

# The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany



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## CHRIST THE KING CENTER Announcement • July 21, 2022

Christ the King Center has long been a centerpiece of ministry in the Diocese of Albany. Its past five years, under Executive Director Reuben Todd, have been a time of rich blessing.

Reuben will be leaving Christ the King on August 12. We are grateful for his leadership and wish him and his family every blessing as they embark on whatever new adventure the Lord has in store for them. Please keep them in your prayers.

To address the leadership transition, the Standing Committee has made arrangements to ensure continuity. Christ the King is blessed with an exceptionally dedicated and hard-working staff who are devoted to welcoming visitors and guests with the love of Christ.

Please be assured that these arrangements do not signal any plan or decision to close or to alter the operation or staffing of Christ the King radically at this time. Currently scheduled programs will be presented as planned; regular offerings will continue.

**1. Christ the King Oversight Board.** The Christ the King Advisory Commission has been renamed the Christ the King Oversight Board, with broad authority and responsibility for all aspects of Christ the King. Mechanisms for liaison between the Board and the Standing Committee are already in place. With a deep pool of relevant knowledge, skill, and experience among its members, the Board will both “run” Christ the King and seek to determine the Lord’s will for the Center going forward. They are organizing their work for effectiveness and efficiency in gathering and evaluating information, considering possibilities, and making and implementing decisions about the vision, mission, structure, programming, administration, development, maintenance, operations, and financial support of CtK.

**2. Interim Co-Directors.** Father Bill Hinrichs (Saint John’s, Cohoes) and Mother Jean DeVaty (Messiah, Glens Falls) have generously consented to serve as non-stipendiary interim co-directors of Christ the King, taking on many of the duties of the Executive Director in addition to their primary parish commitments. Father Bill has a degree in hotel and restaurant management and experience running large churches; Mother Jean has experience in camp direction. Each will be present on site part of the week. They are already working with the Board and with Reuben to ensure a smooth transition, and will assume their duties August 12, 2022.

**3. Communications.** Communication regarding Christ the King will now come directly from the Board. You will hear more from them in the coming weeks and months. The Board is already devising ways to gather input and ideas from around the Diocese and to establish channels of communication. For the time being, you can communicate with the Board through Father Neal Longe by phone at 518-842-2363 or by e-mail at [fatherneal@gmail.com](mailto:fatherneal@gmail.com).

Everyone on a diocesan body serves as a volunteer, often alongside many other commitments. Please be respectful of their time.

## *Disciples Making Disciples*

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There will be learning and adjustment, and time will be needed for everyone to get to know one another and trust the Holy Spirit to work through one another's unique gifts. We are confident, however, that with good will, humility, patience, and a charitable heart we can follow the Lord's leading in faith even when clear foreknowledge is unavailable. By the grace of God, and with the assistance of your prayers, the Holy Spirit will work powerfully to point the way forward. We can expect to see more goodness than we could ever hope to ask or imagine.

Please consider making Christ the King — and not least Fr. Bill, Mtr. Jean, the Oversight Board, staff, and guests — a part of your daily prayer, perhaps even a regular intercession during the prayers of the people on Sunday. I assure you that we on the Standing Committee keep you in our prayers as well.

In peace,

For the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Albany

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Malioneck" followed by a plus sign.

The Very Reverend Tom Malioneck, President