

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VESTRY
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PASADENA**

October 5, 2025

PRESENT Greg Adams, Jonathan Berry, Patrick Briggs, Blaine Cavena, Connie Chung, Cress Diehl, Luca DiMassa, Barbara Andrade DuBransky, Bill Gould, Clara Hill-Williams, Al Hughes, Cruz Jackson, Tony Jackson, Cathy Keig, Ben Martin, Dan McCarrel, Mark Moreno, Nancy Naecker, Gloria Pitzer, Billie Rainer, Andie Reid, Tim Rich, Erica Tamblyn, Monique Thomas, Lorynne Young

EXCUSED Chris Folz

ALSO PRESENT Mark Chase, Sarah Nolan, Tim Rich, Karen Meier, Kathy Onoye

GUESTS Terry Knowles, Jonathan Quinn

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. in the Forum and via Zoom by Priest-in-Charge Tim Rich. Chase then offered an opening prayer.

Gould acknowledged the Tongva land on which All Saints sits, and then led the vestry in reading the Mission Statement aloud together.

Hughes welcomed the visitors.

IMMIGRATION ACTION

Chase shared that information is on the All Saints website in the Faith in Action Resistance Toolbox. The website gives dates, actions and community resources.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Briggs, seconded by Pitzer, and the vestry unanimously approved the minutes of the September 7, 2025 meeting.

Approval of the Committee Reports

It was moved by Pitzer, seconded by Berry, and the vestry unanimously approved placing the committee reports on record.

Giving Report

Nolan reported that the Giving Report was sent to the vestry ahead of the meeting and asked if there were any questions. Rich commended Sarah Nolan and the planning group for a spectacular reception for sustaining donors. She reported that \$2.3 million is budgeted for pledge income and it appears the year will end closer to \$2.6 million. More people are using online giving rather than contributing open plate.

Financial Report

Knowles reported that the August financials are on target, and year-to-date we are \$40,000 ahead of budget. The Fundraising Event, originally scheduled for August 2025, has been postponed until April 2026, impacting FY2025 income. Also, we budgeted to hire an Assistant Rector June 1, 2025 but deferred that, saving on personnel expense. We currently anticipate that at year-end we will be close to budget.

2026 DRAFT BUDGET

Knowles acknowledged the Budget Subcommittee, comprised of Blaine Cavena, Barbara Andrade DuBransky, Karen Meier, Erin Sacco Pineda, Tim Rich and Terry Knowles. She also thanked staff for their commitment to this new budgeting process. The current FY2026 draft budget will be presented at the October 19 Town Hall, although we will show percentages not numbers. The final draft will be shared with Vestry at its December 7 meeting, and presented for approval at the January 11, 2026 meeting. Knowles commended Controller Erin Sacco Pineda for her extraordinary work over the past few years. As we continue on a path to full financial health, we currently are in a season of moderation, with a focus on mission, program and growth, paying special attention to CYF, pastoral care and communication. We anticipate that there is no reduction in staff and a COLA increase in the 2026 budget. We can invest revenue earned from the sale of the rectory. Rich commended Terry Knowles for her leadership.

DISCERNMENT UPDATE

Rich explained the discernment process and Jonathan Quinn shared an update on their journey in the discernment process including their work at St George's Episcopal Church in Riverside. The vestry asked questions. Deliberation was held for executive session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

RJAB CANDIDATES

Gould shared a Racial Justice Advisory Board proposal to add three new members to be approved by the vestry, including Monique Thomas, Mary Bucci Bush, and Andie Reid. It was moved by Tony Jackson, seconded by Dan McCarrel and the vestry unanimously approved the slate.

VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hughes shared that it is time to form the Vestry Nominating Committee. The committee includes outgoing vestry members Bill Gould, Cruz Jackson, Andie Reid and Erica Tamblyn. Lorynne Young and Dan McCarrel are finishing unexpired terms and are eligible to be nominated for a new full term. The committee also includes the wardens, the Priest-in-Charge and several members at large. Hughes also mentioned considering reducing the size of the vestry, which will be discussed at the next meeting. It would involve changing the bylaws.

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE REPORT

Rich reported that B'nai Simcha preschool and nursery care has found a new location and will relocate in November. This will ease demands on our buildings and B&G staff and will open more space to operate. Some discussion followed.

Stephanie Spellers will be here the last week of October. She will be meeting with vestry and Sacred Ground graduates on Saturday and Sacred Being on Wednesday. She will preach and speak at the Forum on Sunday, October 26.

