

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another. —1 Peter 4:10

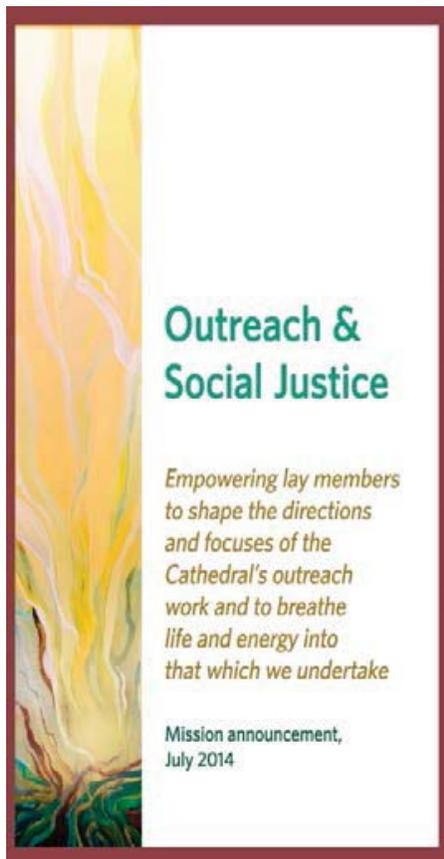
Join us!

The Washington National Cathedral congregation invites you to explore the following opportunities to serve through our outreach ministries and advocacy groups. Volunteers with a range of talents and time availability are needed.

Our outreach ministries work with local organizations to provide food, clothing, and administrative support. Our advocacy groups tie into local, national, and international initiatives.

Join the congregation in the community. There are many ways to help!

We hope that at least one ministry will touch your heart.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES



God calls each of us into active ministry in the world. In the words of St. Teresa of Avila: *"Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours."*



FRIENDSHIP PLACE

Friendship Place is dedicated to ending homelessness and rebuilding lives throughout the DC metro region. More than 2,500 people a year are served through programs that provide permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, job placement and medical and psychiatric care. Friendship Place has developed specialized programs to address the needs of Veterans and their families as well as youth. Join volunteers from nearby partner congregations to directly serve our homeless neighbors. Contact Rosalie Berk at friendship@cathedralcongregation.org



MARTHA'S TABLE

Martha's Table is a community service organization in Downtown D. C. with a goal to assist the homeless and others in need to break the cycle of poverty. On the third Sunday of every month, Cathedral Community volunteers provide more than 1,200 sandwiches and 700 pieces of fruit which are distributed from Martha's Table mobile soup kitchen vans at points around the city. Contact Sher Sandusky at marthastable@cathedralcongregation.org.



PRISON MINISTRY

Through work with Kairos, an international prison ministry, our Cathedral congregation brings Christ's love and forgiveness to incarcerated men, women, and youth, their families, and those who work in the prison environment. Working with inter-denominational congregations from across the region, volunteers participate in programs guided by Kairos Prison Ministry International and locally with Maryland Kairos. Through hands-on service, this ministry addresses the spiritual and social needs of those incarcerated, their families, and those who work in prison settings. Congregants participate in weekend retreats with those incarcerated by spending time with the participants, writing letters, and praying. Volunteers also advocate with state and national leaders to make changes in the criminal justice system. Contact Nancy Stockbridge at prisonministry@cathedralcongregation.org.



STREET CHURCH AT CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Every Tuesday, the Church of the Epiphany, 13th and G Streets NW, holds Holy Eucharist in nearby Franklin Park where homeless persons and business people worship together. Afterward, homeless participants are served lunch. Volunteers from the Washington National Cathedral and other DC congregations devote two to three hours per week (11:30 am to 2 pm) making sandwiches, setting and cleaning up, joining in worship, and feeding participants. Once a year Cathedral volunteers partner in preparing a Sunday breakfast and Eucharist for the homeless at Epiphany. Contact Cary Page at streetchurch@cathedralcongregation.org.



SAMARITAN MINISTRY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

The Washington National Cathedral is one of 40 churches in the DC area working together through the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington to help people who are homeless or near-homeless gain self-sufficiency. Participants who take part in Samaritan Ministry's Next-Step program work with staff and volunteers to set and achieve their own goals. Volunteers can serve as front line coordinators, resume writers, social work aides, or computer aides, or they can provide sessions on topics of their expertise. Additional volunteer opportunities include helping and attending fundraising events or becoming a Parish Partner representative for the Cathedral. Contact Ethan Bishop or Gwen Bole at samaritan@cathedralcongregation.org.



KNITTING & CROCHET MINISTRY

The Knitting ministry gathers twice a month to craft hats, scarves, mittens, socks and some larger items for area children through organizations such as Bright Beginnings and Beacon House. Members include both experienced knitters and beginners. If someone doesn't know how to knit and crochet or doesn't have supplies, experienced crafters teach them and provide needles, crochet hooks, and yarn. Contact Mila Michael at knitting@cathedralcongregation.org



CATHEDRAL 20s & 30s GROUP

The Washington National Cathedral 20s&30s Group seeks to create a safe and welcoming place for young adults, most of whom are within the 20s and 30s age range—and yet all ages are welcome. The group's primary goals are to be consistently available to seekers wherever they are on their faith journey and to foster deeper relationships between congregants, friends, and strangers who find themselves in our nation's busy and transient capital city. Monthly activities include hosting the monthly "Evensong & Evensocial" and the "Ultimate Sunday Brunch." The Group engages in service projects that support other Cathedral ministries and the larger community. Past projects include: working with the Transitional Housing Corporation's Adopt-An-Apartment Program, serving at a local food bank, and participating in special seasonal collection drives. Contact us at 20sand30s@cathedralcongregation.org.



