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## The Rev. Phil Jackson Named Priest-in-charge of Trinity Church Wall Street



The Rev. Phillip A. Jackson, CDSP '94, Priest-in-charge and Vicar of Trinity Church Wall Street

On Jan. 6, the **Rev. Phillip A. Jackson was appointed Priest-in-charge of Trinity Church Wall Street** by the Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. The appointment followed the resignation of the Rev. Dr. William Lupfer, Rector of Trinity, to discern his next call.

As Priest-in-charge, Jackson performs all duties of the Rector, including acting as the spiritual leader of the parish, managing operations, parish programs, the clergy, staff, and all resources and facilities of the church. He will continue his role as Vicar as well.

Jackson, who received his MDiv from CDSP in 1994, is excited by the prospects of continuing the work that Trinity and CDSP began together last year, and reaffirmed Trinity's commitment to CDSP. "I am committed to ensuring that

CDSP has the attention and resources from Trinity that will enable CDSP to grow and thrive, and I'm looking forward to deepening our work together this year."

[Read Jackson's full bio.](#)

## CDSP to Develop a Long-Term Strategic Plan

CDSP Executive Staff, in consultation with our partners at Trinity Church Wall Street, are in the final negotiations to hire a consultant to work with faculty and staff in the creation of a **10-year strategic plan**.



to fulfill that vision.

The plan is focused on articulating fully the vision for CDSP's future, its role within the Trinity family, its role in the Trinity Leadership Institute, and its broader role in theological education and leadership formation for the Church and the world. This plan will not only articulate our vision, but will also point to the intellectual, spiritual, faculty, financial, administrative, student, and alumni resources that will be necessary

The strategic plan should enable CDSP to focus resources on the development of students, faculty, alumni, buildings, real estate, and intellectual assets. It will link them with the faith- and values-driven perspectives of our two institutions for the fulfillment of our shared ambitions in theological education and leadership development.

## Faculty Searches



CDSP is in the process of filling three full-time faculty positions: **Assistant Professor of Ministerial Leadership, Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology**, and **Director of Contextual Education**.

The **Director of Contextual Education** will oversee field placements for students in both residential and low-residence programs, including training for field-placement supervisors, and will oversee the work of the Field Placement Program Administrator. As an assistant professor, this role will teach seminars required in the first year of field placement.

The **Assistant Professor of Ministerial Leadership** will teach the "Leadership for Ministry" course required for all students in the MDiv program during their final year, as well as electives in ministry development and leadership. This professor will also work closely with the Director of Contextual Education to develop the ministry curriculum in areas that include leadership, congregational development, change and conflict management, systems theory, and ministry development.

The **Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology** will design, prepare, and teach required introductory courses in homiletics and pastoral theology, both as semester-long courses and as on-campus intensives.

All three positions will be full members of the faculty with responsibilities for advising, worship, and participation in community life.

There are currently three finalists for the Homiletics and Pastoral Theology position, and two finalists for the Ministerial Leadership position. All candidates will be interviewed at CDSP in February and early March.

The search for the Director of Contextual Education has just begun. The search committee plans to begin reviewing applications on February 17.

All three positions will start on August 1, 2020.

[Read more about the positions and their duties.](#)

## Faculty Changes at CDSP



Two faculty members will retire from their faculty positions in the summer of 2020.

**Dr. Susanna Singer** will retire from her position as Associate Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Ministry Development after the June 2020 Summer Intensive. Dr. Singer received her MDiv Degree from CDSP in 1989 and has taught here since fall 2005. Remarking upon her departure in an email to faculty and students, CDSP President and Dean Mark Richardson noted that "it is difficult to express the enormous contribution Professor Singer has made to CDSP during her tenure in the classroom, chapel, and community life, as well as her influence in the Episcopal Church more broadly."

**Professor Caroline McCall**, Director of Field Education and Assistant Professor of Congregational Studies, will also retire from CDSP after her contract expires in June. Professor McCall graduated from CDSP in 2015 with a Master of Theological Studies. She then joined the faculty of the seminary in 2016, when she and Dr. Singer developed Leadership for Ministry, the capstone course of the MDiv program that prepares students for their first ministry calls after graduation. "We are grateful to her for her excellent and faithful ministry at CDSP during this time of curricular and institutional transition," said Dean Richardson regarding Professor McCall's departure.

While their retirement is still months away, notes of gratitude and well-wishing are encouraged and can be sent to Dr. Singer at [ssinger@cdsp.edu](mailto:ssinger@cdsp.edu), and Professor McCall at [cmccall@cdsp.edu](mailto:cmccall@cdsp.edu).



