

**Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral**  
**2023 Vestry Retreat on Tuesday, February 28th**  
***A Business Action Item***

The 2023 Vestry Retreat was held via Zoom teleconference beginning at 5:30 p.m. One business item requiring action by the Vestry was addressed and voted upon during this meeting with the following members:

**Vestry Members via teleconference:** The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse (Dean), Candy McDowell (Sr. Warden), Michael Thomas (Jr. Warden), Sharon Cheers, Sara Copeland, Blain Lagergren, Julie Brogno, Ron Michka, Pat Decker, Mathias Nichols, Paula Livingston-Lewis

**Absent:** Kay Woolley, Valerie Johnson (Clerk)

Supporting statements provided to the Vestry via email by Ron Michka included:

The Choir has a long-standing reputation and is an extremely valuable part of Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral. The choir members and musicians are appreciated by the vestry and members of the Cathedral. The 2024 UK Choir Trip will reflect well on our Cathedral both locally and in the UK. The expected cost of the trip is estimated at \$80,000 for 20 members. The major portion of fundraising amounting to \$57,000 for the trip has already been completed; and the choir members will work to raise an additional \$14,000 through fundraisers. The Faeth Music Fund is a restricted gift to specifically support the music programs at GHTC. This fund is financially sound showing significant increases in value in January 2023\*.

\* From February Vestry meeting packet  
Balance Sheet, Line 1370 - Faeth Music Investment - Commerce  
Jan 2023 = \$2,135,986.84  
Dec 2022 = \$2,042,076.45

At the Vestry Retreat, Ron Michka moved that Grace & Holy Trinity provide up to \$10,000 to support the 2024 UK Choir Trip, with funds being withdrawn as needed from the Faeth Endowment Fund (Line #1370 in balance sheet). This was seconded by Sara Copeland. Discussion followed and was voted upon by those in attendance. The motion carried with one opposed and one abstention.

*This documentation was completed based upon the AV recording of February 28, 2023, and content of email communications sent to the Vestry prior to the retreat. The documentation was approved during the Regular Vestry Meeting on July 27, 2023.*

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Blanco Johnson, Clerk