

Annual Report

The Church Club of New York

2020-2021

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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 Toy Drive**, and more.

2020-2021 Overview

With the COVID-19 pandemic still restricting in-person gatherings, the Church Club continued presenting its monthly programs, virtually, via ZOOM. We are grateful to all of the panelists and presenters who graciously and generously donated their time and knowledge, making those programs possible.

In October, a new online registration and payment portal was put in place, expanding the Church Club's capacity for collecting membership dues and donations, electronically. The new payment platform has also resulted in substantial savings on credit card processing fees. Additionally, it enabled the Church Club in setting set up an online "Toys for Tots" donation campaign, in lieu of collecting toys in-person, at the Church Club's Annual Christmas Party.

In our continued effort to find ways to reduce expenses, the Church Club entered into an agreement with The Church of St. John's in the Village to relocate the Church Club office. In December, the Church Club's lease with The Saint Andrews Society of New York expired, and the Church Club relocated its office to St. John's in the Village.

2020-2021 Overview – cont'd

Two virtual fundraisers were held in October 2020 and May 2021 (see programs/events information below), raising more than \$54,000, combined. The Church Club is grateful to the donors who generously supported and helped underwrite those events.

In August, the Church Club's Executive Director was able to secure a forgivable Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan, being offered to companies, individual contractors and organizations impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Church Club is grateful for the support of all of its members, who come from parishes all over the city of New York and from dioceses outside of New York and all across the county. The Church Club has a unique role in bringing people together in Christian Communion. We continue to be present at memorial services for beloved members who have left us and support parishes in special programs they make us aware of, and we support one another's individual milestones, such as promoting a speaking engagement or a new book launch, among others.

We look forward to another successful year in 2021-2022 and to being able to gather in-person again.

Susan Ridgeway
Executive Director

2020-2021 Programs/Events

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 6:30pm via Zoom

An Evening with Jennifer Jones Austin

CEO of Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA)

“Responding to These Times as a Person of Faith”

Invocation:

The Rev. Emma Jordan-Simpson, Executive Pastor, The Concord Baptist Church of Christ

Remarks and Q&A

Jennifer Jones Austin, Esq., CEO - Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA)

Musical Presentation

Benediction

The Rt. Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

Thursday, November 12, 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom

Annual Bishop's Forum

With The Rt. Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York
and presentation of the

2020 Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition Award

Thursday, January 21, 2021, 6:30pm via Zoom

Alexander Crummell and James Theodore Holly

with Nicholas Birns, Church Club Board President and New York University Professor

About the Program

This lecture will examine the lives and careers of two African American Episcopal priests, **Alexander Crummell** and **James Theodore Holly**, and their respective mission work in the independent, black-ruled countries of Haiti and Liberia. We will discuss their achievements in the wider contexts of the global interchanges between Africa and America, high and low churchmanship, the US and Britain, and racism and anti-racism.

2020-2021 Programs/Events – cont'd

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:30pm via Zoom

Reading Between the Lines:

A New Approach to Understanding the Bible

with

Church Club Member

Professor Mary Chilton Callaway

Department of Theology, Fordham University

About the Program

An important development in biblical scholarship is the fairly recent discipline of reception history, which explores the ways that past readers have left their indelible marks between the lines of the Scriptures that we read. This presentation will set reception history into the context of the Church's approaches to Scripture across time, noting how these disparate approaches coexist in Anglican thinking. **Two engaging passages from the book of Jeremiah** will illustrate reception history at work, showing how readers from other historical eras still influence the way we understand this enigmatic prophet.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 6:00pm via ZOOM

In Service to Seafarers: From Tall-masted Ships to Today

The Seaman's Church Institute

with The Rev. Mark S. Nestlehutt, President and Executive Director

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:30pm via ZOOM

Leadership for the 21st Century

Transformed and Transforming: Leadership in a Time of Transition

with The Reverend Dr. James B. Lemler, President, The Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation

About the Program

Transition is the nature and stuff of our lives. We have experienced it in organizations, society, and life itself. And... transition has accelerated as a result of the changing place of religion in our culture, the effects of a drastic pandemic, and the societal disruption prompted by our quest for justice and equity. This time requires courageous, capable, and committed leadership in the church and world, a leadership that is transformed for new challenges and is focused on transforming institutions. The Church Club of New York offers an evening of learning and conversation about heart-centered and effective leadership for this moment.

Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 6:00pm via ZOOM

An Evening with Bishop Mary D. Glasspool

Bishop Assistant, The Episcopal Diocese of New York

Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 6:30pm via ZOOM

Spiritual Direction: Exploring Spiritual Companionship

with panelists:

Dr. Anne Silver, General Theological Seminary, Director of the Center for Christian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction Programs at the General Theological Seminary

The Rev. Susan Hill, Holy Apostles Church

The Rev. Ryan Bennett, Assistant Priest, Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue

About the Program

"Spiritual direction is a ministry in which a person agrees to accompany another, or group of others, in listening for God and growing in spiritual life and faith.

2020-2021 Programs/Events – cont'd

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 6:30pm via ZOOM

Annual Meeting of The Church Club of New York

preceded by pre-recorded **Evensong** from The Church of St. John's in the Village
celebrating The Feast of St. John the Baptist

The Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition Award - 2020

The recipient of The Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition Award for 2020 was **Nick Gordon**, a parishioner at The Church of St. John's in the Village for his volunteer ministry: **St. John's in the Village with Invisible Hands**. Mr. Gordon received a \$500 honorarium, and a \$500 honorarium was designated for his parish. The award was presented during the Annual Bishop's Forum on November 12, 2020, via ZOOM.

