

*“Let us now praise famous men (sic), our ancestors in their generations...”
Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 44.1*

“On Saturday, September 29, 2018, at 2 PM in Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, the Diocese of New Jersey will offer its Sixth Evensong honoring the ministry of older adults. The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Bradley, Dcn., the co-chair of the Committee for Ministry with Older Adults, will be our preacher. We invite you, your Wardens and Vestry to nominate one or two members age 65 and older (who have not previously been honored by our Diocese at this service) for outstanding leadership, ministry, service, and faith. Your nominees should be accompanied to the Evensong by clergy and other parish leaders as well as by family and friends.”

Dear Friends,

The above announcement came to us over the summer. The vestry discussed it at our July Meeting. Several names were considered (we have such wonderful parishioners, don't we?). And we decided to nominate two very worthy persons. Here are the descriptions I sent in of the couple we nominated; see if you can identify who they are!

Nominee #1 served as Senior Warden (when the current rector was called). In the early 1990's he was in charge of our Heritage Project, which gave a tremendous overhaul to the church building. He was again in charge of our Historic 300th Anniversary Celebration in 2002 – which was a phenomenal year with activities occurring each and every month. He recruited over 90 people to take responsibility for the committees – almost the entire adult congregation. He also coordinated a much bigger event with St. Peter's Freehold and Christ Church, Middletown which took place at Monmouth University. He has also served as an usher, helped in the office, and is involved in just about everything we do around here.

Nominee #2 has been almost as active as her husband. She has served on the vestry and was Altar Guild Directress for many years. She has stepped down from that, but still serves faithfully on the Altar Guild. For many years she was part of a team that served monthly at St. Mark's Soup Kitchen in Keansburg. She bakes for our Christmas Bazaar as well as staffs the Bake Shoppe. In the past, she and her husband hosted our Coffee Hour on numerous occasions. She has also been a great help in the office.

I whole-heartedly recommend them for this honor. Their dedication to not only Christ Church but to the greater Episcopal Church has been life-long.

Did you guess who this power ministry couple is? Yes, you are right! Our beloved Jim and Ann Miller. We have been so blessed to have these faithful Christians in our midst. I have learned immensely from both of them in my tenure here at Christ Church, and they are for me personally, mentors in the Faith.

I do hope you will think about joining us on September 29th as we honor them – and the many others from our parishes – who are the backbones (and the hearts!) of our churches. Please let us know if you would like to attend (we need to send an RSVP with the numbers). For those who might be interested in carpooling, we will meet at the parking lot of Christ Church at 12:30 pm.

Peace,

Mother Lisa+