



# The Church Club of New York

Presents

## An Evening with the Bishop of Cuba Wednesday, October 18, 2017

### St. Bart's Church

325 Park Avenue

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



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

Join us for an evening with  
**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Griselda Delgado del Carpio,**  
the Episcopal Bishop of Cuba.

**Bishop Dean Wolfe, Rector of St. Bart's,**  
will serve as Master of Ceremonies  
for the evening.

**6:00pm** - Eucharist

**7:00pm** - A Conversation with  
the Bishop of Cuba

**8:00pm** - Reception

**See reverse side for program details and bios.**



The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, D.D.  
Rector of St. Bart's  
Former Bishop of Kansas

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## 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 E. Wolfe, D.D. Rector of St. Bart's Church and former Bishop of Kansas**

On February 5, 2017, St. Bart's welcomed Dean E. Wolfe as its thirteenth Rector. Prior to joining St. Bart's, Dean served as Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas for fourteen years, and served as Vice-president of the House of Bishops for the Episcopal Church. Dean has had a distinguished career of ministry and leadership that has taken him from large parishes, such as Trinity Church in Boston's Copley Square and St. Michael and All Angels in Dallas, to the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, where he was the spiritual leader of some 11,000 people in forty-four congregations. Dean is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, which also bestowed upon him an honorary doctorate in 2004, in recognition of his extraordinary service within the national church and the Anglican Communion.

In Kansas, Dean made his reputation as a caring pastor, a bridge-builder, and a prophetic, progressive leader in a region of the country not always known for such stances. He advocated for the State of Kansas to welcome refugees from Syria; he officiated the first authorized Episcopal same-sex marriage in the diocese; and he has spoken out forcefully about gun control and the horror of mass shootings.

Dean is joined by his wife Ellen Frantz-Wolfe, a mother, businesswoman, and active community and church volunteer.

### **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. 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.

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#### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017**

**"Prove All Things, Hold Fast That Which is Good":  
The Story of the Episcopal Hymnal with The Rev. Sean Wallace  
Church of the Resurrection, The Rev. Barry E.B. Swain, Rector**