Three other young adults were also recognized for their ministries: **Neil Reilly**, a parishioner at Congregation Saint Saviour at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine was recognized for his work with the **Young Episcopalians of Saint Saviour Harlem Service Projects**, and **Alan Yu** and **Marie-Florentine Heimann**, parishioners at Trinity Church Wall Street, were recognized for their work leading **The Trinity Church Young Adult Group**.

Toys for Tots

Because Church Club members could not gather in person at for our Annual Christmas Party, due to ongoing COVID pandemic restrictions, we also could not, physically, collect toys to deliver to children in need. To fulfill our commitment to support children in need, at Christmas, we developed a campaign to raise money for "Toys for Tots". We are pleased to report that more than \$900 was collected for the "Toys for Tots" campaign sponsored by the United States Marine Corps.

Financial Report – Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2020

Income / Expenses

Income

- Membership Dues - \$14,016
- Programs/Events - \$3,510
- Contributions (general) - \$1,360
- Year End Appeal - \$2,100
- Annual Dinner/ - \$38,889

(Note: Dinner was cancelled due to COVID. Income was received from major donors who allowed the Church Club to keep the funds as a general contribution).

Total Income: \$59,875

Financial Report – Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2020 – cont'd

Expenses

- Gift – Bishop’s Discretionary Fund - \$1,000
 - Gift – Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition - \$1,000
 - Annual Dinner - \$2,459 (Invitations for later-cancelled event)
 - Programs/Events - \$943
 - Office Rent - \$13,200
 - Uncategorized expenses – \$634
(Parking, Transportation, other)
 - Disability and Workers Compensation Insurance - \$1003
 - Administrative Expenses - \$11,120
(Liability insurance, utilities, office supplies, postage, storage space, credit card fees, Episcopal New Yorker ads, other)
 - Executive Director - \$53,450
- Total Expenses - \$84,809**

Balance / Deficit – (\$24,934)

Financial Audit/Review

A review of the Church Club’s financial records was performed in the fall of 2020 by Greg Stoskopf, Treasurer of the Church Club, being completed on December 14, 2020. All bank statements from September 2019 through September 2020 were reviewed. No unusual transactions or irregularities were observed. All checks are co-signed by both the Executive Director and President and no unusual payees or amounts were observed. It was confirmed that blank checks are kept in a locked box in the Church Club office, where a file of paid invoices and receipts for items reimbursed to the Executive Director is also kept. Finally, a review of the “Statement of Detailed Activity” report from QuickBooks shows that very complete records of each ledger transaction are being kept, including the transaction date, amount, payee or payor, description of transaction and check number, if applicable.

Election of New Trustee and Officers

At the June 24, 2021 Annual Meeting via ZOOM, the Membership elected Cecilia Malm as a new Trustee to fill the vacancy created by Stephen Storen whose second three-year term expired. Trustees may be elected to serve two consecutive 3-year terms and must be re-elected to serve a second term. Ms. Malm’s first three-year term will expire in June 2024.

- Cecilia Malm, Holy Trinity Church, Inwood, New York City

Election of New Trustee and Officers - cont'd

Immediately following the June 24, Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees met and elected the following officers:

- Nicholas Birns, President
- Yvonne O'Neal, Vice President
- Diane Pollard, Vice President
- Gregory Stoskopf, Treasurer
- Willem Brans, Secretary

Membership Report

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 - \$85
- Sponsor - \$200
- Patron - \$300
- Dual - \$350
- Life - \$4,000 (Members make a one-time payment with no future request for annual dues)

Membership Report: Annual Meeting - June 24, 2021

I. Distribution

Membership Level	As of 2020 Annual Meeting	As of 2021 Annual Meeting
Life Members	35	35
Patron Members	6	7
Sponsor Members	50	52
Basic Members	130	130
Dual Members**	23	20
Young Adult Members	10	10
Honorary Members (Young Adults)	10	4
Patron Associate Member	1	1

Sponsor Associate Members	1	1
Basic Associate Members	2	4
Clergy Associate Basic Members	17	17
Seminarian/Spouse Associate Members	2	4
Young Adult Associate Member	3	0
TOTAL	291	285

**** One individual among the dual members is a clergy associate, bringin the actual clergy total to 18.**

I. New/Reinstated, Deceased, Resigned Members since 2020 Annual Meeting

New/Reinstated Members	Deceased	Resigned
Ms. Jane A. Campbell and Dr. Peter M. Whiteley – Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue	Chauncey Olinger – Saint Thomas	Ronald Long
The Rt. Rev. Mary D. Glasspool – Cathedral	Ingegerd Mundheim – St. James’	Frances Mills
Marie-Florentine Heimann (Honorary YA) Trinity Church Wall Street		
Mr. J. Chester Johnson – Trinity Church Wall Street		
Ms. Freda Johnson – Church of the Heavenly Rest		
Ms. Sheila Kotur – St. James’		
Ms. Nancy Alaire Lorenz – St. John’s Protestant Episcopal Church, Stamford, CT		
Mr. Robbie Mathis – St. John’s in the Village		
Neil Reilly (Honorary YA) – Congregation St. Saviour at the Cathedral		
Ms. Laurellen Ridgeway – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn		
Mr. William D. Schell – Church of St. Mary the Virgin		
Alan Yu (Honorary YA) – Trinity Church Wall Street		

Board of Trustees

2021-2022 Officers of the Board

Nicholas Birns, President
Yvonne O'Neal, Vice President
Diane Pollard, Vice President
Gregory Stoskopf, Treasurer
Willem Brans, Secretary

Members of the Board of Trustees

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Christian Burke
Emory Edwards
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Cecilia Malm
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Christopher Strome
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