

# Church Notes

News, Events,  
and  
Notes of Interest

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**CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES**  
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# CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

*Evangelical Anglican*



(John 8:32)

*We are Christians proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ who worship in the Anglican tradition. Church of The Apostles is a member of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.*

This  
*Special Edition*  
of  
**Church Notes**  
contains a series of  
announcements pertaining  
to the life of our  
Congregation.

Watch your mail box for a  
follow up edition of  
**Church Notes**  
with more  
**News, Events**  
and  
**Notes of Interests.**

## Harry Sacchetti appointed to the ministry of acting Deacon

In accordance with the CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS of the Church of The Apostles (ARTICLE XI.1), the Church Council is pleased to announce that, at their May 27th meeting (and after several months and prayer and discernment), the Council appointed (with a unanimous vote) Harry Sacchetti to serve as an acting Deacon in charge of Buildings and Grounds. With the appointment, Harry fills the position of service previously held by former deacon Rob Geoffrey prior to his ordination to the order of Elder earlier this year.

After a period of time to be determined by the Council, if he still believes himself to be called by the Holy Spirit to continue to serve in the capacity to which he has been appointed, Harry shall be considered duly elected to the open position on the Board of Deacons with a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the Council, and therefore become eligible for ratification by the voting members of the Annual Meeting or a special meetings of the Congregation.

At the Church of The Apostles, only the Deacon-designate who has been duly ratified by an announced meeting of the Congregation is eligible to be consecrated and commissioned to the full ministerial service and liturgical function of the *diakonate* with the laying on of hands and prayer by the Superintendent.

Our brother Harry is eminently qualified to serve as the steward of our Congregation's Buildings and Grounds. The Church Council is thrilled to be sharing in the work of the ministry with Harry and is looking forward to his future consecration and commissioning to the *diakonate*.

Please keep Harry in your prayers as he undertakes this essential ministry in the body of Christ.

## **Christopher Lloyd named Christian Education Minister**

After more than six months of prayer, discernment, consultation and interviews, Superintendent Galloway is thrilled to announce the hiring of Christopher Lloyd as the new Christian Education Minister here at the Church of The Apostles.

Mr. Lloyd is a 2009 graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, where he earned a Master of Arts in Educational Ministries. He is also a 2005 Honors Graduate of Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development.

Chris, who was baptized and raised in the Episcopal Church and has for the past few years been a member of Pilgrim Church in Beverly, Massachusetts (a 4Cs congregation), has significant ministerial work experience in both Anglican and Congregational (4Cs) churches.

Mr. Lloyd, beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year, will direct the Christian Education Program here at the Church of The Apostles, a ministry which for the past five years has been administered so capably by Elder Chad Tvenstrup. In addition, in cooperation with Superintendent Galloway, Chris will also be asked to develop a ministry of evangelism and discipleship that shall specifically be designed for reaching the needs of people between the ages of 18 to 35 – people that are currently both within the body of Christ and outside the life of the church.

As Christian Education Minister, Chris will be considered a member of the Church Staff and as such will work for and will be directly responsible to the Superintendent.

Mr. Lloyd will officially begin his ministry in the Congregation on July 12th. Please warmly welcome our brother in Christ as he shares in the work of the ministry with the whole priesthood of believers here at the Church of The Apostles.

## Membership Sunday

What a glorious day Pentecost Sunday (May 23rd) was here at the Church of The Apostles this year! We witnessed the awesome work of the Holy Spirit in the baptism of Billyjack DePalma and in the baptisms of his children Tyler and Tia. We also rejoiced with the twelve others who publicly recommitted their lives to Christ and to membership in our Congregation through prayer and the laying on of hands from the Elders!

One-hundred forty-seven people signed a Membership Commitment Card and by coming forward publicly in worship and placing it on the holy Table all these folks have also made a recommitment to Christ and his Church. Praise the Lord!

*“You send forth your Spirit,  
and they are created;  
and so you renew  
the face of the earth.”*

(Psalm 104:31)



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**MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT CARD**

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2010

I affirm my belief in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior.

I affirm my belief that it is the duty of all Christians to follow Christ, to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.

I affirm my belief in the Holy Scriptures as the rule and ultimate standard of the Christian Faith, as the supreme authority within the Church, and as containing all things necessary to salvation.

I affirm my belief that we are accounted righteous before God, only for the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Faith, and not for our own works or deservings.

I affirm my belief that the visible Church of Christ is a Congregation of the faithful in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments are rightly administered according to Christ's ordinance.

I affirm that the Church of The Apostles is a Congregation upholding the orthodox Christian Faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, as confessed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and as defined in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion.

I affirm my commitment to the mission of the Church of The Apostles, which is "to obey, follow and bear witness to Jesus Christ." To achieve this mission I commit myself to worship and prayer, Christian education and discipleship, the Biblical principles of stewardship, and to providing a moral example and spiritual leadership to the lost in society.

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## New Elders' Office Being Constructed

A new office is being constructed for the use of our Board of Elders in a space within the education wing of our church building.

