

The Partnership News

In response to the news of Bishop Rowe having been elected as the next Presiding Bishop of The Church and the evaluation process of The Partnership, I have listed below two letters recently released to the people of the diocese: (1) A transition update from the Standing Committee Presidents, and (2) the upcoming listening sessions regarding The Partnership.

Both letters include weblinks to follow for various information. If you receive this newsletter by USPS and not by way of email, you can access these weblinks by visiting the diocesan website: www.episcopalpartnership.org

Sundays in August: Starting Sunday, August 4th, our worship together will take place in the climate-controlled parish hall at 9:30 a.m. It will be a service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with hymns.

--- *Peace, James+*

Transition Update from the Standing Committee Presidents

July 22, 2024
Beloved in the Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York:

We are aware that Bishop Sean's election to be the next Presiding Bishop has occasioned a variety of emotions among us. While many of us are thrilled for the wider church, it is also natural to wonder what comes next for our dioceses and our partnership work. Your Standing Committees, working with Bishop Sean and [our consultants](#),

began developing a transition plan for this contingency shortly after he was named to the slate of nominees in April. We have already begun putting that plan into action and are writing to you today with an update on our progress.

First, we want to assure you that the evaluation of our partnership is continuing on schedule. Here are some highlights of the work happening now:

- Last week, we were all invited to [take a survey](#) developed by our evaluators to seek broad input from laypeople and clergy in both dioceses.
- This summer, diocesan leadership bodies and staff are participating in in-depth interviews with the evaluation team.
- In October, everyone is invited to participate in an evaluation listening session. You can find the schedule, which includes both in-person and online sessions, [on the website](#).
- Our evaluators will be with us at [our partnership convention](#) again this year to make a report on their progress and contribute to our discernment about the future to which God is calling us.

You can [read more about the evaluation](#) on the website.

Second, we are pleased to announce that the Standing Committees have jointly retained the Rev. Canon Tony Pompa to be our Diocesan Partnership Minister for Administration, Coordination, and Ministry Support. In this new role, which he will begin in August, Tony will oversee the Partnership's administration and operations, working with the staff to ensure that their ministry will continue

without interruption once Bishop Sean steps away from day-to-day leadership in mid-September.

Tony has worked part-time with us since January as Partnership Canon for Congregational Support, supporting a number of congregations in both NWPA and WNY. He was previously Dean of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and served eight years on the staff of the Diocese of Virginia. We are fortunate to have support and guidance from such an experienced leader as we embark on this new season in our life together, and we are grateful to Tony for agreeing to serve with us. We also appreciate the support of Bishop Todd Ousley from the Presiding Bishop's Office of Pastoral Development who consulted with us about this decision.

We know that you may have many more questions and concerns about this transition, and we are prayerfully working on your behalf to discern the path forward. We are collecting [frequently asked questions](#) on the website so that you have a ready reference for the latest updates. If your question has not yet been answered, please email it to communications@episcopalpartnership.org, and we will do our best to respond with up-to-date information.

Finally, know that plans for celebrations with Bishop Sean in both dioceses are underway. Please watch the partnership newsletter for more information coming soon.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare for Bishop Sean to become our Presiding Bishop. As God leads us forward, may we continue to dwell in love and abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,

The Revd. Canon Stacey Fussell
President, Standing Committee
Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania

Ms. Saxon Cobb Deck
President, Standing Committee
Diocese of Western New York

The Partnership Evaluation **Listening Sessions** **In October**

July 16, 2024

Everyone in our partnership dioceses is invited to attend **one** of the partnership evaluation listening sessions in October:

In-person listening sessions:

- Thursday, October 10, 6:30-8 p.m.: session for **Western New York laypeople** at the [Diocesan Ministry Center, Tonawanda](#)
- Friday, October 11, 10-11:30 a.m.: session for **Western New York clergy** at the [Diocesan Ministry Center, Tonawanda](#)
- Friday, October 11, 4-5:30 p.m.: session for **Northwestern Pennsylvania clergy** at [St. Mark's, Erie](#)
- Tuesday, October 15, 6:30-8 p.m.: session for **Northwestern Pennsylvania laypeople** at [St. John's, Franklin](#)

Zoom listening sessions:

- Wednesday, October 16, 6-7:30 p.m.: session for **Northwestern Pennsylvania clergy**. [Register to receive the Zoom link.](#)
- Thursday, October 17, 6-7:30 p.m.: session for **Western New York clergy**. [Register to receive the Zoom link.](#)
- Monday October 21, 6-7:30 p.m.: session for **Northwestern Pennsylvania laypeople**. [Register to receive the Zoom link.](#)
- Tuesday, October 22, 6-7:30 p.m.: session for **Western New York laypeople**. [Register to receive the Zoom link.](#)

Questions? Please email evaluation@episcopalpartnership.org.

