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February 1, 2022

ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Absalom Jones Day Celebration

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 12, 2022
STARTING AT 10 AM
Hosted by Trinity Cathedral

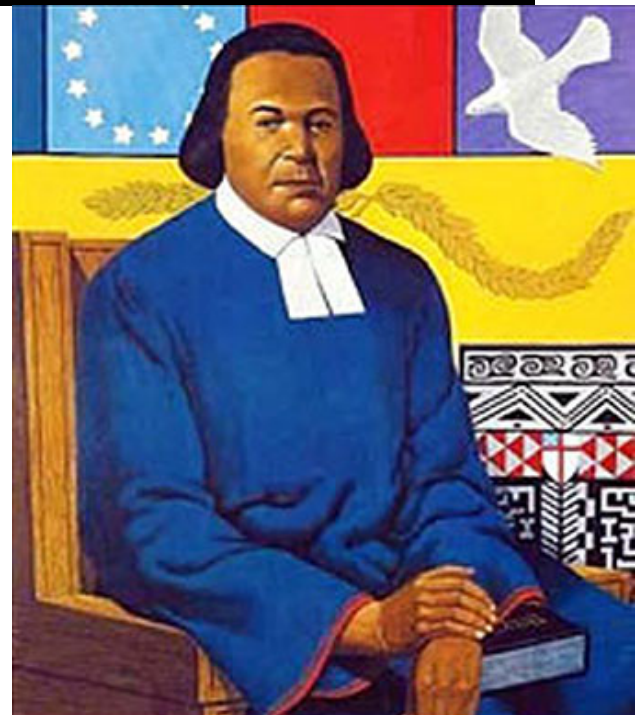
Please join us for an ecumenical celebration of the life and work of [the Rev. Absalom Jones](#), the first African American to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church.

Due to the current surge of Covid, the service will only be streamed online at facebook.com/EpiscopalPittsburgh

The celebration will feature guest preacher Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Solak will be the celebrant.

This event is co-hosted by the Commission on Race and Reconciliation and the Beloved Community Initiative.

There will be a dedication of a plaque commemorating The Rev. William Henry Wilson, the first Black deacon and priest, ordained to the priesthood at Trinity Cathedral on December 30, 1877.



Absalom Jones, was the first African American to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church.



Bishop Ketlen Solak
Episcopal Diocese
of Pittsburgh



Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
Western PA Conference
United Methodist Church



Sheldon Calvary Camp Registration Opens February 1

Applications are now available
for all 2022 camping sessions!

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Staff Applications: The Staff Application for 2022 is also available. [Apply here](#). If you have any questions about staff opportunities for the coming season, please call 440-593-4381.

Please note that applicants for the 2022 Staff-in-Training program must be 17 years old by the start of the first session of the season.



Project Resource: Stewardship Training

Spring 2022 Training

Five consecutive Sundays, February 6 to March 6, 2022

5:00 to 7:00 pm ET, via Zoom

Sponsored by the College for Bishops, Project Resource teaches culture and systems change around financial development in the worldwide Episcopal Church. Project Resource provides teaching, focus, and adaptable resources to equip clergy and lay leaders to develop their year-round annual stewardship campaigns and to plan, ask for, and receive major gifts.



Project Resource will:

- help your team gather the best resources to transform all areas of stewardship and explore internal narratives of money while addressing societal shifts, organizational change, and leadership challenges.
- assist your team in interpreting the training curriculum, session by session, relative to your cultural and regional context.
- empower participants to leave the conference with a working plan and measurable objectives tailored specifically for your own congregation.

Project Resource is not a curriculum. It is a way of understanding stewardship as a ministry, essential for the spiritual health of individuals and communities. It is a way of learning to be in right relationship to the resources in our hands.

Full details are available at <https://project-resource.org/spring2022>



Diocesan Transitions

In 2022, the *Grace Happens* team is undertaking a renewed effort to keep you aware of recent transitions in diocesan and parish leadership.



Clergy Transferred to Pittsburgh

- Welcome **the Rev. Carter Hawley**, the former Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. Carter and her husband, John, are living in Homestead.

