

# Titusian

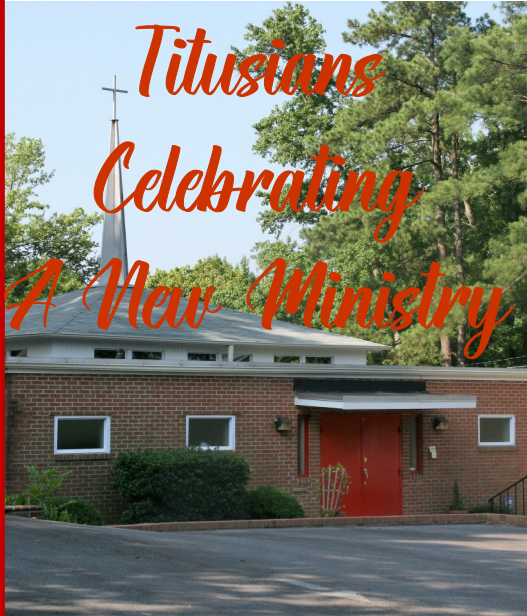


THE WARDENS, VESTRY, AND PARISHIONERS OF  
ST. TITUS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA  
REQUEST YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE AT  
THE CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY  
AND INSTALLATION OF

THE REV. VALERIE J. MAYO  
AS RECTOR

THE RIGHT REV. SAMUEL RODMAN  
XII BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA, PRESIDING  
THE REV. CANON STEPHANIE SPELLER,  
CANON TO THE PRESIDING BISHOP FOR  
EVANGELISM,  
RECONCILIATION AND CREATION CARE,  
PREACHING  
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024  
AT 4 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

400 MOLINE ST.  
DURHAM, NC 27707  
CLERGY: WHITE STOLES



## The Institution

The people are seated. The Wardens stand near the Bishop. The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering; and concludes: **People of St. Titus' Episcopal Church, Durham, North Carolina, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.**

**Wardens:** Bishop, we have come together and have chosen and called Valerie Joan Mayo to be our Rector. We believe that she is well qualified, and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected. And, she has accepted. **Bishop:** I commend your choice and affirm this call.

**The Bishop reads the Letter of Institution.** The Bishop gives the Letter to the Rector. The Rector then says I, Valerie Joan Mayo, receive this letter from thy hands and recognize thine episcopal authority. I promise to be a faithful shepherd to thy flock, the Lord being my helper. **The Bishop** says Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this Congregation, and for Valerie, their Rector.

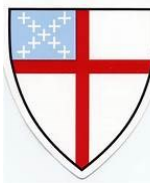
## The Word of God

**Representatives such as Lectors present the lectern Bible and say:** Valerie, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World. **Rector:** Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

## The Sermon

### The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers

The Episcopal Church

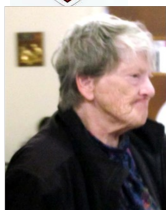


Canon to the Presiding Bishop for  
Evangelism, Reconciliation and  
Creation Care





# Titusians Celebrating A New Ministry



## The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*The Bishop says* The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters: We present Charmey Joy Morgan and Karen Elizabeth Curran.

**The Bishop:** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil? Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

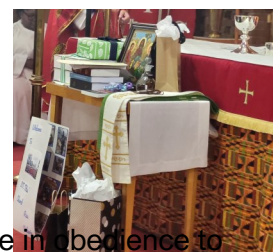
**Candidates:** I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

**Bishop:** Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in their life in Christ? **People:** We will.

**Bishop:** Let us join with *those who are committing themselves to Christ* and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Induction

*Representatives of the congregation and of the clergy of the diocese stand before the bishop with the new minister. The symbols presented should be visible to all and remain in the sight of the congregation during the In-*



## Presentation of Symbols

Water	The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman	Valerie, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord
Stoles	The Reverends. William Maddox, /Stephanie Yancy, Marjorie Freeman (The Rev. Monroe Freeman), Polly Hilsabeck, The Rev. Dr. Harmon Smith, The Rev. Dr. Alicia Alexis, & The Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke	Valerie, receive these stoles, as symbols of our shared legacy as pastor and priest.
Book of Common Prayer	Robyn Furges, Keith Bishop Grey DeWalt & Elijah Mayo-McMullen	Valerie, receive this book, and be among us as a woman of prayer.
Oil of Chrism	The Rev. Canon Lindsey Ardrey	Valerie, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.
Church Keys	Cheryl Myers & Lionell Parker	Valerie, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.
Constitution and Canons	The Rev. Canon Franklin Morales	Valerie, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.
Episcopal Church Women	Diane Hundley & Pat Valentine	Valerie, receive this book, To Speak a Defiant Word: Sermons and Speeches on Justice and Transformation, by Pauli Murray, to signify our commitment in honoring the rights of women, our faithfulness, and our strength.
Durham Congregations in Action	The Rev. Breana Van Valzen	Valerie, receive this gift and let us bear witness to our partnership and commitment to respect the dignity of every human being and to strive for justice for all people.
Racial Justice Healing Book.	Lew Myers & The Rev. Dr. Althea Alton	Valerie, take this book and use it to facilitate our anti-racism and anti-identity bias work of building God's Beloved Community.