While the Superintendent has his own office and the Board of Deacons do have their own office here at the Church of The Apostles, the Board of Elders has not had a specific and appropriate personal space where they can study, prepare sermons and offer counsel.

The new office's construction is being overseen by Acting Deacon Harry Sacchetti. Mark Tellier has agreed to do the majority of the carpentry work and is being ably assisted by Elder Rob Geoffrey, Jim Quinn, John Adams and several others who have volunteered their services. Thank you Gentlemen! The Elders greatly appreciate your efforts and are truly grateful for this new office space.

### *Noah orders materials ...*



(See Genesis 6:14)

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Hello Mr. Gopher, I need 17 two by fours, 5 planks, and a few beams ... and two of your kind. ©Reverendfun.com

## New Website for Church of The Apostles!

Our Congregation's Website has been completely revamped and updated – it is now state of the art! The creating of the new website (which can be accessed at [apostlesri.org](http://apostlesri.org)) has been overseen by Deacon Kathy Kettle, Erin Swanson, Barbara Bickerstaff, Barbara Battey and others. Thank you Ladies!

A special kudos goes out to Erin Swanson for personally taking on this project and agreeing to be our website master! Erin, who has been studying website design and maintenance, will continue to tweak the sight and update it as necessary.

The new sight includes information about our Church Council, our Church Staff, our Congregation's Ministries, and the publications of our Congregation (including our By-Laws, the *ApostlesJournal* and *Church Notes*). It also includes links to the 4Cs Website, United In Faith, and The Canterbury Mission Society, as well as a calendar of events and directions to our church. In addition there is an audio link that allows access to our Sunday Sermons and the teachings from the Sunday Night Bible Study.

*“Jesus said,  
‘...You will be  
my witnesses in  
Jerusalem and  
in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the end of the earth.”*

(Acts 1:8)

# The Leadership Team Retreat

The By-Laws of the Church of The Apostles (Article XIX.1) states,

The “Leadership Team” of the Church of The Apostles shall consist of the Superintendent, the Board of Elders, the Board of Servants [Deacons], and the members of the “Church Staff” and those ministry coordinators from within the Congregation designated by the Superintendent. The Leadership Team shall meet annually for the purpose of seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, prayer, communication, evaluation, planning, and goal setting.

The fourth annual Leadership Team Retreat of the Church of The Apostles will be held in Ashland, New Hampshire from Wednesday, August 18th through Saturday, August 21st.

In preparation for this year’s retreat the participants are in prayer and meditating upon the Word of God as found in the book of the prophet Jeremiah (29:11):

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future.”*

This verse is serving as the main theme of the 2010 Retreat. What does this text mean for our Congregation? How is it that the LORD’s plan will “prosper” the Church of The Apostles in the year ahead?

The Annual Leadership Retreat is a most important gathering of our Congregation’s ordained and lay leadership and your prayers are requested as they prepare their hearts and minds for this time with the Lord.

The following ordained and lay leadership will be gathering together in retreat:

Superintendent Mark R. Galloway  
Ranking Elder Chad Tvenstrup  
Elder Nina Deuel  
Elder Rob Geoffrey  
Elder *Emeritus* Conrad Ruppert  
Archdeacon Tom Bourn  
Deacon Bill Sexton  
Deacon Cathy Morgan  
Deacon Kathy Kettle  
Acting Deacon Harry Sacchetti  
Barbara Battey, Church Administrator  
Barbara Bickerstaff, Communications Officer  
Chris Lloyd, Christian Education Minister  
Roberta Tvenstrup, MSW, LICSW, Pastoral Assistant  
Roger Hall, Youth Minister  
Sharon Galloway, RN, Health and Wellness Minister  
JoAnn Ruppert, Sacristy Minister  
Bob Bickerstaff, Treasurer  
Susan Farrell, Clerk  
Beth Sexton, Chair of Canterbury Mission Society (CMS)  
Linda Jones, Secretary of Canterbury Mission Society  
Diane Sacchetti, Board of Directors CMS  
Donna Tyler, Board of Directors CMS  
Mrs. Barbara Bourn  
Mrs. Sharon Geoffrey  
Mrs. Cindy Hall

*A Prayer of the Guidance of the Holy Spirit*

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of this Leadership Team; keep them steadfast in faith and united in love, that they may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

*(Common Worship, p. 104)*

## **LoveRI: Churches in Southeastern New England Partnering to Love our Communities to Christ**

With a heart and mind set on reaching the lost in our state by joining hands, loving people and changing lives, more than thirty evangelical churches in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts (including the Church of The Apostles) have covenanted together to form the **LoveRI** coalition of churches.

The Purpose of **LoveRI** is to pray and work together so that the participating churches will both individually and collectively practice a lifestyle of praying with, caring for, and sharing the good news of God in Christ with the lost of the world around us.

For 2010, **LoveRI** churches, which are committed to the doctrinal basis of cooperation as found the Lausanne Covenant, have agreed to a pulpit exchange between participating pastors, a joint project of community service, and a united praise event.

