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# A seat from which to SERVE JOYFULLY

## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ALAN M. GATES

It is a nucleus for diocesan life – Christian worship, learning and the councils of the church. Its ministries are representative of the vibrant life of all the congregations throughout the diocese. Indeed, the ministries of the cathedral are exercised on behalf of the whole diocesan community.

A cathedral takes its name from the cathedra, the “seat” of the bishop. But there is not a whole lot of sitting that goes on at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul! The vibrant activities of multiple worshiping communities at our cathedral, diocesan gatherings and community events are perpetually underway. Facing the State House, we find ourselves uniquely poised to speak from church to world.

I am delighted by the renovations which have been completed at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul these past 18 months. It has been renewed architecturally, transformed into a bright, welcoming and accessible space. Even more importantly, it has been rendered more effective as a place to host and equip a multitude of widely varied ministries on behalf of our diocese.

As you peruse the photos in this publication and read a word from the dean, please know of my deep personal gratitude to every congregation and individual whose support of the Together Now campaign has enabled this transformation. Come visit your cathedral soon, and rejoice at the many ways Christ is served in this place!

### Our \$20-million campaign

#### **\$2 million**

Tithing for mission beyond our diocese

#### **\$2 million**

Caring for God's creation

#### **\$4.5 million**

Equipping congregations for strategic local mission

#### **\$7.5 million**

Raising up new generations in faith and service

#### **\$4 million**

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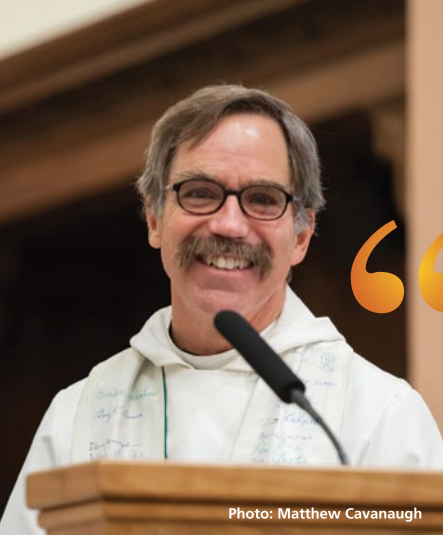


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“Everyone entering our newly renovated cathedral is struck by the dramatic changes, but I’m particularly moved by the floor tiles on which are etched

the names, founding dates and town or city of every parish in our diocese since St. Paul’s became our cathedral. They show that our cathedral belongs to everyone, all our parishes, and for me they are quiet signs of grace, unmistakable reminders that our renovations were possible because of the incredibly generous contribution we received from the Together Now campaign.

Every parish in our diocese helped create our new space, and these etched tiles are permanent symbols of this support and partnership. I feel so grateful and I can’t thank you enough.”

**The Very Rev. John P. Streit Jr.**  
*Dean*



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## TRANSFORMATION AT A GLANCE

After being closed for more than a year for renovations made possible by the generosity of many, including the \$4-million contribution from the Together Now campaign, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston re-opened this fall and was officially rededicated at a celebratory public service on Nov. 13.

Planning for renovations to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul began more than 10 years ago, with the goal of becoming a more welcoming place for all who currently use it for worship, corporate and personal prayer, outreach and meetings, as well as for those who are yet to come. Here are some of the significant changes achieved by the renovations:

- A well-lit and enhanced façade that makes a bold public witness and invites all to come and see
- New glass doorways providing views into the church and back out into the world
- A sanctuary brightened by new skylights and enhanced lighting
- A new chapel, named for St. John the Evangelist, that is visible from the street and offers an intimate setting for prayer and reflection for individuals and worship for small groups
- Flexible worship and gathering space that serves both liturgical and programmatic needs, with chairs that replace fixed pews, making possible a variety of seating configurations
- LEED certification and a reduced carbon footprint through a new high-efficiency heating and ventilation system with zoned climate control
- A new elevator that makes all levels of the building accessible to everyone, and a new ramp into the chancel
- A refreshed and reconfigured lower-level Sproat Hall featuring dividable space for meetings, events and the weekly meal program, as well as new accessible restrooms and a footwashing station





Before

Photo: André Constantini



During

Photo: Roy Goodwin



After

Photo: Roy Goodwin





Photo: Roy Goodwin

In 1912, St. Paul's Church was established as the **Cathedral Church of St. Paul of the Diocese of Massachusetts**. To symbolize that the new cathedral church was indeed "a house of prayer for all people" as he declared it should be, Bishop William Lawrence had the doors removed from the pews. The recently completed renovation project extended Bishop Lawrence's action by removing the pews altogether and replacing them with chairs so that the seating can be variously configured to accommodate congregations and groups of all sizes.

During the 18 months of construction, a dramatic scaffolding structure reached the ceiling (left panel, top right) where new skylights were installed to brighten the refreshed sanctuary (left panel, bottom). The chancel is now accessible via a ramp, and a labyrinth and engraved tiles commemorating the congregations of the diocese are part of the new floor.



Before

Photo: Roy Goodwin



During

Photo: Roy Goodwin



After

Photo: Tracy J. Sukraw

The lower-level **Sproat Hall** has been reconfigured, with a new glass entrance and new restrooms relocated at the front of the hall (right). The former stage (center) has been transformed into two tiers of dividable meeting space.

# SPROAT HALL





A year ago, the new concrete floor was being poured over steel mesh and new radiant heat tubing (center panel, top). The workers at the back left are looking into the freshly dug pit where the new glass elevator would be installed. The criss-cross of scaffolding at the back right fills the space that would become the new glass **Chapel of St. John the Evangelist** (below), dedicated in memory of the late Rt. Rev. M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE. Post-renovation, the view from the chancel gives street views through the glass elevator, entrance and chapel (above, left). The newly renovated Cathedral Church of St. Paul was rededicated, and Bishop Alan M. Gates officially seated, at a special service of Holy Eucharist at the Diocesan Convention on Nov. 13.





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### TOGETHER NOW CAMPAIGN COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Because of the generosity and faithfulness of thousands of donors, millions of dollars have gone forth to fund the priorities of the Together Now campaign. Thank you for carrying this work forward through your payments, participation and prayer.

#### TOTAL PLEDGE COLLECTIONS (AS OF 11/30/15)

*69% of nearly \$32 million committed diocesanwide*

**\$22,101,056**

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Parish share of collaborative campaigns (as of 11/30/15)	<b>\$6,909,313</b>
Tithing for mission beyond our diocese (reflects funds to be reallocated)	<b>\$750,450</b>
Green Grants and Loans	<b>\$721,145</b>
Mission Hubs (including Youth and Young Adult Ministries)	<b>\$1,432,086</b>
Mission Institute	<b>\$422,866</b>
Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center	<b>\$1,347,228</b>
Cathedral Church of St. Paul Renovations	<b>\$4,000,000</b>
<b>Total Disbursements (as of 11/30/15)*</b>	<b>\$15,583,088</b>

#### MONEY AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT IN 2016

Tithing for mission beyond our diocese	<b>\$250,000</b>
Green Grants and Loans	<b>\$250,000</b>
Mission Hubs (including Youth and Young Adult Ministries)	<b>\$1,900,000</b>
Mission Institute	<b>\$175,000</b>
Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center	<b>\$250,000</b>
Cathedral Church of St. Paul Renovations	<b>Completed in 2014</b>
<b>Total</b> <i>(parish share not yet available)</i>	<b>\$2,825,000</b>

\*December 2015 disbursements will be reported in the next issue.