Board of Trustees

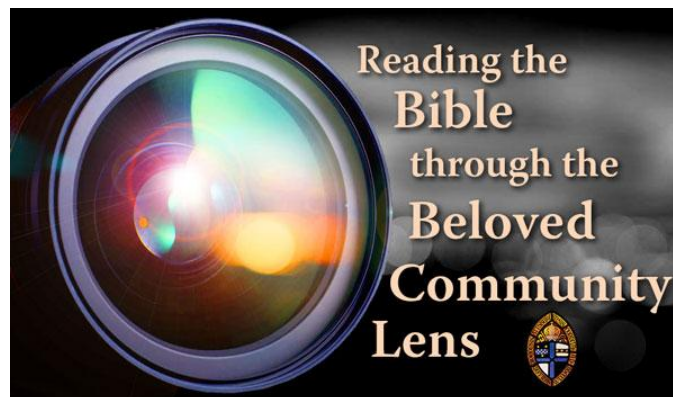
- **Anelisa Tarrant**, St. Brendan's Franklin Park, joins the Board of Trustees for a three-year term as an appointment by Bishop Solak.

Diocesan Growth Fund

- **Jim Cassaro**, Calvary, East Liberty, is a Trustee appointment to the Growth Fund Committee for a three-year term. Jim also was elected by the Committee to serve as Growth Fund chair. **Dana Phillips**, St. Thomas, Oakmont, will serve as a Trustee appointment to the Growth Fund Committee to fill the one year remaining of **Sheila Stagnitta**'s term. Sheila stepped down from the Growth Fund when she was appointed President of the Board of Trustees.



Beloved Community Initiative Events



This online Bible Study is being offered **throughout 2022 at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.**

More information is available at <https://www.bcpittsburgh.org/reading-the-bible-through-the-beloved-community-lens/>



This online prayer and discussion event is being offered **throughout 2022 at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.**

More information about the *Prayer and Share* is available at <https://www.bcpittsburgh.org/youre-invited-mark-your-calendar/>



A Reminder: Completing Your 2021 Parochial Report

The 2021 Parochial Report filing period began on January 4. Some of the features that were added to the 2020 report, prompted by the coronavirus pandemic, have carried over to the 2021 report, while additional changes have also been made. Among the updates for 2021:

- The online Parochial Report form will automatically calculate Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) based on the numbers entered into two new fields: *Total attendance* and *Total # of Sundays*. The total attendance entered should include in-person attendance only.
- Parishes that tracked online attendance last year have the option, in the *2021 Worship during the Pandemic* section, of recording their average weekly online worship participation.
- The Narrative section consists of just one question this year, rather than three as in the 2020 report.

Go to the [General Convention Forms & Instructions](#) page to access a PDF of the [2021 Parochial Report form](#), as well as the [Workbook and Instructions](#).

Please allow plenty of time to review the instructional materials, prepare your responses, and pose any questions that you may have. Questions regarding the financial portions of the Parochial Report may be directed to Canon Treasurer Kathi Workman at kworkman@episcopalpgh.org. Contact the Rev. Canon Kim Karashin at kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org with other questions.

Important Reminders

- The deadline for filing 2021 Parochial Reports is March 1, 2022.
- Reports are filed online at <https://reports.dfms.org>. Use the same login information (email address and password) as last year. If you need help accessing the filing site, contact Canon Kim or Executive Assistant Andy Muhl at amuhl@episcopalpgh.org.



Around the Diocese



Bishop Solak's Visitation Schedule:

February 20: St. David's, Peters Township

February 27: St. Stephen's Wilkinsburg

March 6: St. Thomas, Canonsburg

March 13: St. James, Penn Hills

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation. Bishop Solak's visitation schedule is [available here](#).

Save The Date: On **March 12**, at St. Paul's in Mt. Lebanon, a special event will be held to commemorate the life of Bishop Barbara Harris, the first woman consecrated a bishop in the Anglican Communion. She was elected Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, on September 24, 1988. The event is sponsored by the Commission on Race and Reconciliation and the Beloved Community Initiative. More details are to come.



A Note from the IRS: Beginning Jan. 1, 2022, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be 58.5 cents per mile driven for business use, up 2.5 cents from the rate for 2021. The rate for miles driven in service of charitable organizations will be 14 cents per mile, unchanged from 2021.



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