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**PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY TO CONSECRATE
THE REV. MATTHEW HEYD
AS BISHOP COADJUTOR
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEW YORK**



Special focus on Reparations, Climate Justice, and Economic Justice

New York (XXX) – The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, will ordain and consecrate the Rev. Matthew Heyd to be Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of New York **on May 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th St.).**

Heyd was elected by clergy and lay delegates of the Diocese at a special Diocesan convention in December 2022. The Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, the first Black woman to be Dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union, will preach at the consecration service.



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Heyd, formerly rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest on the Upper East Side, will join Bishops Shin, Glasspool, and Dietsche before becoming Diocesan Bishop in 2024. He will be the 17th Bishop of the Diocese of New York.

Together with the bishops, Heyd has called for continued emphasis on the justice work the Diocese has undertaken under Bishop Dietsche's leadership. Bishop Dietsche will retire in 2024. Heyd has identified the work of reparations, environmental justice, and economic justice as the three priorities for this coming year as he begins his time as Bishop Coadjutor.

The Diocese of New York includes 182 congregations in a section of New York State that extends from Staten Island in the south to the Ulster town of Saugerties in the north, taking in Rockland, Westchester, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, Sullivan, and Ulster counties, and the New York City boroughs of the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island. The consecration preparation and service include contributions from across the Diocese, and will follow the theme "Many Threads, One Fabric." Learn more at: <https://consecration23.diocesenyc.org>.

Representatives of the press are invited to interview Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and the Rev. Matthew Heyd on Friday, May 19. Please reach out to nrichardson@diocesenyc.org (tel: 212-316-7520; cell: 917-838-1062) to schedule an interview. There will be a press platform and multibox available for media at the consecration service on Saturday, May 20.

The consecration service will also be available to livestream on the Cathedral of St. John the Divine's website, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. For more info, visit <https://www.stjohndivine.org/calendar/44821/ordination-and-consecration-of-the-bishop-coadjutor>.

About the Diocese

The Episcopal Diocese of New York encompasses 192 worshipping communities in the boroughs of Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island in New York City; and the New York counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester. Extending from Tottenville, Staten Island, in the south, well over 100 miles to rural Callicoon, Sullivan County, in the northwest, the diocese covers the 4,739 urban, suburban and rural square miles in ten of the state's southeastern counties: New York City's boroughs of Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island; and Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan. Within these boundaries, the Diocese beyond New York City is divided into two regions—Region II and the Mid-Hudson Region—and is divided throughout into 21 geographical deaneries, each of which is called a "Clericus."



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The members of our far-flung diocese's congregations represent the entire spectrum of the diverse local population, regularly holding services in 12 languages: Akan, American Sign Language, Bontoc, Chinese, Creole, English, French, Igbo, Japanese, Korean, Malayalam and Spanish.

New York is one of more than 100 dioceses in the 1.6 million member U.S.-wide Episcopal Church, which is itself a constituent member of the approximately 77 million member worldwide Anglican Communion.

About The Cathedral

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership.

People from many faiths and communities worship together in daily services held online and in person; the soup kitchen serves roughly 50,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs to safely provide resources and aid to the hardest-hit New Yorkers; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Advancing the Community of Tomorrow, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

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