



September 14, 2017

At its regular meeting of September 13, 2017, the Vestry of the Christ Church Cathedral (Cincinnati) commenced consideration of Dean Gail Greenwell's challenge to consider how our faith community should address memorials to confederate figures.

The Vestry believes that a proper response requires an active period of discernment. To this end, the Vestry plans to undertake the following activities in the immediate future:

1. The Vestry will host an educational event to explore the contextual historical significance of these memorials and discern their impact on present day members of the Cathedral Community. This event will be open to the public and we will partner with an academic historian.
2. After this educational event, the Vestry will facilitate a conversation for the members of the Cathedral Community to get feedback on how they would like to see the issues addressed. At this time, the Vestry believes it will have the input necessary to make final determinations.
3. While the above two initiatives are occurring, a task force, empowered by the Vestry, will consider and propose how others recognize heroes of the anti-slavery and racial justice movements. Local abolitionists and those critical to the Underground Railroad should, in our opinion, be given special consideration.

*Submitted on September 13, 2017, by Senior Warden, Don Lane, and Junior Warden, Julie Kline, respectively.*