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## **PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS**

NC Central Minister Isaiah Howard

Valerie, receive this gift and let it signify our continued spiritual development and dialogue within our Beloved NCCU / St. Titus' Community of Promise.

**Spaulding  
Elem  
School**

Principal Robin Hill-Davidson

Valerie, take this gift and let it signify your call to reach younger generations.

**The new Minister, if a priest, may then kneel in the midst of the church, and may say**

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service, I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry.

In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



**Bishop**

St. Titus': with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

**Rector**

Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

**The Bishop then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying. Greet your new Rector.**



# Bishops Share Bishops' Ball Update



April 3, 2024  
Dear Beloved in Christ:

As this Easter season begins, we write to give you an update on our progress and next steps with respect to the incident that took place at this year's Bishops' Ball. **As promised when we shared the news in February**, we want to update you on the work that has been happening, that continues and will continue as we move through this process:

- ♦ Follow-up interviews were conducted last month with youth, families and youth leaders present at the event to ensure we had a full and accurate account of the incident. We received a report following those interviews; it has been shared with the youth leaders on our staff, and it will next be shared with the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee (RJRC). The report identifies necessary action items, and we are in the process of speaking with other experts in the wider church and youth leadership circles about additional changes they recommend.
- ♦ Our ongoing consultation with local youth leaders will include engaging them with a draft of our response to the report before it is issued.
- ♦ We continue to be in contact with the churches and the families of the children directly involved. We are in the process of setting up a follow-up meeting with the vestry of St. Titus', Durham, to address further the actions that they called for in their memo attached to our **February 28 letter** to you. We, the bishops, have also scheduled for mid-April a joint meeting with the Clergy of Color Caucus, the Coalition of Black Churches and the RJRC.
- ♦ Lastly, we are reviewing restorative justice approaches as a part of our steps toward justice, fairness and reconciliation. These will also be outlined in our report.

We expect to have this report ready for publication in mid-May. Events scheduled after that date and incorporating the changes called for in the report can be held as scheduled. This will allow us to hold HUGS Camp, scheduled for July. It will be the first diocesan youth event utilizing the new guidelines and protocols.

We thank you for your patience and continuing prayers as we move forward with this process.

Gratefully and faithfully,  
Bishop Sam Rodman and Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson



## *Introducing Our Guest Music Artists*



**Taquisha Coley-Rice**

### **Soprano**

Mrs. Rice, a frequent guest soloist at Saint Titus' Episcopal Church, has most recently been a winner in the National Society of Arts and Letters vocal competition. In 2003, she was a top place winner in the Connecticut Opera's vocal competition. In 2006, Mrs. Rice was honored as a recipient of the Durham Emerging Artists Grant. Mrs. Rice, a North Carolina native, holds a Bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from U.N.C. Greensboro where she studied with the late Dr. William McIver. Mrs. Rice also holds a Master's degree in Vocal performance from East Carolina University where she studied with Dr. Louise Toppin. She lives with her husband and three children.



**Isabella Clinton**

### **Harpist**

Miss Clinton, a prodigious harpist, has been crafting musical magic since the age of 5. Her journey through the world of music and anthropology has shaped her into a versatile and passionate artist. Miss Clinton's thirst for knowledge and her fascination with culture led her to Furman University, where she pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Anthropology. She is the recipient of the I.E.S. (Institute for the International Education of Students) Scholarship. This afforded her the opportunity to study music abroad in Vienna, Austria. She is also the recipient of the Bell Tower Scholarship. Originally based in Madison, Wi, Bella is a well sought-after and classically trained harpist whose musical talents have been used in a variety of settings and venues. She is frequently requested for weddings, recitals, concerts and church services. She has most recently been the harpist for the Durham Symphony Orchestra and the harpist in a performance of Theodore Dubois' THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST at Saint Mark A. M. E. Zion Church in Durham, N.C. She currently resides in Raleigh, N. C.



