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Dear Congregants,

I am writing with some very important news. Randal Gardner who has served as Canon for Congregational Life here for the last three years has decided to retire at the beginning of January. This fall Randal reduced his schedule at Grace Cathedral and took up a part-time position as Dean of the Chapel at The Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He will continue with his ministry at the seminary in his retirement.

I have met very few priests who can match Randal in heart and experience. It has been a great blessing for me to have him as a colleague. We will be celebrating with Randal on Sunday, January 8, which is his last day (apart from ongoing work that Randal will be doing to help the cathedral celebrate Martin Luther King Day). Until then, Randal will be working on several important projects including the introduction of our new Children, Youth and Family Minister, the Rev. Mary Carter Greene. He will also help to provide an orientation for our new Executive Pastor, the Rev. Ellen Clark-King, who will arrive on December 11.

It was such a blessing to see so many pets and their people here at the Feast of St. Francis last Sunday. Many friends of the cathedral wrote to me when they saw the article [about the event in the San Francisco Chronicle](#). During our stewardship season I have been especially enjoying the hearts on our statue of St. Francis. Home is where the heart is. Please be sure to pledge right away [by card](#) or [on the website](#) so that we can include a heart for your household.

Below you will find an update on coming events at the cathedral; there is certainly a lot that is happening here at Grace. God's spirit is at work among us!

Love,
Malcolm

October is National Hispanic Heritage Month and we have very special events planned to celebrate. First, Dean Malcolm Clemens Young is hosting a conversation at [The Forum with Isabel Allende this Sunday, October 9](#). Allende is the world's most widely-read living Spanish-language author. She will share her thoughts on feminism, social justice and home. The following Thursday, the cathedral will host Rt. Reverend Griselda Delgado del Carpio at [the 5:15 p.m. Evensong service on Thursday, October 13](#).



Cuba's first female diocesan bishop, she is known in Cuba and the Caribbean for her work in community agriculture and on climate change. Concluding this heritage month is Pulitzer Prize nominee Richard Rodriguez, who will discuss his personal perspective on civic duty at [The Forum on Sunday, October 23](#) with Dean Emeritus Alan Jones. Born to Mexican immigrants in San Francisco, Rodriguez has come to be known as "intellectual dazzler" and master of the personal essay. Both Rodriguez and Allende will sign books after their discussions.

This upcoming Sunday is Clergy Appreciation Day. Join us in expressing our gratitude to our clergy for their service and commitment to our community.



The cathedral began its annual stewardship campaign this month. This year's theme is "Home is Where the Heart Is." For every pledge received this season, [a heart will be added onto the statue of St. Francis in the nave](#) to show the congregation's special love for its spiritual home and to welcome everyone to be a part of it. Pledge cards and [brochures](#) are available in the cathedral. You can also make your pledge online on [our website](#).



Our Christian formation and baptism preparation course "[Our Ancient Faith, Our New Life in Christ](#)" is every Sunday at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapter House through November 13. Classes are lead by Mark Stanger and open to all. [This Sunday's presentation](#) is "The Joy and Job of Praying Together: Ways of Worship in the Episcopal Church."



[The October 16 Forum](#) at 9:30 a.m. will be an essential event for parents. Dr. Lisa Miller will discuss the themes of her provocative, conversation-starting book, *The Spiritual Child*. The Director of Clinical Psychology at Columbia University and a leading national expert in spirituality, she will share the next big idea in psychology--the science and the power of spirituality--and a pioneering new way to think about parenting our modern youth. *The Spiritual Child* will be available for purchase at [The Forum](#), courtesy of Books Inc.



We will celebrate the [Cathedral School for Boys on October 16 at the 11 a.m. service](#). Join us for this annual occasion honoring our long tradition of education.



Be part of a citywide conversation about living and dying that draws on art, experience and design from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, October 24 at our event "[Candlelight Labyrinth Walk Re: Imagine | End of Life](#)." Join us for an evening of walking our labyrinths; workshops on meditating, holding vigils, making your own labyrinth--and more; and a panel discussion on how preparing for death can teach us to live. Our labyrinths will be beautifully lit by votives, thanks to glassybaby, and there will be exquisite live music. We are partnering with Blue Shield of California and design innovator IDEO on this unique event.



Note: This special event replaces the monthly labyrinth walk originally scheduled for October 14.

The cathedral will hold [a requiem service for Jeanne Taylor on Monday, October 24](#) at 2 p.m. in the Quire, with a reception to follow. Jeanne was a devoted cathedral congregant who was once quoted as saying that Grace Cathedral was "the greatest institution in San Francisco." She was an entertainer and talk show host in Kansas City before moving to San Francisco, where she launched a 33-year career as a fashion executive for Lilli Ann. Jeanne shared her success with Grace Cathedral by chairing the supper dance, organizing benefit clothing sales and serving as a trustee. She also supported United Religions Initiative. Jeanne died peacefully at home on Monday evening, October 3.



The Tuesday night Forum on October 25 at 7:45 p.m will host Janet Napolitano, former Secretary of Homeland Security and Governor of Arizona, in a discussion with Dean Malcolm Clemens Young. As the current president of the University of California system, she will share the state of education from the viewpoint of leadership.



Film lovers and horror movie enthusiasts alike will enjoy our Saturday, October 29 showings of the chilling classic *Nosferatu* in the cathedral. Enjoy at 7 p.m. or 9 p.m. The space will be transformed into a grand movie palace with thrilling accompaniment by virtuoso organist Dorothy Papadakos. Tickets [here](#).



Men of Grace is sponsoring [a day retreat on Saturday, November 5](#) from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Chapter House Dining Room. Entitled "Confident Christians, Challenging Times," The Rev. Randal Gardner will guide this seminar referencing ancient teachings on having faith, hope and love in times of stress. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Suggested donation at the door is \$20. Please [email your RSVP with name\(s\) and the subject line "Retreat"](#).



Dinner with Grace is looking for drivers. This crucial ministry prepares and shares healthy meals with residents at two nearby supportive housing sites managed by Episcopal Community Services. Drivers are needed to transport meals from the cathedral on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. for approximately an hour. Please [email Tracee Zyla, Outreach Ministries Administrator](#), for more information.



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