



The Rev. Geoff Smith and Terilyn Callaghan, members of the new Youth Commission

### Introducing the "Our Kids" Youth Commission

Bishop Hirschfeld has convened a new Commission to lead our Church in hearing about and addressing the challenges facing low-income and vulnerable children in New Hampshire. Much of their work is based on the "opportunity gap" as presented by Dr. Robert Putnam in his book, "Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis," a copy of which has been given to each member of the Commission.

The Bishop's "charge" to the Commission is, "To find and serve the child/less in our communities by helping congregations move away from asking "how can we get more young people from our community in the doors of our church" to "how can we go out the doors of our church to serve the needs of young people in our communities?" His goal is to create an "on-ramp" for committed and talented people in our churches to serve all our children as tutors, mentors, and advocates. It is in seeking and serving Christ in the faces and needs of children that our churches will be renewed.

The Commission is chaired by **Ed Doyle** of Grace Church in Manchester. Ed is a music and hand teacher based at Manchester Central High School. Members of the Commission include: **The Rev. Tim Brooks**, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Lancaster; **Terilyn Callaghan**, of St. Paul's Church in School District; **Terilyn Callaghan**, of St. Paul's Church in Concord; attorney with Clewland, Waters and Bass; **Jack Lewis**, of All Saints' in Peterborough; who also serves on the Diocesan Council and Finance Committee; **Dian McCarthy**, of St. Matthew's in Goffstown, Executive Director of the Spirit House Coalition for Youth; and Chair of the Goffstown School Board; **Melissa Richmond**, of Union Church in Claremont; Founder and Executive Director of the West Claremont Center for Music and Arts; **Shen Senett**, of St.

Matthew Sin Goffstown, attorney with the public defender in Nashua; **The Rev. Geoff Smith**, of St. James in Keene; risk manager for CAS Wholesale Grocers; and **The Rev. Peter Woodward**, of Trinity Church in Meredith, former head of the Holliston School. **Tim Picketing**, Executive to the Bishop, serves as Diocesan Staff Liaison to the Commission.

The Commission has divided its work into three areas: research and data collection, fundraising, and grant making. The research and data collection group has designed a survey to collect information about efforts to address the opportunity gap already underway in churches throughout the diocese. Please make sure your congregation has responded to this survey so that we can see the fullest possible picture of how the Spirit is already inspiring our efforts. This group will also be talking to other faith communities and leading nonprofits to learn more about areas for high-impact intervention and possible partnerships.

The fund-raising group hopes to increase resources available to churches that are moving into the community to address the gaps for children. The grant-making group will be helping churches structure viable projects to address the opportunity gaps they learn about in their communities, and will be providing funding and ongoing assistance, where appropriate.

The Commission will be meeting roughly once a month through 2016 and welcomes questions, concerns and ideas. Contact Tim Picketing at [tpicketing@nhepiscopal.org](mailto:tpicketing@nhepiscopal.org) or 603-224-1914.



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### Letter From Bishop Rob



#### "We are the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement."

—The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

The clarity with which our new Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, speaks of our identity is brilliant. We can glean so much in that one little sentence: Let me offer my own "exegesis," some of what I take out of it.

**WE ARE** This is a community effort. In a culture so caught up in personal achievement and competition among individuals, we can take strength and purpose in joining sisters and brothers in a beloved community that seeks to reflect the life and communion of God, the Three-in-One. Our work together, our giving, our conversations of discernment, ideally reflect the "with-ness of our witnesses."

**THE EPISCOPAL** This particular community has been blessed with peculiar gifts of governance and order, a kind of tradition to help it grow as a vine. Committed to the via media, the middle way, our resolutions contain the best of both compartments for the sake of a balancing path, but as communities of the people, we are grounded in the ground of the Holy Spirit. It is revealing God's purpose for today.

**BRANCH** We are part of a tree of Christian relationship that contains many others, Catholics, Orthodox, Protestant, Reformed, Independent, even non-denominational congregations. Ours is but one expression of God's desire to draw all people to connect with the life, teaching and full living mystery of Jesus Christ. As a branch, we are not the whole tree, but without us, the tree might be less vibrant. Or so we hope and pray. Likewise, the whole tree of the Church Universal supports and sustains us as well.

