

Rector's Note
10.08.26

In a given week here at St Martin's, there are many activities. Some are done by us. We blessed animals and worshiped on Sunday, children came for choir practice Wednesday, we had dinner and heard a lecture on the upcoming election, some folks met on zoom for Morning Prayer, volunteers worked at the front desk. A Stephen minister may have met with someone receiving care. The Refugee and Immigration Committee met on zoom. Choir will practice Thursday, preparing for Sunday worship and Evensong.

Some activities are led by outside groups. This week folks come to our campus for morning meditation, AA and Al-Anon, MALT classes, and change ringing practice.

And some activities have us going out to partner with others and engage with our wider networks. This Thursday, a few of us will attend [Need in Deed's](#) annual Soiree fundraiser, to support this group originally founded by our members and to learn about the work they are doing now. Need in Deed promotes service learning in 200 public schools around Philly, empowering teachers and students in the process.

Friday and Saturday, our lay delegates Carolyn Green, Grace McGinley, and Lorraine Webb, and I (the clergy delegate) will attend [Diocesan Convention](#). We will worship together at the Philadelphia Cathedral, hear presentations from Diocesan committees and leaders, and vote on resolutions. We will get to chat with others doing the work at our sibling churches around the diocese.

All of this is a reminder that we don't do ministry alone. Whether on our own campus or out and about, we are connected with a bigger community, of Episcopalians, of Christians, of caring people all around us.

I am proud to be a part of a faith community that so visibly lives out its call to be the Body of Christ.

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