

St Paul's Episcopal Church – Harris Hill
2022 Annual Report of the Deacon – The Rev. Leann P. McConchie January 2023

I give thanks for the trust of our Wardens, Vestry, and the Bishop
to allow me to continue to serve St Paul's since 2014.

OUR MISSION: St Paul's welcomes all to celebrate God's love through faith and action.

LIVING THE MISSION: *My role as Deacon includes:*

In the Church

- Live into the liturgical role of Deacon, with God's help
- Plan and record Morning Prayer for remote access of our congregation as we transition to live streaming of our mass
- Plan and lead Mass from the Reserve Sacrament, April – August 2022
- Plan and lead funerals and weddings in the absence of a Rector
- Lead Healing Prayers following services on Second Sundays
- Provide and augment Spiritual Care in the absence of a Rector
- Share in the responsibility for preaching
- Create and lead Lenten Quiet Day
- Create and lead Small Plate offerings
- Collaborate with Altar Guild, including creation of Altar Flower arrangements
- Collaborate with Cantors and organist for music offerings
- Participate in Vestry Meetings
- Support Chicken Barbecue / Basket Raffle
- Identify and coordinate SPHH facilitators (Mike Elkan, Sue Petherick, GG Michaels, and Ken Wohlberg (also The Rev. Dr. Sarah M. Rieth), for "Becoming the Beloved Community" and the Learn, Pray, Act, initiative within the partnership. Increasing awareness of ways to be intentional about walking the "Way of Love", in our congregation, the Partnership, and in the world.
- Support initiatives for School 6: personal care items, backpack and supplies, books and "winter necessities" collection*
- Support the Trinity Church Food Pantry collections
- Take photos to capture activities of the church

In the World – *Working with People in Life Transition*

- Member of the EDWNY Commission to Dismantle Racism and Discrimination
- Lead Mass from the Reserve Sacrament at various churches in the Diocese: St. John's-Grace, Buffalo, St. Mark's Orchard Park, St Andrew's, Buffalo, and St. Aiden's, Alden
- Bark in the Park – Supported Baked Goods and led Animal blessing
- Joined the Clarence Lions September 2022
- Plan and grow the Coaching as Ministry collective in the United States
- Plan and design Center for Holistic Spirituality at St. Mark's, Orchard Park – ongoing

Spiritual Self Care / Continuing Education

- CERTIFICATION AS A CREATIVE DEPTH COACH through the JourneyPath Institute -- March 2022
- Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, UK – September 2022
- Aspirant toward discernment of a vocation to the priesthood -- September 2022
- Personal Retreat days – including expressive art

* *In 2022, our collection of school supplies and teacher supplies (School 6 and Harris Hill Elementary Teachers) and the "Book for Each child" initiative for School 6 were not as robust as in prior years, perhaps due to the loss of membership within the church. We need to re-examine our goals related to the School 6 initiatives in particular, so we do not promise what we are not able to deliver.*

We used money collected on the 2 "Days of Change" this year to make contributions to FeedmoreWNY. In addition, should these collections continue to be used to support ministry in the world in 2023, we will need to revamp the days, with the loss of the Fall return to Eastern Standard Time.