

A Vibrant Church Moving Forward

FROM JASON LYON, SENIOR WARDEN

What an exciting time to be a member of All Saints Church!

As we bid a fond and bittersweet farewell to our beloved Rector of 21 years, Ed Bacon, the Rector Search Committee continues its prayerful discernment with the final candidates for the call to be our next Rector. In the meantime, life in our vibrant parish continues apace.

In preparing to welcome our new Rector, the All Saints Vestry and its ministries have been taking stock of our work, making sure that our mission of 'making God's love tangible 24/7' is being effectively communicated and that our work is best directed to bring that mission to life. At its April meeting, the Vestry adopted a resolution on Racial Justice. The resolution, authored by All Saints' COLORS ministry and sponsored by the Peace and Justice Committee, renews our pledge to practice radical inclusivity of all racial, ethnic, and cultural groups and affirms our commitment to interrupt racism in all its manifestations. Perhaps most significantly, the Racial Justice Resolution sets forth ten concrete actions we commit to undertake as a community. Among those is the establishment and maintenance of a Racial Justice Advisory Board to guide and monitor our work to make manifest the values underlying the resolution.

At its May and June meetings, the Vestry also will consider a resolution on climate change that calls on us all – as a parish and as individuals – to become carbon-neutral and move to sustainable practices as soon as possible. If adopted, that resolution will join the Racial Justice Resolution and last year's Economic Justice Resolution to guide and frame our missional work for the next season of our communal life.

Meanwhile, the parish is in good hands. Among the many things I love about the Episcopal Church is that we do governance well. The Church canons and parish bylaws are structured in such a way that no parish ever goes without leadership, and All Saints is no exception. The 24-member Vestry remains our lay leadership, overseeing our work to make All Saints a bright, bold beacon of God's inexhaustible love. Aided by our Director of Giving, Jim Loduha, and Parish Administrator, Christina Honchell, the Vestry also provides thoughtful stewardship of our resources. As Senior Warden, I will assume the role of Chair of the Vestry until our next Rector is called, and Junior Warden Rick Davis will join me in presiding over our regular meetings.

Our Senior Associate for Pastoral Care, Zelda Kennedy, will serve as our Priest in Charge, leading the clergy and staff in the day to day operations of the church. She will be joined in the pulpit by our amazingly deep bench of gifted preachers: Susan Russell, Jon Dephouse, Sally Howard and our dear friend Gary Hall, who is now back in Pasadena. Antonio Gallardo remains our Pastor for Latino Ministries. Senior Associate Juliana Serrano will continue to oversee our Peace and Justice work through All Saints' Office for Creative Connections. We also have some exciting offerings coming up in the Forum – keep an eye on "This Week at All Saints" for the latest news.

All Saints is a community in motion – a healthy and vibrant movement for social change. When our next Rector is called, he or she will have to hit the ground running to keep up with us. I cannot think of a more beautiful tribute to Ed Bacon's leadership and or a more wonderful way welcome to the next great Rector of All Saints Church.

May

See Baja in a Whole New Light...

...Through the eyes of children! This May, travel with Transformational Journeys to Baja, California, Mexico. Learn about the challenges facing kids in Playa La Mision, northern Baja California and meet with local children/youth, parents and school administrators. Help construct and install screens in a primary school to help prevent Zika virus (no experience necessary).

From Friday, May 13, 9:30 a.m. to Sunday, May 15 at 7 p.m.: lodging and meals \$191 for shared room, \$231 for private room. Transportation costs TBD based on registrations. Registration with Ada Ramirez, 626.583.2734 or aramirez@allsaints-pas.org. Limited spaces available; registrations due April 30. Required meeting on May 3, 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

Foster Care/Adoption Reception

Join the Foster Care Project and our partnering agencies, Five Acres and RaiseACHild, as we celebrate Foster Care Awareness Month on Sunday, May 22, with a reception for people interested in learning more about the foster/adopt process. The reception will be in the Guild Room from noon until 1:00 p.m., with Five Acres and RaiseACHild staff on hand to present a brief program, respond to questions, and help prospective parents take the first step toward becoming foster/adopt resource families. Also attending will be foster and adoptive families who can share their experiences. A special treat will be a brand new family that started the process at our May event last year and became a family in April! (Check the All Saints Church blog.) Light brunch will be served. Information: inbox@fostercareproject.org.