**OF THE JESUS** Yes, Jesus! We get to talk about a first century Jewish rabbi who has a lot to teach us. Thought it may sound simplistic and elementary, we are living in a time when the words of the song, "Jesus loves me this I know, cause the bible tells me so," reflects a renewed and needed attitude of humility. When have we seen Jesus in our midst? Are we open to having our hearts stirred when Jesus shows up in our lives? (Luke 24:15-35)

**MOVEMENT** We are not a collection of buildings, silos, attached or a callified and static institution. Our baptism into Jesus expels us into the world and into uncountable relationships so that we can be agents of grace and reconciliation. Our Canons and Constitutions, our By-Laws, and even our Book of Common Prayer are all to help us in our walk with Jesus, whose followers were first described as members of The Way. (Acts 9:24-14)

I hope we can spend time together in our parishes, in coffee hour forums, Vestry, Bishop's Committee, and Convocation meetings, reflecting on how our identity as the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement influences our worship and life together.

Gratefully Yours in Christ,  
+RBO



## NH Episcopal Churches Visit Cuba for the Third Year in a Row

As Cuba continues to be in the global spotlight with President Obama's historic trip, Episcopal churches in New Hampshire are deepening ties with fellow Episcopalians on this island nation. Fourteen travelers from the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire visited Cuba in April 2016, led by The Rev. Mark Pendleton of Christ Church, Exeter. This was the third trip in three years to Cuba for Christ Church members. This year, members from St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth and Church of the Good Shepherd in Nashua also joined the mission trip to Cuba. The Rev. Pendleton is also a member of the Christ Church parish, joined that trip, as well.

The Rev. Pendleton explains, "The Episcopal Church in Cuba is a small but vibrant community working to grow and rebuild many poorly maintained buildings after decades of economic hardship. Cuba is experiencing the first wave of heightened expectations that has followed the normalization of diplomatic relations with the U.S. that began in 2015. It is still not possible to travel freely to Cuba as a tourist, but the delegates from New Hampshire are able to go under religious and people-to-people visas."

Participants transported water filtration systems. The Rev. Pendleton says, "One of the greatest needs in Cuba is clean drinking water. Malaria, Typhoid, Cholera and even Dengue fever are still prevalent throughout Cuba. Clean drinking water is vital to public health." All materials for this system have to be transported in checked luggage by travelers – items cannot be shipped. The Rev. Pendleton adds that this is about more than water, "These systems serve as important outreach for the wider community."

The Episcopal Church of Cuba (Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba) traces its origins to the foundation of an Anglican presence on the island of Cuba in 1501. It consists of forty-six parishes and about 10,000 members. Future trips are planned. For more information, contact The Rev. Mark Pendleton at [pendm0122@gmail.com](mailto:pendm0122@gmail.com).

By the Grace of God and the People convening,  
the Bishop of New Hampshire,  
the right Reverend A. Robert Hirschfeld,  
will ordain  
**Maryann Elizabeth Davis**  
and  
**Johanna Hartman Young**  
to the  
Sacred Order of Deacon

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In Christ's One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church  
On Sunday, June 12, 2016  
at 3:00 pm,  
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church,  
21 Centre Street, Concord, NH 03301

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Your prayers and presence are requested  
Reception to follow

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RSVP by June 8, 2016  
to Lynn Eaton at [leaton@nhepiscopal.org](mailto:leaton@nhepiscopal.org)

### Transitions

- A Celebration of New Ministry was held April 28 for both St. John the Evangelist in Danbury and Holy Cross Church in Weare.
- The Rev. Wynnie Steane, newwales154@aol.com
- The Rev. Alice Roberts will begin a three month seasonal appointment of the Epiphany, Newport, on May 15, followed by her retirement.
- The Rev. Kelly Sandberg, Seaman is our new Catechist of Sturgeon, serving at Church of the Epiphany, Newport, and St. Andrew's, New London.
- The Rev. Marilee Byer will retire from Union-St. Luke's Churches in Claremont and Charlestown on June 5.
- The Rev. Hedi Franz-Dale's final Sunday at St. Andrew's-in-the-Valley, Jamnot, will be July 17th. She is retiring, and will relocate with her husband, Diane, to Amherst, MA.

## Lamole di Lamole: Tending the Vine in New Ways

by The Rev. Canon Kevin Nichols, Canon for Mission Resources/CFO

Five years ago on my sabbatical to London and Rome, we made a side trip to the Chianti region of Italy, near the town of Greve. We were nestled in a hilltop hamlet called Lamole. The views from our terrace were spectacular – we were told you could see all the way to Florence. There was a magnificent restaurant a stone's throw away as well as a lovely B&B. The wine label was simply – by the di Lamole. My wife, Patti and I, returned up the hill one afternoon to pick up some vino. The dwellings in the heart of the vineyard consisted of simple stone buildings.