WARDENS REPORTS

Hughes thanked Cruz Jackson and with the youth for putting together the action table initiative this Sunday and thanks Lorynne Young and Peace and Justice for making sure it happened.

Tony Jackson thanked those who paid for lunch and asked those who have not yet paid to submit their payment.

LOOSE ENDS

- Martin shared that he will be attending Richard Rohr’s conference “ReVision: What Do We Do With Christianity?” in New Mexico on October 24-26. It is sold out. If anyone is interested in gathering for coffee as an All Saints group, please contact him.
- Rich shared that in Pasadena there will be a No Kings Day of Action Rally on October 18 on the steps of City Hall from 1-3 pm. Briggs shared that they need safety monitors. Chung shared how All Saints can be a positive presence.
- Berry shared that there is a completed land reparation report that needs to be shared.
- Gould shared that LA Voice is working with the Community Clergy Coalition on faith-based advocacy regarding the Altadena recovery and rebuilding. It would be good if All Saints has a presence in this group.
- Thomas asked the vestry to pledge as soon as they can and put their footprints into the bucket.

COMMUNICATION BACK TO THE PARISH

- Rich shared that we have a Town Hall on October 19 in the Forum at noon.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

Parishioners had an opportunity for open comment.

Thomas moved and Briggs seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 1:39 p.m. and move into Executive Session. Closing prayer was offered by Tim Rich.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Onoye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Vestry then moved into Executive Session to discuss approval of Jonathan Quinn as a candidate for Holy Orders. It was moved by Briggs to move Jonathan Quinn forward as a Postulant for Holy Orders. It was seconded by Chung and the vestry passed the motion with one abstention.

Vestry Committee Reports
October Meeting 2025
Addendum to October 5, 2025 Vestry Meeting Minutes

NO REPORT:

Finance
Pastoral Care
Personnel

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Submitted by Rachel Barker, B&G Committee member

September 11 Attendance: Lonnie Schield, Phil Naecker, Rachel Barker, Jim White, Ryan Wijeshinghe, Mark Moreno, Chris Runco

Opening Prayer

God Dwells in You led by: Lonnie Schield

Minutes Approval

Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2025 approved

SAFE Parking Status

Update on current status

- Still waiting on final hearing

Status of Door and lock issues throughout campus

- Verna has been struggling to reach the contractor
- Phil will circulate email to bring Rachel in for new contractor referrals
- Phil and Rachel will meet to walk campus and confirm full list of repairs needed

Update on Leak Issues/Sanctuary Roof Replacement

Sanctuary roofing contractor has been selected - Martin Roofing

- \$816k approved to proceed by Vestry last Sunday
- 1st section getting done first where active leaks currently are
- Lonnie & Phil met with scaffolding contractor and waterproofing contractor
- Scheduling underway to start as early as next week for waterproofing of stone and parapet walls - California Restoration contracted

Site plan snapshot with mark-ups by Phil showing 1st section of work highlighted along with areas of additional waterproofing, gutter redesign work, scaffolding, and current leak areas saved in Google Drive

Cost estimates to replace fused disconnects in the Main Electrical Panel

Update on status of upgrades.

- Work successfully completed
- One return visit was needed to address a fuse disconnect that ended up failing after the work was performed - successfully completed

B&G Committee position on tearing down Scott Hall and the Print Shop/Corner Building

1. Convert forum to storage
2. Move Scott Hall storage to forum
3. Tear down both buildings in a single contract
 - Outdated agenda item - update needed
 - Drawing from Mark (get copy)

Site plan snapshot with mark-ups saved in Google Drive

Update on the Jewish Preschool

- Per Phil's meeting with Jewish Preschool today, they're looking pretty aggressively to leave campus and will likely be relocating by the end of 2025.

Holy Rakers update

- Tabled for next time - Chris had to leave the meeting early

Labeling and documenting all valves and shut-offs

We have metal tags for valves

We need someone to take the lead on getting this done

- Valves have been tagged, per Ryan, but inventory needs to be printed and taken to campus

New Business:

- CAD drawings for campus needed - can Mark help with that? Yes
- Share Google Drive access with Mark
- Mark will share plans he has available with B&G

Meeting Adjourned (7:45pm)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Submitted by Jonathan Berry, CYF Committee Chair