Confirmation Day

On Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m., join us to celebrate the confirmation class of 2016! All are invited to this joyous celebration where many members of our group will be Confirmed, Reaffirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church. Diocesan Bishop J. Jon Bruno presides. Information = Jamie Hebert, jhebert@allsaints-pas.org.

Praying for Others: If you are interested in praying for others, please call the Prayer Line at 626.583.2707 or prayers@allsaints-pas.org.

Money Matters!

- **Tips for Selecting a Financial Advisor:** Financial planners advise their clients on how to save, invest, and increase their money. Like finding a new doctor, finding the right one can seem daunting. Here are a few tips to make the process a little easier:
- Find someone you trust and are comfortable talking with; someone who is genuinely interested understanding your values and goals, and someone who will offer different or difficult perspectives to consider. Finding an advisor you can work with long-term will also help your long-term strategy.
- There are numerous certifications available for financial planners. Someone who is a certified financial planner (CFP) is licensed and regulated, and must adhere to continuing financial education and ethical standards. Finding one who is a fiduciary should indicate she or he always has your best interests in mind.
- Look closely at the advisor's or firm's pay structure. Someone who earns a commission instead of having a flat-fee structure may have incentive to push you toward certain products that may or may not be best suited to fulfill your needs and goals.
- Just as you should research your advisor and firm (discovering news stories for unethical practices should be big caution), make sure your advisor is knowledgeable about the past while also aware of future market direction.

Up next month: *Saving in Different Decades of Life.* Contact Jim Loduha in the Giving Office at jloduha@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2736, with questions about giving or pledging.

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We Are All Saints!

Soon, we will have a new Rector to lead our dynamic and diverse congregation! To help make his or her transition into our community as smooth as possible, and to give a radical All Saints welcome, we are launching the We Are All Saints campaign and ask three things from all parishioners:

- Get a name button to wear when you are at church.
- Have your photo taken so the new Rector knows who you are.
- Log in to My All Saints at <https://my.allsaints-pas.org> to ensure our contact info for you is up-to-date.

From May 8 - June 12 (except Memorial Day, May 29), visit our table on the lawn. Check your email and the June edition of Saints Alive for full details.

Children's and Youth Choirs Spring Concert: *Do You Hear the People Sing?*

May 22nd, 5 p.m. in the church.

Every summer, I sit for countless hours at my computer and chose repertoire for the following season. While I listen, I try to keep my mind open for a theme for the spring concert as I concentrate on worship service literature. On the morning of last June 26th, a friend posted a video of the choir "Conspirare" singing a piece called, "I Love You/What a Wonderful World." It was the morning that marriage equality had become a reality in all 50 states. When I heard the piece, I didn't care how hard it was, I was going to find a way to build a concert around it. That same day, when I expressed my enthusiasm for this equality, a long-time dear friend decided we shouldn't be friends anymore. It hit me hard and yet, it only pushed me towards solidifying an idea for a concert: to feature songs regarding struggle, oppression, justice and hope. I thought deeply about so many struggles that I have not had to endure as a privileged person, and I wanted to bring these struggles to light through song. These songs represent slavery, civil rights, genocide, economic justice and hope for a brighter future. It will not be an easy concert. You will hear quotes and songs that will pull at your heart strings as well as those that will give you hope for our younger generation. We hope that you will come and support the Troubadours, Trouveres, Youth Chamber Choir, Vox Cambiata, and guest musicians. The concert will be live streamed. There is a \$5 suggested donation. Please contact Jamie Hebert for more information at jhebert@allsaints-pas.org. ~ Jenny Tisi, Director of Children's and Youth Choirs

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life. To donate flowers for the altars, please call 626.796.1172.

One Service Only: Celebrate the Ministry of Rector Ed Bacon!

Ed's Final Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m.

