All-Parish Community Engagement Meeting

Joint presentation with Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
AGENDA

- Welcome, Update, & Overview
- Summary of Activities – Human Rights, Dignity, and Safety Cluster
- Be the Church Days – June 30 & September 29
- Upcoming Activities – Looking to our Future Cluster
- Presentation and discussion with Bishop Walker School guests
Leadership Update ~
Our new Committee Co-Chair is…

MIRANDA MARKS!
We believe in the sanctity and dignity of all people. We believe everyone deserves safety and respect. We believe that God calls us to move the arc of the moral universe towards justice.
Cluster Team:

- Miranda Marks
- Helen Riley
- Christine Bellotti
- Laura Edwards
- Quinn Cassidy
Interfaith Iftar
May 16
Interfaith Works Women’s Shelter Meal Week

May 26-June 2
THANK YOU to Michelle Bales & Andi Pringle for coordinating this effort!
Be the Church Day – June 30

- Making Birthday Boxes for children in foster care
- Making “Blessing Bags” with snacks and hygiene items to give to those in need
- ‘Thoughtful Treasures’ for kids undergoing treatment at NIH
- …and 2 baptisms!
The Pollinator Garden Team, hard at work!
Casa Ruby – Food & Toiletry Drive

- Casa Ruby is the only bilingual LGBTQIA organization in the DC Metro Area.
- They provide housing, social service support, and legal/immigration services.
- We collected non-perishable food items & toiletries during June-July – valued at $1,174!
More Activities

❖ The Cluster chose to donate their allocated budget of $400 to Annunciation House, to help our sisters and brothers at the border.
Hosted guest speakers from Interfaith Works – Aug. 25

**Suzanne Lofhjelm**, Director of Development and Community Relations

**Christine Hong**, Director of Homeless Services
Looking to our Future Cluster
*(September-December)*

This Cluster supports organizations and activities that are dedicated to the well-being of all people and their environment, and are educational in nature.

Our engagement at St. Luke’s ranges from in-kind donations to financial support to hands-on projects.

We seek to heal a hurting world through compassion and generosity, provide educational opportunities to underserved youth and adults, (regardless of their beliefs) and care for our planet.
During the past 125 years, the Center was a respite home, then an orphanage, then a treatment facility, and in 2002 it became a therapeutic day center and school for elementary and middle-school students.

Many parishioners have served on the Board and other capacities.

St. Luke’s also provided financial support and school supplies for many years.

We pray for the students, their families, and the Center’s faculty and staff during this time.
2019 School Supply Collection

❖ To benefit the Bishop Walker School for Boys
❖ Supplies valued at more than $1,700!

Thank you!
Upcoming Events

Today! – Interfaith Unity Walk

Sunday, Sept. 29
5th Sunday Be the Church

Tuesday, Oct. 1
Evensong Service at National Cathedral to benefit BWS, 5:30pm

Thursday, Oct. 10
Cornerstone Montgomery Champions & Legacies Breakfast, 8-10am at North Bethesda Marriott

Monday, Oct. 21
BWS Campus Tour for St. Luke’s, 10:30am

Late Nov.
Samaritan Ministry Giving Tree

Advent – Holy Cow! (financial support for Episcopal Relief & Development)

Sunday, Dec. 29
5th Sunday Be the Church

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MARYLANDERS TO
PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

5th Sunday Be the Church Day—September 29

GUEST SPEAKER – AMY CRESS

Other servant activities on and off-site!
In Conclusion…

Thanks to all who participated in and contributed to our summer events...and for living out your Baptismal promises!

Please share any ideas or feedback with Marta & Miranda.
Discussion with BWS guests:

James Woody, Executive Director & President

David Shepard, Director of Development

THANK YOU FOR COMING!