**Julius Prescott**

### **Cellist**

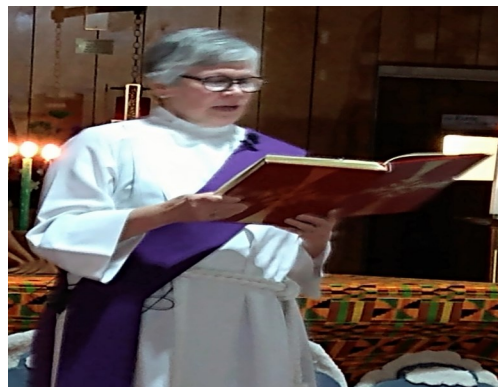
Mr. Prescott is a native of Durham, North Carolina. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music. He has also studied at the University of Notre Dame. He was a soloist at the Gateways Music Festival, Assistant Principle Cellist of the Durham Symphony Orchestra, former member of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, Tar River Orchestra and The Raleigh Symphony Orchestra. He was a member of a chamber group that opened for world-renowned violinist, Itzhak Perlman. Mr. Prescott continues to be in demand as a soloist as well as to perform with various groups within the city and the State. He currently resides in Durham, N.C.



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*Thanks for your years of faithful service 2010-2024!*



# Diocese Announces Plan for Funds from Sale of 200 West Morgan Street



Since the [sale of Diocesan House](#) at 200 West Morgan Street in September 2023, Bishop Sam Rodman and Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson formed and have been working with a diocesan-wide task force to discern the appropriate use of the \$8.8 million net proceeds from the sale, currently held in an interest-bearing account. Together, with approval from our governing bodies, Diocesan Council, Standing Committee and Trustees, the task force has decided these funds will be used to support two areas: \$3.8 million to cover the lease and ongoing support of the new diocesan offices, and \$5 million to support new and existing projects and ministries relating to diocesan [mission strategy](#) priorities through grants, matching funds, seeding of projects and revolving loans.

“The work of our mission strategy and our journey to Becoming Beloved Community has always been about, first and foremost, the work happening in our churches and diocesan ministries,” said Rodman. “As possibilities for the proceeds from the sale of Diocesan House were discussed, conversation returned again and again to the work happening within our churches.”

The disbursement offering will be offered in three phases of approximately one year each.

✝ **In the first phase, \$3 million dollars will be designated specifically for historically Black and Latino congregations, as well as churches with an annual operating budget of less than \$100,000.**

✝ The second phase will designate \$1 million dollars. Any church may apply for these funds, provided the proposed use is to fund works or projects done in collaboration, whether the partnerships are with Phase I-eligible churches, other Episcopal churches, community partners or other organizations. The only criteria is that the applying church be a church of the Diocese of North Carolina and a partner in the proposed mission strategy related work.

✝ The third phase will offer the last \$1 million with no applicant restrictions



**What are your suggestions for St. Titus' applying for a grant in the Phase 1 Category?**

**Contact these persons with your ideas:**

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# UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



## ACHIEVEMENT SUNDAY JUNE 2

It's that time again: St. Titus' Parishioner Achievement Sunday is June 2, 2024. Parishioner Achievement Sunday is a day of thanksgiving for the lives and works of our parishioners, where we recognize and share our special achievements from the past year.

We need YOU to make Parishioner Achievement Sunday a glorious occasion! We need news about your special achievements and those of your family in the past year (since June 2023). Do not be modest -- 'Bragging' is quite appropriate. Let us share the joy of achieving, being recognized or honored for an outstanding act, whatever -- just let us all share in the good news.

Some examples:

Educational:

- Graduation
- Excellent grade reports, Honor Roll
- Passing to the next grade- (state the grade)
- Scholarships, Grants, Fellowships, Internships
- Sports honors

Transferring to another school, local or out of town

Employment:

- New positions (jobs) or promotion or change
- Retirement
- Success in research
- Achievement in the Arts
- Accomplishments in your profession
- Special events relating to jobs such as "employee of the week."

Personal:

- Travel - an important or especially enjoyable or enlightening tour.
- Acquiring a new home
- A new baby or grandchild
- Marriage
- Pursuing your interests

Or any other happening/event within the last 2-3 years that has not already been reported to our church family.



With a heavy heart, we share the sad news that long standing, beloved parishioner Williette Adorkor passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Williette's sweet, sweet spirit, her persistent smile and the joy and comfort she brought to her family, friends, and strangers alike will be sorely missed.

**The service for celebrating Williette's life will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024 at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 403 E. Main St., Durham.** The Wake will be at 10:30 a.m., and the Memorial Service at 11:30 a.m. Interment will take place immediately following the service at Glenview Memorial Park, Apex Highway, Durham. A reception at St. Philip's will take place after the interment.

Condolences may be sent as follows:

The Adorkor Family  
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