



January 21, 2016

To Parish Clergy/Warden(s):

The Aging and Life Planning Network is preparing for a Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples married fifty years or more. This event will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, CT on **Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.**

Committee Members:

Sue Balla
St. Paul's, Brookfield
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Bishops Ian T. Douglas and Laura J. Ahrens, will be there to celebrate with you at this service. It will include the renewal of marriage vows and presentation of commemorative certificates to all couples. A reception will follow.

Rachael Desmond
St. James's, West Hartford
860-232-1930

The purpose of this celebration is multiple:

1. To honor couples who have realized this milestone.
2. To publicly emphasize the vows the church holds up in marriage.
3. To be an inspiration to others.

Betsy Hendricks
Trinity, Newtown
203-744-3613

We are asking parish clergy/senior wardens to provide names and addresses of couples who were married on or before December 31, 1966. We would also like to recognize those same-sex couples who have been together for 50 years and are now married. Please submit names by Friday, April 15, 2016 to the attention of Suzanne DeMerchant either by email at sdmerchant@episcopalct.org or by regular mail to The Episcopal Church in Connecticut, The Commons, 290 Pratt Street – Box 52, Meriden, CT 06450.

Dana Kessler
St. Paul's, Windham
860- 456-2828

Curt Symes
Trinity, Newtown
203- 426-0186

The Bishops will extend an invitation to each couple including registration and event details. You will receive a copy of the information. Please find enclosed a flyer ready for posting and which can be used as a bulletin insert. An electronic copy can also be sent to your parish upon request.

Bishop Laura J. Ahrens
The Commons, Meriden
203-639-3501, X109

Your kindness in providing us with the information requested is very much appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this event, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Yours in Christ,

Network for Aging and Life Planning



*The Episcopal Church in Connecticut
Network for Aging and Life Planning*

Announces plans for the upcoming 2016

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

This event will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 3:00 pm at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut.

Mark your parish calendars and identify couples who have either reached or will reach this significant milestone in 2016.

If you are interested in participating in the celebration, please give your name and address by April 15 to your parish priest, who will forward your information to Suzanne DeMerchant at The Commons. If you have any questions, please contact a committee member or call Suzanne at (203) 639-3501, X108 or email sdmerchant@episcopalct.org