CYF Committee Highlights for September 2025

- 32 youth participated in the "Just Try-It" Retreat on September 5th & 6th
- Program year kick off on Wednesday September 10th with Trouveres Rehearsal, Youth Dinner and Youth Group
- Interviews for the "Youth Associate" position are underway
- Amanda Baughman and Jonathan Berry attended diocesan Godly Play training
- Seekers informational session held on September 28th. Program beginning October 4th.
- Sunday attendance for September:
 - Birth-Kindergarten: 9/7: 8, 9/14: 5, 9/21: 8, 9/28: 9
 - Godly Play: 9/7: 8, 9/14: 20, 9/21: 11, 9/28: 13
 - Youth Group: 9/10: 12, 9/17: 14, 9/24: 17

COMMUNICATIONS

Submitted by Connie Chung, Communications Committee Chair

The Communications Committee met on September 8, 2025, and is working on the following tasks prior to our next meeting on Monday, Oct 6, 2025:

1. Review and enhance our online presence on Yelp, Google, Wikipedia, and Instagram by doing basic clean up, filling in information gaps, and clarifying viewpoints, audiences, and purpose for each of our channels.
2. Develop draft core messages for our key demographics to be later communicated via different media.
3. Develop training for congregants creating event flyers and other communications materials to be held on Sunday November 16 with Keith Holeman (media kit, style guide, Canva introduction)
4. Recruit 1-2 additional youth members to join the committee via an application process
5. Reviewing potential partners for capacity building

Members: Anna Proulx, Ben Martin, Billie Rainer, Connie Chung (chair), Luca DiMassa, Lynndi Scott, Maddie Gavel-Briggs, Mark Moreno, Patrick Briggs, Susan Russell (staff)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Submitted by Nancy Naecker, Congregational Life Chair

Welcome Ministry

- Welcome Cards received for August/September 2025: 22
 - Interests checked:
 - ✓ AAPI: 0
 - ✓ CYF: 3
 - ✓ CYF Choirs: 1
 - ✓ Latino/Hispanic Ministry: 1
 - ✓ LGBTQ+: 7
 - ✓ Music: 5
 - ✓ Pastoral Care: 1
 - ✓ Peace & Justice: 8
 - ✓ Senior Saints: 4
 - ✓ Spiritual Formation: 5
 - ✓ Small Groups: 5
 - ✓ 20/30's: 4
 - ✓ 40's, 50's & Friends: 0
 - ✓ Women's Community: 4
 - ✓ Volunteering: 8
- **Welcome Emails** were sent by our Welcome Team Volunteers - Charlotte Maya, Anina Minotto and Marianne Ryan to all those who filled out a connect care/welcome card.
- **Newcomers Coffee** on Sept 7 had seven new folks attend in the chapel. Thank you to Thomas Diaz, staff, and Ben Martin and Dan McCarrel, Greeters, for hosting the Newcomers Coffee.

Greeters

- **Usher/Greeter Orientation** on Saturday, Sept 6 from 10:30am-12:00pm was a great success. 20 ushers and greeters received the guidelines and emergency procedures with Melissa Hayes and Ben Martin.

Senior Saints

- The September 11 program was the kick-off for the program year for Senior Saints with Priest-in-Charge Tim Rich.
- Thank you to the Senior Saints Leadership Team: John Bulbrook, Carolyn Ellis, Cecelia Flynn, Grace Galton, Marylouise Lau, Nancy Naecker and Frank Wells.

Small Groups

- **Sacred Collage** had 12 participants this summer which introduced participants to the art medium of collage as a focus for meditation and prayer. Led by the Rev. Dori Torrey.

LGBTQ+ Ministry

- Intergenerational Paint & Chat on Sunday, Sept 21 12-2pm. Come to share your coming out story with a fellow LGBTQ+ elder/youngster while painting each other's portraits.
- The LGBTQ+ ministry enjoyed an outing to Zuma Beach on Sept 20
- Thank you to the LGBTQ+ Leadership Team: Liz Supple-Burman, Kaia Duke, Hannah Earnshaw and Billie Rainer.

40's, 50's & Friends

- Karaoke, Dance & Potluck! Sunday, August 17 | 12:00 PM | Sweetland Hall Let's Turn Up the Joy! A wonderful time was had by all who attended!
- Transformational Journey: Project Angel Food – Sunday, August 10, 12:45-4pm
- Books & Beverages: A Summer Conversation about Love, Part 3 on Sunday, August 23 at a private home. Featuring: *bell hooks' All About Love*

Women's Community

- Alice Baklayan and Kerin Cantwell are the new leaders of the Women's Community!