On Sunday, May 1st, we celebrate 21 years of mission and ministry Ed Bacon and mark his retirement as the Rector of All Saints Church. A combined Eucharist in the street on Euclid Avenue will bring together the All Saints community -- along with friends and allies from our civic and wider interfaith communities -- to mark this historic occasion. Canterbury and Coventry choirs sing music of Bill Cunliffe and James Walker, joined by the Trouvères and Troubadours with brass sextet and percussion. Child care will be provided in Scott Hall for children four years old



and under. Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith we hope you will join us for what promises to be a Four Alarm Glory Attack Sunday! **#CelebrateEdBacon**

For more information call 626.796.1172.

Conscientious Projector: Considering a One State Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

The decades-old failure of negotiations to reach a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has led disheartened participants on both sides of the divide to reexamine the viability of a one-state approach. In their probing documentary *A People Without a Land*, filmmakers Elyahu and Pennie Ungar-Sargon offer an illuminating historical overview of the struggle, and visit Israel and the Palestinian territories in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to explore both the challenges and possibilities that a one-state configuration might present. Their interviews with advocates and observers from across the political spectrum reveal skepticism and the ongoing fears, grievances and tensions of the present-day situation, even as they must face the dilemma that a one-state solution might be the only remaining option for peace.

Conscientious Projector screens the film on Thursday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. at Armory Center for the Arts, 145 N. Raymond in Old Pasadena. The filmmakers and interfaith leaders will join us for a community discussion following the film. The event is co-sponsored by All Saints Church's Middle East Ministry. Admission is free and the facility is accessible to disabled persons. More information = Marty Coleman at 818.517.8878 or visit <http://withoutaland.com>.

Louise Erdrich at All Saints

Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m. in the Forum: Vroman's Bookstore presents Louise Erdrich, speaking about and signing her latest novel, *LaRose*. This is a Vroman's ticketed event; call 626.449.5320 for ticket information. We have a limited number of free tickets available; email Debbie Daniels at ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org to get on the list.

Jazz Vespers: Gillian Margot

Sunday, May 15, 5:00 p.m. in the Chancel. Gillian has an exquisite voice, a disarmingly wide range and a style that is deeply rooted in the tradition of the great jazz vocalists, yet she possesses a gift of storytelling and emotionally intelligent lyrical delivery that is refreshingly free of "jazz singer" clichés. Childcare provided. Information = Melissa Hayes, 626.583.2725 or mhayes@allsaints-pas.org.



American Guild of Organists Service at All Saints

Once again, our choirs have been honored by the invitation of a professional music orga-

May Adult Education Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

May 22

Local Transformational Journeys Revealed with the Transformational Journeys Team

A Transformational Journey is a physical journey of faith, transforming travelers through challenging encounters with other communities and by creating new and powerful relationships between people who might not otherwise meet. Come learn about the program that takes small groups of parishioners on specially designed travel experiences and hear from those who participated in our two recent local journeys to St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church in Los Angeles and to Uncommon Ground in Claremont. They will share their stories of listening, learning and receiving from their transformational experience to these locations. SWEETLAND HALL

"We are ASC Campaign" – A Practical Guide to Deeper Connection at All Saints Church

with the Congregational Growth and TLC committees

All Saints is a big church, and it times it can be difficult to find your way into connection with fellow parishioners. As we move through transition in the life of our parish, this presentation will provide practical guidance on utilizing resources to help you engage more easily with this wonderful faith community; including information on our MyAllSaints portal, small groups, and much more! GUILD ROOM

May 29

The Psychology of Climate Change Denial with the Climate Change Committee

The scientists on the ASC climate change committee will lead us in a presentation on the psychological factors involved in climate change denial and understanding why it is so difficult to make the changes we know we need to make. SWEETLAND HALL

The Journey of Transition

with John Garner and Nancy Naecker

All Saints is now in the transitional period between rectors, and the Transition Life Committee invites you to join a discussion about this moment in All Saints' life, and how it affects us individually and collectively. All are welcome, though this group may be of particular interest to those who participated in the Transitions book group. GUILD ROOM

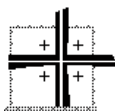
nization to lead one of their meetings. This time, Coventry Choir will lead a service of readings and music for the Los Angeles chapter of the American Guild of Organists (A.G.O.) on Monday, May 16 at 8:00 p.m. The service is open to all and will feature choral music of Arvo Pärt, Gwyneth Walker, Moses Hogan and Bruce Neswick. James Walker and Weicheng Zhao will play voluntaries by Bach, Mendelssohn and Vieme. Susan Russell will preside.