CATHEDRAL SCHOLARS

The Cathedral Scholars Program is dedicated to furthering the expansion of equity in opportunities to improve access to and success in postsecondary education for promising youths who are traditionally underrepresented on college campuses. The program was designed to provide academically talented students of high character and leadership potential with special academic work and cultural opportunities. Volunteers are needed to help with fundraising, tutoring, and in finding internships for scholars. Contact Joseph Peralta at jperalta@cathedral.org

MINISTRIES FOCUSED ON PUBLIC POLICY/ADVOCACY



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The Gun Violence Prevention (GVP) Group works to support the Cathedral in its efforts to bring national attention to the tragedy of gun violence in our country and the toll that gun deaths take on those who remain. Through education and advocacy, partnerships, outreach, and participation in various interfaith and political events, GVP seeks to remain informed on current trends and events related to gun violence prevention, and to add our voices to all those working to change our laws and culture for a safer and less violent country. Contact Constance Pierce at GVP@cathedralcongregation.org



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY GROUP

The Environmental Advocacy Group studies, educates, and advocates for “this fragile earth, our island home.” The Group engages in activities such as initiating the Lenten initiative “Why give up chocolate when you can give up plastic for Lent?” and promoting the “Christmas is Love” initiative that encouraged giving time and other non-material gifts at Christmas. The Group also hosts book discussions, symposiums, and films, keeping abreast of new information on environmental issues. The Environmental Advocacy Group has been involved in both encouraging the Cathedral to be a leader in the religious community on environmental issues and advocating for the ‘greening of the Cathedral.’ Contact Carol Janus at environment@cathedralcongregation.org



LGBT MINISTRY

The LGBT ministry’s focus is on social engagement, social justice and Christian formation. Members spend time together celebrating our experiences and one another in our extended community, reaching out to the larger community and taking social action in support of issues relevant to our LGBT brothers and sisters. This ministry welcomes those who want to join in any and all of these areas. For more information please contact Nancy Stockbridge at LGBT@cathedralcongregation.org.



PALESTINE-ISRAEL ADVOCACY GROUP

The Palestine-Israel Advocacy Group (PIAG) educates and advocates on behalf of peace in the Holy Land by sponsoring films, speakers and raising awareness of opportunities to get involved with partnering organizations. The PIAG supports the annual Simulcast service and coordinates with the diocesan partnership committee.

Contact: pal-isgroup@cathedralcongregation.org.

Join us!





EMERGING MINISTRIES

Special initiatives are undertaken when a group of congregation volunteers determines a need and wants to respond.

Southern Africa Partnership Committee

The Southern Africa Partnership Committee (SAPC) was formed in early 2004 to coordinate the Episcopal Diocese of Washington (EDOW)'s partnership with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA) Anglican Church of Southern Africa. The Cathedral works to support our diocesan efforts with the Province of Southern Africa on issues of children's education, HIV/AIDS, and access to water. To help expand this ministry's work, contact Juanita White:

southernafrica@cathedralcongregation.org

For information on starting a new mission group, please see the brochure entitled "A Model of Sustainable Ministry."



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Ongoing Food Donations—Members of the congregation and visitors are encouraged to bring non-perishable food to Sunday services to assist in our outreach to feed the hungry in our metropolitan area. Place food in baskets by the Lincoln statue.

Seasonal Food Drives—During times such as Thanksgiving, we are invited to participate in the collection of meals to assist any number of our partnering organizations and churches. These opportunities can be found in the Sunday Bulletin or in congregational e-mails.

Advent Giving Drive—During Advent members of the congregation donate toys and books for children; warm socks, gloves, and hats for adults; and gift cards for families and distribute them to churches and other organizations with whom we partner. Specific dates are announced via email and in the Sunday Bulletin.

Ongoing Clothing Collections—Each fall and winter, the Cathedral partners with area churches and non-profits to collect gently-worn clothing to help the needy. Coats and related cold-weather items are always greatly appreciated. Specific dates and collection points are distributed via e-mail and in the Sunday Bulletin.



About the OSJ

Our ministries are supported by the leadership of the Outreach and Social Justice Committee (OSJ) which is composed of members of the Cathedral Congregation, the Canon Missioner, and Vicar of the Cathedral. The OSJ was organized in 2014 for the purpose of supporting the Cathedral congregation's efforts in the areas of outreach and social justice. The Committee seeks to support current ministries through providing opportunities for the exchange of ideas, helping ministries promote their efforts and attract volunteers, and advocate for the needs of the Cathedral's ministries.

The OSJ seeks to promote and support outreach efforts to the larger community and to nurture the development of new ministries to respond to other needs.

The co-chairs, Jan Smith and Kathy Deal, can be contacted at OSJ@cathedralcongregation.org.



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