Hispanic/Latino Ministry

- Under the leadership of Carlos Carrillo and Rosemary Muniz, the Latino/Hispanic Ministry is planning the Dia de Los Muertos service.

Getting Connected Class

- September 28 to October 26: This five-week class is designed for anyone — from brand new to long-time seeker — interested in exploring the essence of All Saints and getting more connected through active participation. Each class consists of a presentation by a staff member followed by a small group experience. Together we consider the core values of All Saints Church and develop a sense of belonging as we building connections to individuals, ministries and groups.
- 30 people have registered for the class.
- Small Group Facilitators: Jenny Berman, Billie Rainer, Gabriel Ryder, Grace Jeffries, Yvette Chappel, Li Mei and Thomas Diaz

Becoming Beloved Community

- Sacred Ground
 - The series builds around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.
 - 60 folks in 10 small groups met twice a month through Sept 2025 to successfully complete the program on Sept 28.
 - Co-chairs: Lori Kizzia and MaryAnn Ahart.
 - Small Group Facilitators: Al Hughes, Wendy Edwards, Terry Moore, Hannah Earnshaw, Kaia Duke, Rick Thyne, Betty Cole, Marianne Ryan, MaryAnn Ahart, Bonnie Rice and Billie Rainer.
- Sacred Being
 - Provides an opportunity for people of color to come together to find a pathway of liberation from internalized racial oppression, under the direction of Mark Chase.

Faith Formation for October

- Oct 5 – No talk scheduled due to Blessing of the Animals
- Oct 12 – Jenny Pizer from Lambda Legal: Coming Out Day Forum
- Oct 19 – Sarah Nolan: What Do We Mean by Economy?
- Oct 26 – Stephanie Spellers: Church Tomorrow?: What the 'Nones' and 'Dones' Teach Us About the Future of Faith

Leadership Support & Development

- Leading a Ministry or Committee Training on Aug 24 in the Forum had 24 ministry leaders attend.
- Ministry Leader Program Year Kick-off on Saturday, Sept 6 in the Guild Room had 30 leaders attend to hear from Priest-in-Charge Tim Rich. Susan Russell discussed communications guidelines. Mark Chase discussed law enforcement on campus, and Nancy Naecker reviewed the new Church Management Software System.

GIVING

Submitted by Sarah Nolan, Director of Development, Giving and Economic Justice

2025 Pledge Overview: see the Giving Report submitted separately (Pledge/Giving Rubric)

2025 Payments (as of 9/3/25): \$1,539,891

2025 Payments Outstanding: \$1,162,676

Non-Fulfillment Anticipated: \$30,000 (due to death, move, change in finances)

Estimated Pledge Fulfillment for 2025: \$2,670,000 (we should have a better idea of actuals by early November).

Other Updates:

- **Pledge/Giving Statements:** Pledge Statements have been shared with parishioners
- **Giving Rubric:** Amanda McCormick and Terry Knowles have worked on developing a pledge/giving rubric which is attached.
- **Pledge Campaign:**
 - **Ben Martin and Monique Thomas** are doing a fantastic job as co-chairs of the campaign. We are in the process of building and re-building needed structure for future campaigns.
 - Sustaining Donor Dinner (\$5,000+ and known tithers) is Oct. 4th, inviting Sustaining donors to help us with a strong launch of the campaign.
 - Launch of campaign is Sunday, October 19 – same day as the congregational Town Hall.
 - Children, Youth and Families mixer - also on October 19 at SPLAT in South Pasadena.
 - We have a team of 40 callers who will be reaching out to parishioners inviting them to pledge.
 - Presentation Sunday will be November 23.
- **Giving Committee Updates** (If you would like to participate in any of our giving efforts, please reach out to Sarah Nolan):
 - **Vestry Giving Committee:** | Next Meeting – October 22 at 5:30 pm. This meeting will include a focus on Christmas and Easter Special Gift Asks and how to renew and realign those efforts. (Chair – Gloria Pitzer)
 - **Heritage Committee (planned giving)** | Updated Heritage Wall and re-establishing practices to engage current and potential heritage members (Chair – Gloria Pitzer)
 - **2026 Fundraising Event** | Date of Event is April 25, 2026, and will be held at the University Club. Goal of this event is to expand and grow our connections beyond our membership, with the focus of the event on a ministry that has an impact on the wider community. (Chair – Mehdi Emrani).