We noticed a small sign that pointed us to a doorway where wine tastings took place. We rang the bell and waited – no one answered so we began to look around. Our wandering caught the attention of an old woman who stuck her head out the main house window. There was yelling and calling out in words we couldn't translate but the tone we understood. Shortly thereafter, a woman in her 40s emerged. The old woman kept barking at her until we entered the small wine cellar. The younger woman told us all about the family business and how she had taken over the business from her father. She was in charge! Three years later I was excited to discover on a wine rack at the New Hampshire Liquor Store bottles of Lamole di Lamole. What changes must have taken place at that family vineyard up on the hill? For that wine-maker now to be distributing their Chianti around the world they would have had to be open to some profound changes not only in their way of doing business, but in their way of being. Someday I hope to go back to Lamole and hear of how they did it and better understand both the benefits and the costs that came with this bold move.



Life in the Diocese of New Hampshire and the wider church for that matter is, as our Presiding Bishop says, "the Jesus Movement." There are shifts and changes, and many new dreams before us. As Diocesan House we are discovering the art of new ways of being and we are becoming more accustomed to wearing many hats. Let me share a few:

**Gloria Galanti**, our Finance Manager is also helping lead our Compensation & Benefits Team and assisting with Episcopal Service Corp. **Lynn Eaton**, Administrative Assistant, also serves as Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary. **Thia Pickering**, Executive to the Bishop, brought "Our Kids" to the forefront with her great work leading last year's Diocesan Convention and continues to explore new youth efforts and needed grant funding opportunities. **Laura Simons**, Missioner of Communication and Community Engagement has now assumed the added role of Program Director for Episcopal Service Corp. Additionally, she is involved in a variety of other community efforts. And now after many months of strategic planning by the Mission Partnership Advisory Team, the new Mission Partnership Program is being implemented for Congregational Initiatives. This is a quieter-time of transition. Being will explore new initiatives to assist us moving forward.

We live in daunting and exciting times that call us to step forward into new and uncharted ways of living and loving. Together in partnership, we will continue to tend the Vine that is the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire. Salute!

### Summer Camperships Available

The Barbara C. Harris Camp (BCH) is again offering Camperships and Summer Internships for young adults who would like to spend time in the Diocese of New Hampshire ministering to the Episcopal Diocese of MA – is a wonderful combination of traditional camp fun and creative worship led by Episcopal chaplains for children from 4th grade through 12th grade. At \$600 a week, BCH is already a low-cost option compared to other camps.

Campership payments are typically structured as 1/3 from BCH, 1/3 from the host church, and 1/3 from the child's family, but if the 1/3 contribution from the family is not possible, contact [leaton@nhepiscopal.org](mailto:leaton@nhepiscopal.org)

Photo courtesy of BCH

of the church is a barrier, there may be additional funding available.

Thanks to a generous donation from St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, a seasonal chapel in Iyve Beach, NH, additional funds are available to send children to Barbara C. Harris Camp this summer. This year, St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea funded the Episcopal Camperships for NH children from St. Andrew's, Portsmouth and the communities of Claremont, Tamworth and Dover.

BCH is located in Greenfield, NH and attracts a diverse group of children from all over New England and beyond. For information and registration, visit their website at [www.bhcenter.org/camp](http://www.bhcenter.org/camp).



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### Ministerial Excellence Fund Awarded to Episcopal Church of New Hampshire

The Episcopal Church of New Hampshire is one of only three dioceses in the United States chosen to receive a grant totaling \$750,000 from the Ministerial Excellence Fund of the Episcopal Church Foundation. The grant will be distributed over the next three years to support the development of clergy and lay leaders in each of the three years.

"Through this unique matching grant opportunity, donations to the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire will be multiplied to support clergy in our Diocese directly and help us raise new leaders to carry on our legacy of faithful parish ministry and community outreach," explains Bishop Hirschfeld.

The Ministerial Excellence Fund is part of the Lilly Endowment's National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Racial and Ethnic Leaders. The grants and the matching funds raised – totaling \$50,000 per year for three years – will be used to support clergy salaries in strategic congregational settings for revitalization and growth.

For more information or to donate matching funds, please contact The Rev. Canon Kevin Nichols, Canon for Mission Resources/CFO at [knichols@nhepiscopal.org](mailto:knichols@nhepiscopal.org) or 603-224-7914.

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