

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER EPISCOPAL



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Redeemer at dawn taken by professional photographer, John Marelli



OUR MISSION

The Church of the Redeemer is a Christian Liberation Community in the Episcopal tradition. We experience God as justice among all people and as wholeness within ourselves. Our mission is to seek God's justice and wholeness for this Earth and all its inhabitants.

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We are one family...



Quotes
from
parishioners:



"This is my family of choice... a place where I am connected to the sacred"

"It is a welcoming, safe place where I am celebrated for who I am ... where all partnerships are affirmed"

"I sense a creative movement in the beauty of the people and the building."

Such creative movement led us to birth the Creation Season. First celebrated here in 1990, it has spread throughout the world. Reconciliation Season came to be in 2000. We also celebrate Liberation Sundays of: Martin Luther King * Gay and Lesbian * Recovery * Holocaust * Women's Journeys * Men's Journeys

Photo of *Safe House* frontal used during Reconciliation Season stating Redeemer *"is a safe place for all."*



Recognitions:

In 1996, Redeemer was named "church of the year" by the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, as "an ecclesiastical haven for those who have felt themselves to be outside the scope of traditional religious care."

In 2000, Bishop John Spong referred to Redeemer saying "...they have broken the mold of convention to transform themselves into islands where future dreams of what a church can be are born ..."

In 2001: Redeemer was named one of 300 outstanding Protestant parishes in the US in a Lilly Endowment study.

We live our mission within our own family...



Through our Liturgy:

Using fully inclusive language
Holding hands during the Lord's Prayer
All speaking the words of Institution
50+ people serving every Sunday
Actively involved Worship Committee
Celebrating 8:00 am Rite II Eucharist

Through our Youth:

Sunday School
Outreach Projects
Jr. and Sr. Youth Groups



Through our small groups:

Men's * Women's * Healing Prayer *
Partners' * Adult Forum * Zen Meditation
All groups "create a sense of connection with
the sacred and the people of Redeemer"

Through our commitment to Radical Inclusivity:

"All are welcomed and celebrated in this
place!" We have a strong commitment to
diversity of race, class and gender.
We were the first in the Diocese to bless
same sex unions.

Through our Choir:

"We are an intentional,
integral part of the service"
A year round vested
presence.



*Through our \$1 million plus Capital
Campaign success and commitment to
stewardship*

We live our mission within the world...



Through Radical Hospitality:

Community Soup Kitchen:

Our most active outreach ministry serves 300+ guests per day and is housed here.



Eric Johnson House: Founded in 1992, our former rectory is now a home for those living with AIDS

Cameroon Committee:

The *Water for Life* and *Food for Life* programs sustain the children of the Good Shepherd Home in Bamenda, Cameroon.



AA, NA & more: Redeemer hosted the first New Jersey church based AA meeting and continues to host meetings today.

Serendipity Stitchers:

To date, 565 scarves have been hand knit by the group for our soup kitchen guests.



Animal Ministry: Seeks justice for *all* Earth's inhabitants.

Environmental Concerns Group: Identifies environmental concerns and acts on them.

Peace Site: Works together on local and international peace and justice issues.

Operation Love: An Ecumenical effort that provides Christmas to those in need.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying to the people of God...



We call our next Rector with expectancy and openness to what will be....

"We are a people who are open to exploration"

"We offer a safe space for education and camaraderie"

"We want help with the discernment of gifts (money, spirituality, ministry)"



"We are open to the possibilities of what Redeemer can be – possibilities that are just starting to crack open."

"We strive to nurture community contemplativeness"



"We want to continue on a cutting edge path"



"We want to widen our embrace of marginalized groups"

"We are a place where radical hospitality is lived"

"We want to be the inclusive church"

"We value an expansive vision of the church's gifts for future worship"

"We are dynamic, not static, nor resting on our laurels"



"We honor being pushed out of our comfort zone"

Our children tell us our next Rector should be...



"...funny, smart, creative, nice, active, entertaining, supportive of children, someone who likes to be herself/himself, able to give good advice and listen to children."



To this wisdom, we add our voices...



our next rector should be someone who is:

- ✧ an effective preacher who makes us think outside the box on liturgical and social issues*
- ✧ a firm believer in equality and justice for every human being*
- ✧ good at executing and implementing the business of running a parish but also able to set boundaries*
- ✧ a shepherd to all kinds of individuals*
- ✧ able to help focus/stir the congregation into new directions and effective action*

Interested?

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