PEACE & JUSTICE

Submitted by Lorynne Young, Peace & Justice Committee Chair

The September meeting included a training session by Nancy Naecker on using our new All Saints portal, focusing on how to use the new features to communicate with and track activities of our ministries.

Action Table

During the month of September, we had the following Actions:

- 9/7 - Respecting Tribal Treaties, 121 letters to the Dept. of Agriculture
- 9/14 - Better Appropriations Bill, 138 letters to Congress
- 9/21 - Legislation for Governor's signature, 144 letters to Newsom
- 9/28 - Stop AI decisions on Medicare treatment, 115 letters to Congress

We also collected suggestions of people to add to our updated banner. We hope to finalize the list soon. We continue to pass our "Know Your Rights" cards and post information on upcoming protests, vigils and educational opportunities.

Alternative Christmas Market

We are happy to report the return of Thistle Farms as one of our vendors.

Foster Care Project

July

Fifteen children, currently under the supervision of DCFS, shopped at Kohl's Dept store with their personal, volunteer shopper. They purchased essential clothing with a \$200 donated, gift card. Ten other children shopped with their Social Workers using a \$ 200 donated gift card.

Lunch served to approx. 75 homeless youth at a drop off center in Hollywood, My Friends Place. This month the meal was " an English tea", sandwiches, cakes and sausage rolls plus tea to drink was served.

August

We collected 96 donated back packs and fillings. These were given to the Dept. of Children's Services Pasadena and Glendale and The Pacific Asian Children's Services for children who are under DCFS supervision.

A member of the Steering Committee, Alex Ballantyne, was honored by receiving a California Documentary Emmy award for the movie in which he was featured. The documentary opens a heartfelt window into the lived experience of one of our least understood and most vulnerable populations: young people in foster care. Amazing!!!

September

Lunch for homeless youth on Hollywood Blvd. This time it will be " Nachos Extraordinaire"

Coming Events

October 2nd: Workshop providing Information on foster care. Sweetland Hall 6pm.

October 11th and: Coach monitor training

Interfaith Studies Group

The Interfaith Study Group enjoyed a well-attended (40/50) panel discussion on RESILIENCE as experienced by Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith communities at the Islamic Center of California.

Our meeting began with a presentation by Nasser Karam on the new mural recently created on the east wall of the Islamic Center by Palestinian artist Saj Issa in response to the vandalism that occurred at the mosque earlier this year. The mural is named Sabr At Fajr, which translates to "Patience at Dawn" in Arabic and symbolizes healing and resilience to hate and



prejudice. Following his presentation, Nasser Karam introduced Dr. Ahmed Soboh from the Shura Council of Southern California who applauded the diversity of faith traditions attending the night's presentation, engaged in sharing their experiences in resilience.

Following Dr. Soboh's short presentation on Islam, Carl Selkin from the Pasadena Temple began the panel discussion. Our panelists for this evening were: Pastor Connie Larson DeVaughn, and Felita Kealing from Altadena Baptist Church, Rabbi Jill Gold- Wright from the Pasadena Temple and Center, Dr. Ahmed Soboh, Sura Council of Southern California and Dr. Nasser Karam from the Islamic Center of Southern California. Many stories of resilience that our panelist shared that evening came from experiences of loss from the Altadena Fire which destroyed the Altadena Baptist Church, the Masjid Al-Taqwa, the Pasadena Temple and other houses of worship in Altadena. Also recalled were the losses of homes and loved ones in Gaza. The sharing of stories of loss blended in with stories of faith and determination to rise from the ashes and blessed us with hope for a better future for everyone.

Our next event, "Mennonites", which will be on October 12th, from 4 to 6:30 at All Saints Church - Pasadena.

