Membership Report: Annual Meeting - June 13, 2018

I. Distribution

Membership Level	As of 2017 Annual Meeting	As of 2018 Annual Meeting
Life Members	36	36
Patron Members	7	9
Sponsor Members	112	93
Basic Members	92	115
Dual Members	30	32
Young Adult Members	18	24
Honorary Members	0	0
Patron Associate Member	1	1
Sponsor Associate Members	1	2
Basic Associate Members	2	2
Clergy Associate Members	6	9
Seminarian/Spouse Associate Members	0	0
Young Adult Associate Member	1	1
TOTAL	306	324

Membership Report – cont'd

Membership Report: Annual Meeting - June 13, 2018

II. New/Reinstated, Deceased, Resigned Members since 2017 Annual Meeting

New/Reinstated Members (27)	Deceased (5)	Resigned (4)
Christopher Adams	Lila Barrows	Daniel Curtis
Stuart Auchincloss	Joan Madeira Hay	Dr. Mary Donovan
The Rev. Susan Auchincloss	W. Michael Margolin	Joan Dunn
The Rev. James Callaway	Frederick Pattison	Patricia Vardin
Patricia Demmit (reinstated)	Dr. Joseph Walsh	
Emory Edwards		
The Rev. John Miles Evans (reinstated as clergy associate)		
Gretchen Floyd		
Edward L. Gibson		
Harris Healy		
Stephanie Hui		
Robin Humble		
Anne Kelly		
Kenneth Kramer		
Janet MacMillan		
Meredith McRoberts		
Amy Mooney		
Nnamdi Nwosa		
Michele Randall		
Richard Rosenthal		
Matthew Sanfilippo		
Dee Dee Scarborough		
Robert Scarborough		

Michael G. Thomas		
Susan Vig		
Judith Villard		
Victoria Ying		

Board of Trustees

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Stephen Storen, Treasurer
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