

**Trinity Cathedral Highlights  
Report to the 229<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention**

The Theme of this year's 229th Diocesan Convention, *We've Come This Far by Faith*, is very representative of our Cathedral's Ministry.

The following list of activities gives a snapshot of some of the various programs and activities of the Cathedral:

- ECVA show Out of Darkness Into Light by Kathleen Holder (Chair, Ruth Councill).
- 12th Annual Diocesan Acolyte Festival.
- Absalom Jones Service of Witness to Black Ministries.
- Welcoming of new Members and Vestry Installation.
- Cathedral members attended Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes Conference entitled: "Becoming God's Courageous Community".
- Dean's Sabbatical March 4<sup>th</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Installation Service for Diocesan and Cathedral Canons and new Canon to the Ordinary, Canon John Sosnowski.
- Earth Day Celebration with Rev. Fletcher Harper, Director of Greenfaith.
- Hosted National HIV testing at the Cathedral, was extremely well attended by persons from the community.
- Cathedral Choir performs Robert Ray Gospel Mass for Trinity Fest 2012.
- Hosted successful Farmers Market supported with a grant from NJ state Department of Health, which enabled the market to be taken on the road to Apartment Buildings throughout Trenton.
- Two new Cathedral Heating Systems were inspected and passed by the relevant authorities.
- Hosted two great Summer Camps by Blue Mountain Music Camp and Urban Promise.
- We contributed one hundred and twenty Nets to the Diocesan wide effort to provide Nets for life to our brothers and sisters in Africa.
- Successful Golf Outing and Community Day with continued phenomenal Diocesan support from congregations. Thanks to all.
- Successful African Festival, great attendance and generous support, money distributed by African Festival committee to Cathedral and Cathedral Ministries.
- Joint Ecumenical Chant concert with St Vladimir's Orthodox choir and Trinity Cathedral Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir.
- The Dean participated in a Trenton joint congregational training. "Repairing the Breach" an opportunity to work with congregations to minister to victims of violence and persons involved in crime. Coordinated by TEAM and Sam Atchinson and Rev. Julio Guzman from Living Hope Church.
- Initiation of Stewardship of Creation Liturgy, (using Liturgy to celebrate and teach importance of caring for creation) well received by our congregation.
- Sotheby's Auctioning of two paintings belonging to the Cathedral realized a wonderful new Fund for the Cathedral. This fund was called the Cathedral Fine Arts Fund. Ten percent of which was designated to begin much needed repairs to Cathedral Stain Glass windows, another five percent for emergency repairs of the Flower room and Chapel narthex walls. Five percent was also designated for outreach and eighty percent was set aside as endowment to assist with future Cathedral needs.
- The Undercroft kitchen fire suppression system was finally completed, and all work required for the kitchen to be certified operational was completed and inspected by the City inspectors.
- A wonderful and generous gift of beautiful flooring for the Cathedral Offices and Guild Room was gifted to the Cathedral by a Cathedral member. We are most grateful.
- We're now home to a Children's Cathedral String Orchestra taught by Sherri Anderson.
- We hosted two community dinners at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The first was a joint effort with a number of Presbyterian congregations and Urban Promise. Extremely well received, appreciated and rewarding for all who participated.

- Hosted a Planned Giving Seminar David Steadly and Suzanne Lengyel gave very valuable and important info surrounding this very important area of our church life. They provided their services free of charge and sponsored the meal. Thanks to Brann Wry and Tom Aiken and our in house committee for coordinating this effort.
- Hosted a Diocesan Hymn Sing organized by Bishop Councill and churches in our Diocese, and the Gay Men's Chorus Christmas concert.
- Major participation by Cathedral youth in Diocesan Lock In hosted by Cathedral.
- Angel Tree Prison ministry and Sock Folding and distribution continue to be a major part of our end of the year outreach efforts, to families of the incarcerated and our neighbors.
- A very generous donation of two yellow buses filled with a variety of items for victims of hurricane Sandy, afforded us a marvelous opportunity to minister with and stand in solidarity with persons affected by Sandy. Items were collected by Kitty Nelson and colleagues from Malvern P.A. Thanks to Cheryl Browne and Brapfs Bus Company for providing a way for us to collaborate and assist. Thanks also to members of Grace St. Paul for helping to caravan items to those in need.

In Christ,  
 The Very Reverend René R. John  
 Dean, Trinity Cathedral