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

June 25, 2024

As approved at the July Meeting

Present: Sally Ludlum, Warden; Ann Sullivan; Cathy Berner; Jake Wilkins; Jenn Wilkins; Melisa Eichmann; Virginia Becker, Treasurer.

Excused: The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Call to Order: Sally Ludlum called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m.

Meeting Agenda: Agenda approved with a motion made by Cathy Berner, seconded by Ann Sullivan.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jake Wilkins, seconded by Melisa Eichmann to approve the May 21, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds:

Finance: Report prepared by Ginny Becker. Sally Ludlum made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Melisa Eichmann. Motion carried. See attached report.

- **General Fund:** All regular monthly bills were paid. Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) was transferred from the Snowden Lane cash account for cash flow for May.
- **Building Fund:** The balance at the end of April was \$611.27. Eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) was transferred into the Building Fund from the Snowden Lane cash account and immediately paid out for the parking lot refacing.
 - **Music Fund:** The current cash balance is \$136.37.
 - **Memorial Fund Report:** The balance remains at \$3,072.28.
- Ann inquired about an option to use money from other accounts for the Music Fund. Ginny confirmed that Vestry can make that motion if they desire. Ann suggested we might consider a fundraiser.

- Melisa suggested that a reminder is added to the parish newsletter to consider a donation to contribute to the music fund.
- Cathy confirmed that lose offering goes to operation budget in general.

Buildings and Grounds: Ginny shared details.

- Windows cleaned for \$200 (Window Wizards).
- Doreen reported that the back pew is splitting – she contacted her carpenter (he was scheduled to come on 6/16, but did not show) – When he is scheduled next, he will look at all of the pews and give us an estimate for repairs.
- The copier contract was up to be renewed – right now we are pay \$88 per month. The new contract is a rent to own contract - it is \$44 plus fees for 2 years in total, and then we will own it. (Axiom Office Imaging/Wells Fargo) Ginny Becker signed contract and received approval from Father while he was away.

Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries:

Flower Guild:

- Melisa will be ordering flowers this week – the current flowers are able to be used for 3 weeks currently

Rector's Report: No report.

Old Business:

- Ginny Becker shared the Parish Audit Report that was completed June 7, 2024 by the audit committee. Jenn Wilkins made a motion, Melisa Eichmann seconded, to receive the Audit report as submitted, which will be sent to Finance Manager (Maria) who works in the diocese. All in favor.

New Business:

- Fredonia Fire Department Annual Fundraiser (received by mail) – Melisa Eichmann made a motion to donate \$100, the motion was seconded by Cathy Berner. All approved.
- Ann Sullivan began a discussion regarding an outreach campaign as a follow up to the local churches that may be shutting down. Ginny Becker recommended a “bring a friend” campaign. Jake Wilkins suggested a

notice in the Community News section of the newspaper to welcome new members to join.

- TECW – attending July 16 Tea at Chautauqua Institution (treats are prepared in the refrigerator).
- Confirm fall date of Rummage Sale with TECW.
- Ann Sullivan has been making efforts to keep the coffee hour going each Sunday – we all appreciate an opportunity to socialize and sit together after church.
- We need to prepare to address the furnace issue from last winter.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. with a motion made by Cathy Berner, seconded by Jenn Wilkins. Carried.

Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16 @ 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk.

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Parish Notes

Chancel Choir



September is just around the corner and we will continue our program of inviting four SUNY students to join with us for the parish choir. They will work with our organist, Don Fellows. We enjoyed having the choristers with us these past two years and we anticipate welcoming the news students soon!

As we have done in the past, the congregation will need to raise donations for the Music Fund - \$1,500 for each semester. This amount will enable the students to be present not only on Sundays, but also at various times, such as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. If you wish to make a donation, please contact the parish treasurer, Ginny Becker.

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Lectionary Readings in August: www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, August 4
The Transfiguration
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99:5-9
2 Peter 1:13-21
Luke 9:28-36

Sunday, August 11
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 18
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15
Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 25
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 16
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

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Birthdays in August

- 7 Alberto Rey
- 15 Mary Beth Liener Chin
- 16 Jeanette Adamczak
- 21 Doreen Gould
- 21 Gretchen Wheelock-Garvey
- 22 Janell Mosier
- 25 Russell Kyte
- 26 James Wheelock
- 29 Ron Sercu
- 30 Sharon Wallace

Wedding Anniversaries in August

- 3 Cathy and John Berner
- 17 Lisa and Dominic Schultz
- 22 Ron and Diane Sercu

In Memoriam

- 8 Anita Day
- 17 Victor Jonus
- 18 Rosalie Williams
- 30 Raymond Wallace

Trinity Tidings

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Ephesians 1:2*