Discover the Birthplace of L.A. on May 21

You may have visited Olvera St before. But on this exciting trip you will understand L.A.'s history in new ways with friends from Transformational Journeys & the Latino Hispanic Ministry at the El Pueblo National Monument, May 21 from 9-3 p.m. We will hear stories of the varied peoples of the region as we tour the Avila House, the Sepulveda House, American Tropical Fresco and La Plaza de Cultura y Arte. Only \$5 for the docent-led tour—you will pay for the Metro ride to Union Station & for lunch in Olvera Street. Register with Ada Ramirez at aramirez@allsaints-pas.org or call 626.583.2734. Registration form and fee are due before the day of the trip. We look forward to a great day in L.A!

Fiction Fun! for May Reads *City of Angels* by Christa Wolf

Join us on Friday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Guild Room. "Finishing [Christa Wolf's books], the reader is covered by a sense of completeness, of having been taken on a journey in the company of a seer who has stared, with attention, mercy, and courage, into the world's heart." —Mary Gordon, *The New York Times Book Review*. Copies are available at Vroman's Will Call desk for 20% off, if you mention Fiction Fun! Information = Rusty Harding, 323.252.2805 or whitcombharding@att.net.



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Events and Opportunities

• **Theatre Ministry •**
Six Characters in Search of an Author

Friday, May 13, 8:00 p.m.
at A Noise Within. Tickets are \$35, and will be available for purchase at the Sign-Up Center Apr. 24 and May 8. Information = Debbie Daniels, 626.583.2750 or ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.

• **Interfaith Study Group: "Understanding Compassion" •**

On Sunday, May 15, 5:00 p.m., at All Saints Church, join us for a panel discussion and exploration of compassion with Muslim, Christian and Jewish Doctors who bring health care to the people of Africa and South America. Hear their stories of bringing compassionate care to those in need and

how their experiences relate to their Muslim, Christian and Jewish Faith Traditions. Please bring an open heart and mind willing to listen and learn and a vegetarian dish to share in our potluck. Information = Ada Ramirez at 626.583.2734 or ARamirez@allsaints-pas.org.

• **Mary Roach at All Saints •** Friday, June 17, 7 p.m. in the Forum: Vroman's Bookstore presents Mary Roach, speaking about and signing her latest book, *GRUNT*, which explores the science of keeping human beings intact, awake, sane, uninfected, and uninfested in the bizarre and extreme circumstances of war. This is a Vroman's ticketed event - contact

the store for ticket information. We have a limited number of free tickets available: email Debbie Daniels at ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org to get on the list.

• **Summer Adventure**

• Save the date for Summer Adventure, a week of day camp here at All Saints: July 18-22. There will be Super Heroes all around us! Camp is for children entering Kindergarten through 8th grade, with opportunities for high school students to be counselors. More info contact: Jamie Hebert, jhebert@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2733.

• **Giving to Celebrate Ed Bacon •** All Saints has established the Ed Bacon Transformational Speakers Fund to

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May Rector's Forums & Special Events

May 8 – "The Next Chapter Begins",

10:15 a.m. Forum.



May 15 – Gary Hall
preaches on Pentecost.



May 16 – Jazz Vespers: Gillian Margot, 5:00 p.m. in the chancel.



May 29 – L. A. Poet Laureate Luis Rodriguez, 10:15 a.m. Forum.

honor Ed's legacy and ensure we can continue to benefit from the nation's leading voices on important issues.

Here's how you can contribute to the Fund:
Call: 626.583.2736.
Click: <http://tinyurl.com/SpeakersFund>. Or send: All Saints Church, Ed Bacon Transformational

Speakers Fund, 132 N. Euclid Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101. Please write "Transformational Speakers Fund" in the memo line of checks. To make a contribution using stock or if you have any questions please contact Jim Loduha at 626.583.2736 or jloduha@allsaints-pas.org.