The plans and venues for the **LoveRI** joint project of community service and the united praise event will soon be forthcoming

On June 6th it was Superintendent Galloway's privilege and honor to have had the opportunity to be the guest preacher at Norwood Baptist Church in Warwick. The Pastor of Norwood Baptist, the Reverend George Barclay, will now return the favor and be the guest preacher here at Church of The Apostles during our 9:30 a.m. celebration of the Holy Eucharist on July 18th.

Another pastor of a **LoveRI** congregation and a good friend of Superintendent Galloway, Bernie Norman, Pastor of Faith Bible Chapel in Westerly, will be the guest preacher at our 9:30 a.m. service on July 11th.

Please keep the **LoveRI** coalition of churches in your prayers.

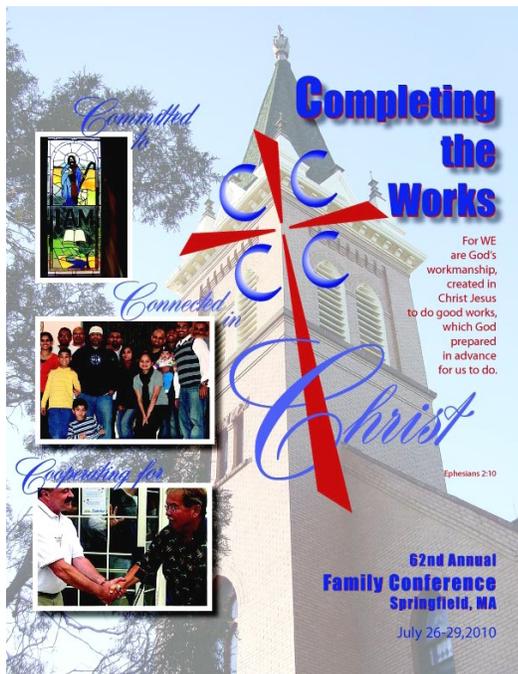
# The Annual Family Conference of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference

From July 26th through July 29th Superintendent Galloway and Elder Chad Tvenstrup will represent the Church of The Apostles at the proceedings of the 62nd Annual Family Conference of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, which is to be held in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Superintendent Galloway and Elder Tvenstrup, who hold ordained ministerial credentials with the 4Cs, will be joined for the week by their wives and families. The Annual Conference is a wonderful celebration of the Church's life in Christ. There are ample opportunities for worship, study, education, fellowship and

relationship building for Christians of all ages at the Annual Conference.

Please be in prayer for Superintendent Galloway and Elder Tvenstrup as they prepare to take their places in the council of the Universal Church.



## **Superintendent Galloway to serve on the Board of Directors of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference**

Earlier this year, Superintendent Galloway was asked by the nominating committee of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference to prayerfully consider an invitation to serve on the Board of Directors of the denomination. After prayer and consultation Superintendent Galloway has agreed to serve and will be duly elected by the gathered Annual Conference of the 4Cs in July in Springfield, Massachusetts.

According the By-Laws of the 4Cs, the Board of Directors is the governing authority of the denomination. Thus, it is the duty of the Board to conduct the business and manage the property of the Conference, set policy, oversee the Military Chaplaincy, and oversee the educational and publication ministries of the Conference.

Superintendent Galloway, who shall serve for a term of three years, is looking forward to the challenge of this ministry and is humbled and honored to be able to serve the Conference in this capacity.



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The Holy Eucharist	Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
Christian Education	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Brunch	Sunday 12:00 noon
Worship and Bible Study	Sunday 6:30 p.m.
Morning Prayer	Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.

## Church Staff

Superintendent	The Reverend Mark R. Galloway
Church Administrator	Barbara Battey
Communications Officer	Barbara Bickerstaff
Christian Education Director	Elder Chad Tvenstrup
Pastoral Assistant (MSW, LICSW)	Roberta Tvenstrup
Youth Minister	Roger Hall
Health and Wellness Minister	Sharon Galloway, RN
Organist and Music Director	Marianne Salisbury
Sacristy Minister	JoAnn Ruppert
Property Maintenance Technician	Jim Quinn
Sexton	Ray Martin
Treasurer	Bob Bickerstaff
Clerk	Susan Farrell

## Board of Elders

Elder Chad Tvenstrup	385-9958
Elder Nina Deuel	789-3837
Elder Rob Geoffrey	943-4661
Elder <i>Emeritus</i> Conrad Ruppert	

## Board of Servants

Deacon Tom Bourn	<i>First Diaconal Minister</i>	294-4186
Deacon Bill Sexton	<i>Congregational Care Minister</i>	726-4549
Deacon Cathy Morgan	<i>Outreach Minister</i>	781-8577
Deacon Kathy Kettle	<i>Stewardship Minister</i>	822-2460
Acting Deacon Harry Sacchetti	<i>Buildings &amp; Grounds Minister</i>	374-4273

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