

Christ Church Cathedral Commissions

Commission for Administration

Trone Sawyer, *Chair*

Sarah Tally and Susan Barge, *Vestry Liaisons*

The Very Reverend Serena Sides, *Clergy Liaison*

Leslie McGilberry, *Staff Liaison*

The Commission for Administration is charged with supporting the physical and financial infrastructure of Christ Church Cathedral. The commission guides the development and establishment of stewardship and endowment activities. It works with the dean and appropriate staff (accounting, facilities management, and related areas) to ensure administrative needs are met. The commission creates committees to focus on various aspects of this work, ensuring that their actions reflect “stewards who acknowledge and honor the Holy Trinity as the source of all, in the care of creation and the right use of our gifts and offerings.”

Commission for Cathedral Life

Anne-Louise Branstetter, *Chair*

Anna Grimes and Billy Ballard, *Vestry Liaisons*

The Very Rev. Serena Sides, *Clergy Liaison*

The Commission for Cathedral Life, in consultation with the Vestry, designated clergy and staff, and, where appropriate, the Cathedral Chapter, is charged with oversight of ministries and events associated with our parish’s role as the Cathedral for the Diocese of Tennessee. The commission assists the Cathedral parish to “proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ” and provides opportunities for the Cathedral community to fulfill its calling to be “disciples, evangelists, servants, stewards, and friends.” The commission defines and develops ways to enable all people to encounter God in art and in worship within the Cathedral’s historic space. In accordance with the diocesan canon, the commission includes committees and activities that enable the church to be “a place of liturgical and spiritual renewal; a center for Christian education and outreach to the congregations of the Diocese, the wider Church, and the community; an ecumenical center and ‘house of prayer for all people’; and a place where the Good News of God in Christ is proclaimed ‘by word and example’”

Commission for Evangelism

Maura Black Sullivan, *Chair*

David Paine, *Vestry Liaison*

The Reverend Richard Wineland, *Clergy Liaison*

The Commission for Evangelism is charged with coordinating and managing Christ Church Cathedral ministries that assist parishioners, friends, associates, and staff in “proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.” This commission creates opportunities that invite those beyond the boundaries of Christ Church membership and/or the Christian faith into the Body of Christ, working to “make known God’s plan for reconciliation, that all may grow into the full stature of Christ.”

Commission for Christian Formation

Mary Margaret Sprinkle, *Chair*

Ellie Teal Gardner and Keith Simmons, *Vestry Liaisons*

The Reverend Canon Madeleine Rebouché and the Reverend Canon Anna Russell Friedman, *Clergy Liaisons*

The Commission for Christian Formation is charged with fostering the love of God in Christ through the spiritual, educational, and moral formation of all parishioners from their baptism through their burial. Christian formation through worship, prayer, service, and guided and continuous learning invites “young and old alike (to) grow into the full stature of Christ.” This commission works to provide opportunities for instruction on the belief and practice of the Episcopal Church, nurture a thirst for the Holy Scriptures and a facility with the Book of Common Prayer, encourage spiritual practices, and cultivate a sustained theological imagination for all parishioners.

Commission for Liturgy

Andrea Tucker, *Chair*

Deaver Collins, *Vestry Liaison*

The Very Reverend Serena Sides, *Clergy Liaison*

The Commission for Liturgy is charged with providing assistance to the dean to plan, coordinate, and execute worship. This commission convenes committees with responsibilities related to regularly scheduled worship as well as seasonal and special liturgies, schedules and organizes lay leadership in the implementation of worship, maintains and, as needed, updates customaries that govern the Cathedral’s practices, manages the proper diocesan licensure for all lay liturgical leaders, and dreams with the clergy about new worshipping opportunities for the community. In addition, this commission, through its committees, encourages, recruits, and trains members of the congregation to be lay leaders who facilitate common prayer.

Commission for Pastoral Care

The Reverend Mary McCarthy, *Chair*

Gina Lodge, *Vestry Liaison*

The Commission for Pastoral Care is charged with ensuring that all members of the Christ Church Cathedral community have access to guidance, support, and ministry during times of need and times of life’s milestones. The commission is charged with “seeking and serving Christ in all persons” and, in regard to the Cathedral’s core values, is charged with “bearing one another’s burdens as we share in the ministry of the apostles’ teaching and fellowship.” The commission creates appropriate committees or ministries as needed, with attention to persons in emotional and spiritual need, ministries for the homebound, healing ministries, and others as the commission determines. The commission manages the proper diocesan licensure for all ministries requiring a license. Find out more about the committees and ministries [here](#).

Commission for Outreach

Sheri Sellmeyer, *Chair*

David Morton and Maura Black Sullivan, *Vestry Liaisons*

The Reverend Canon Madeleine Rebouché, *Clergy Liaison*

The Commission for Outreach is charged with coordinating and managing servant ministries of Christ Church Cathedral that focus on the urban, regional, diocesan, and global contexts of its mission to “seek and serve Christ in all persons.” This commission establishes means to connect parishioners, friends, associates, and staff to opportunities that enable them to be “servants who seek the face of Christ in every human being and strive for the justice and peace of God.”

Commission for Parish Life

Rebecca Collins, *Chair*

Lawrence Blank-Cook, *Vestry Liaison*

The Reverend Richard Wineland, *Clergy Liaison*

The Commission for Parish Life is charged with fostering the bonds of affection among the congregation as members of Christ’s Body by considering ways for all parishioners to make connections with one another, share in the fellowship of Christ and “welcome the stranger.” To that end, the commission creates and sustains forums for fellowship and sponsors events, retreats, and gatherings that nurture life together at Christ Church Cathedral.