Middle East Ministries

- *Pasadena 4 Palestine Monday Vigil*—April move to Paseo Colorado. Weekly presence at City Council to request divestment of the Fire/Police Retirement System from war profiteers, including Chevron, Caterpillar, & Boeing. Every Monday 5-7 pm (on the street from 5 – 5:45; in City Council chambers from 6-7 pm)
- *Wed. April 30, Youth Dinner with MEM & Labyrinth Min.*, MEM presentation after: 20 kids, 12 adults
- *Sun. May 18, “Christian Zionism and Its Impact on Palestine and Israel”*: Dr. Gary Burge with brunch buffet, 80 people
- *Sat. June 14, Academy Award-winner for Best Documentary, 2025: “No Other Land”*. Looking at the violence and displacement directed at Palestinians in the Masafer Yatta area of Palestine by Israeli military and illegal settlers. 150 people, Learning Center; snacks, discussion following film
- *Sat. July 26, Film: “From Ground Zero”* (22 Gazan filmmakers all film a short piece on Gaza). 70 people, Forum; snacks, discussion following film
- *Sat. August 23, Film: “The Encampments”* (an amazing documentary chronicling student encampments at Columbia and other universities): 60 people, Forum: snacks, discussion following film
- *Sunday, September 7, 12 noon: Planning Meeting*: Our MEM Leadership just had a meeting to solidify plans for the fall and look to the 2025-2026 program year. 7 attended.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sun. September 21: Celebration of Ministries Sunday. MEM will be there!
- Wed. October. 8: Youth Dinner with the MEM and Labyrinth Ministry.
- November 11- 21: FOSNA Witness Trip to Palestine led by Randy and Rev. Joe Roos. For more info, contact Randy at rheymlamb@gmail.com
- Sun. December 7: Alternative Christmas Market (our ministry will again be selling olive oil and Palestinian goods and raising funds for an NGO)

- Tuesday, February 10 or Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026: Bright Stars of Bethlehem at All Saints with Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, founder of Dar Al Kalima University, College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem, Palestine. More info to follow.

Report on one of many friends:

Shadi Khouryisa, 19-year-old Christian who was falsely accused of taking part in a riot. He was held by the Israeli military in administrative detention for 6 weeks in October and November of 2022. Returning home, he was placed under house arrest, finished high school, and has had over 30 court hearings in the last 3 years. At his last court hearing in September the judge found him guilty, despite another witness testifying that he had never met Shadi. He will be sentenced in December. We worked with the RRT to develop a petition for his release and Randy's change.org petition also went worldwide. Please pray and contact Ambassador Mike Huckabee. Although Shadi is not an American, he has family here, and the Ambassador has shown some concern for Christian Palestinians. Email JerusalemACS@state.gov

Other Actions you can take:

- H.R.3565 "Block the Bombs" Act. Contact your Rep (Thank Judy Chu for co-sponsoring; if your Rep hasn't, ask them to do so.) <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/>
- H.R.3045 "West Bank Violence Prevention Act of 2025" <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/?vsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f124102%2fRespond>
- H.Res.473 "Humanitarian Aid to Gaza Resolution" <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/?vsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f122840%2fRespond>

Racial Justice Ministries

Dena Juneteenth Celebration, June 14, 2025 – 5th Annual 2025 - RJM, along with the MEM volunteered by distributing over 500 tee shirts, providing water and giving away seeds to a day of music, dance, healing circles, food games raffles gift card giveaways and live entertainment. The day provided sacred space for those impacted by recent ICE raids and those still healing from the Eaton Canyon Fires.

No Other Land, June 14, 2025 – RJM cohosted with MEM, the Screening of Academy Award Documentary displaying the ongoing abuse and killing of Palestinian people in Gaza. The screening was held in the Learning Center; standing room only.

Juneteenth Sunday – RJM participated with the All Saints Community, which included AAPI, LGBT+, as well as Leaders and Members from Sacred Ground. Celebrating the Second Annual Juneteenth fellowship with St. Barnabas Church, All Saints under the direction of the Priest in Charge, Tim Rich, invited St. Barnabas Church, and Priest in Charge Marianne Zahn to fellowship and lunch at All Saints Church. This event along with the First Juneteenth fellowship, where All Saints fellowshipped with St Barnabas for the first time in June, 2024, marked the first time there was formal fellowship between these two sister Episcopal Churches in Pasadena, in over 100 years when African Americans were not welcomed to fellowship at All Saints Church.

Sacred Being – started the first BIPOC All Saints Community addressing the impact of white supremacy in the United States, Led by Priest Mark Chase and John Williams.

Sacred Being is correlated to other RJM members participating in **Sacred Ground**, which addresses the impact of white supremacy on non-BIPOC people. The intention of Sacred Being is to build community, develop resiliency, and have brave conversations about solidarity and allyship.

September – 2025 – Scheduled screening of the **Grace Lee Boggs Documentary**, which focuses on the life Grace Lee Boggs, an Asian woman’s life and leadership in the Black Panther Party in Oakland, California. The screening will be held on Saturday, September 27, 3-6 p.m., in the Learning Center, cosponsored by AAPI. To learn about Grace Lee Boggs, visit <https://exhibits.stanford.edu/riseup/feature/grace-lee-boggs>.