## Staff Changes and a New Position

Operations Manager at CDSP, **Melville Hayes-Martin**, will be leaving CDSP in March. A faithful servant of the school for over 12 years, Hayes-Martin will join his wife in Ohio as she has accepted the call to become the 37th rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Worthington.

CDSP is currently in the search process for a new position, **Communications and Marketing Manager**. The Communications Manager will plan, create, and distribute internal and external communications, advancement, and marketing campaigns for CDSP, including student, staff, alumni, and donor communications, across digital and print media. Interviews are underway, with a goal of filling the position by the spring.

The seminary will also be hiring an **Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds** to begin this summer, July 1. The new position



comes in anticipation of the retirement of the current Superintendent of Buildings, Grounds, and Security, **Steve Sibbitt**, who will retire at the end of 2020. Sibbitt started his tenure as superintendent in June 1996 and is extremely grateful for all of the students, faculty, and staff that he has met over the years. "It has been a fabulous ride," Sibbitt said of his career. "I could do what I do anywhere in the world, but the people I have met at CDSP kept me coming back. It's exhilarating."

## Women in Ministry Scholar for Spring Term

### Marilyn McEntyre to Teach on Stewardship of Language



**Marilyn McEntyre**, an author, writing teacher, and retreat leader, will be the **St. Margaret's Visiting Professor of Women in Ministry** during the 2020 spring semester. During her time at CDSP, McEntyre, the author of many books of poetry and meditations, will teach a course titled "Caring for Words: Stewardship of Language in a Culture of Lies" on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. We hope that this timing will make it possible for alumni in the Bay Area to participate in the course as community auditors. Please contact the Registrar, Mary McChesney-Young ([MMcChesney-Young@cdsp.edu](mailto:MMcChesney-Young@cdsp.edu)), by noon on Feb. 11 if

you are interested.

"All of us who speak and write, love words, and understand how powerful they can be are likely concerned about the state of public discourse," McEntyre said. "Because I love Episcopal liturgy and the Book of Common Prayer, I look forward with particular pleasure to reflecting with folks at CDSP on the gift of words, on questions like 'Why read a poem at a time like this?' and on what it might mean now to be faithful to our calling to word work."

McEntyre, who holds a doctorate in comparative literature from Princeton University, is also an adjunct professor in the joint medical program of the Universities of California, Berkeley (UCB) and San Francisco (UCSF) and a fellow in the Program for the Medical Humanities at UCB.

"Marilyn McEntyre is a gifted writer who has thought deeply about the power of words," said the Rev. Dr. Ruth Meyers, CDSP's academic dean. "She brings great wisdom as a teacher and retreat leader. We look forward to her presence in the classroom and the community this spring."

McEntyre's course will explore ways that people in ministry "might be more effective stewards of the gift of language."

"As public discourse continues to be inflated and depleted by propaganda, hyperbole, and oversimplification, the call to clarity, to speaking peace, to caring for words as instruments of grace and compassion, becomes more urgent," reads the course description. Students will read McEntyre's book, "Caring for Words in a Culture of Lies," and learn what she calls "strategies of stewardship."

The St. Margaret's Visiting Professorship was inaugurated in 2014, on the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the first women to the priesthood of the Episcopal Church. The professorship was made possible by generous support from CDSP faculty, alumna, and local laywomen. The chair is named in honor of St. Margaret's House, a Berkeley-based institution that trained deaconesses and laywomen for ministry in the Episcopal Church from 1909-66.

McEntyre will be the featured speaker at CDSP's Gibbs Society annual gathering on February 11th, in the Tucson room, adjacent to St. Margaret's Courtyard. The doors open at 11:00. She will reflect on the topic "Sustainable Speech," and afterward she and the members of the Gibbs Society will enjoy lunch with students in Denniston Commons.

**[Read more about McEntyre's work on her website.](#)**

## Community News

### Student News

- The Rev. Susan Stanton, '20 was ordained to the diaconate on December 21 at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Carmel-By-The-Sea, California.

### Alumni News

- The Rev. James Shire, '15 was ordained to the diaconate on December 21 at the Parish Church of St. Christopher in Kailua, Hawaii.
- The Rev. Mia Kano, '19 was ordained to the priesthood on January 11 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Wellesley, Massachusetts.
- The Rev. Daniel Kline, '19 was ordained to the priesthood on January 11 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania.
- The Rev. Judith Lyons, '19 and the Rev. Sarah Dammann Thomas, '19 were ordained to the priesthood on January 11 at St. Paul's Cathedral in Los Angeles, California.
- The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby, '04 was consecrated as Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real on January 11 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga, California.
- The Rev. Nikky Wood, '18 has accepted a call to serve as the next Associate Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto, California.
- The Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin, '10 has accepted a call as Rector of St John's, Worthington, Ohio.

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