

2021 Annual Meeting Speakers



Bridget Schank – *Storyteller*

Rabble-rouser and Community Builder



A former community organizer and lobbyist, Bridget has been telling stories for social change for the past 20 years. She chose to stay home full time when her son, Jack, had a liver transplant in 2011. Bridget's husband, Tim was the living organ donor. Bridget is deeply committed to community service and sits on the Boards of Directors for Teen Parent Connection and Arlington Cares. She loves to travel but hates to pack, played women's football at Notre Dame and bakes a mean strawberry rhubarb pie. Bridget has performed at storytelling shows around the city including First Person Live, Truth Be Told, Soul Stories, Story Sessions and Story Collider and the Moth Storyslam. Bridget lives in Arlington Heights with her husband Tim, daughter, Gracie, son, Jack, and her aggressively affectionate golden retriever, Corby.

Hope Pavich – *Executive Director*

Care For Friends – a partner agency of Episcopal Charities

2021 ECW Outreach Partner



Hello,

I'm Hope Pavich and I have been the Executive Director at Care For Friends (CFF) for the last two and half years. At CFF, we provide fundamental food, clothing and healthcare programs for individuals in Chicago experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

I've dedicated my career to working in the nonprofit sector. Prior to Care For Friends, I worked as a Program Director at Greenheart Travel, where I was responsible for the oversight, growth and development of international youth programs. I also worked as a Program Coordinator at the Vietnamese Migrant Workers and Brides Office, where I worked with partner organizations and government officials to research, develop and facilitate recreational programs for victims of human trafficking in shelters and detention centers.

My interest in working with Chicago communities began when I first started working at the Marriott Foundation. With them, I worked with Chicago Public Schools, Chicago employers, and inner-city youth.

I received my B.A. from St. Norbert College (2004), and my M.A. from the School for International Training (2010) with a concentration in Intercultural Service, Leadership, and Management. Although I love traveling, Chicago has my heart. I currently live in the Albany Park neighborhood with my fiancé, Cristian, and I enjoy spending time with my step-daughter, and my three siblings and their families. The rest of my downtime is filled with watching movies, taking very long walks as my mind wanders, eating anything & everything, and listening to podcasts.

I'm committed to connecting people experiencing housing and food insecurity to crucial resources. I'm motivated everyday by the people that we serve. They are what give me strength to lead and inspire me to continue to help empower others.

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy – *Rector*

St. Paul and the Redeemer Episcopal Church,

Speaker & Celebrant



Catherine became the seventh rector of St. Paul & the Redeemer in March 2019. She is a Chicago native and a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, Swarthmore College, and Harvard Divinity School. Catherine is also a past Lambda Literary fellow, an AmeriCorps alum, and a lifelong Girl Scout. When not riding her bike or praying in her “home chapel” (it’s just a broom closet with candles in it), she loves brainstorming with SPR members about new ways to mobilize the church in the service of God’s radical vision for creation. Catherine shares her life and apartment with her wife, Heather, and their daughter, Mary Clare.