

## Think on These Things

In May, St. Paul's hosted a gathering of chaplains, heads of school, and teachers of religion, who visited for a spring convocation, *Think on These Things: The Twenty-first Century Episcopal School*. Celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Chapel, participants revisited Paul Tillich's 1956 essay, "Theology of Education."

Convocation participants also viewed a Chapel art exhibition entitled "...which continues in heaven." Artwork submitted by the Artists Registry of the Episcopal Church & Visual Arts reflected on the SPS motto, "Let us learn those things on earth, the knowledge of which continues in heaven."

The event began with an evensong by the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles. Bishop Glasspool spoke about "unlocking the treasures of the heart" and the existential and spiritual opportunities of "dealing with death" and "living life."

Other presenters included Dr. Paul Knitter (Union Theological Seminary), the Rev. F. Washington "Tony" Jarvis (Yale Divinity School), Dr. Lisa Kimball (Virginia Theological Seminary), the Most Rev. Frank Griswold '55 (former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church), Dr. Serena Beeks (Commission on Schools in the Diocese of Los Angeles), and former SPS faculty member the Rev. Preston Hannibal (Bishop

Walker School in Washington, D.C.).

At a Friday Eucharist, the Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, bishop of New Hampshire, spoke of the role Episcopal schools play in raising up responsible, faithful leaders committed to the work of discipleship, informed civil discourse, and genuine understanding.

Organized by the Rev. Michael Spencer, SPS dean of chapel, the convocation drew an audience that included School faculty members, staff, and students. "The discussion was robust and spirited," Spencer said, adding the hope that the event "contributed to an ongoing and fruitful discussion of the character, purpose, and mission of Episcopal schools."

## Form Plaques

Over Anniversary Weekend, the School dedicated wooden plaques carved by Lisa Laughy for the Forms of 1994, 1999, 2004, and 2013.



# 1994

The boys crew won the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Henley, an accomplishment represented in the vertical design element of the plaque. In the background is Kehaya House, dedicated in January 1994. A compass in the upper left represents the Thompson Island Outward Bound trip, made in the fall of 1993. The upper right features the South African flag, adopted in April 1994. This symbol, combined with the ribbon in the lower sections, marks the end of Apartheid. Carved into the ribbon is an excerpt from Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world."



# 1999

This plaque represents changes in St. Paul's leadership. The book spines identify them: "X" for Tenth Rector David V. Hicks, "I" for Interim Rector Clifford J. Gillespie, and "XI" for Eleventh Rector Craig B. Anderson. The bookends, with inkwells and quills, honor the establishment of the Schlesinger Writer-in-Residence program. The upper left celebrates NE championships for girls volleyball and cross country. The "G" on the computer key in the upper right refers to the incorporation of Google in 1998, while the bottom left signifies the March 1999 Drury dorm fire. A rainbow flag with "GSA" marks the founding of the Gay-Straight Alliance, inspired by the Chapel speech of Dustin Brauneck '99.



# 2004

A wild boar is central to the 2004 plaque, representing the 2002 revitalization of the Boar's Head dinner tradition by members of the Form of 2004. In the upper left is the State of Massachusetts, divided into rainbow-colored stripes, to signify the state's pioneering passage of marriage equality on May 17, 2004. The right side features the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup displayed with the Henley-on-Thames coat of arms, representing the boys crew win at Henley. The Democratic donkey occupies the bottom left, honoring the presidential run of John Kerry '62.



# 2013

The central design element of the plaque celebrates four consecutive years of members of the Form of 2013 earning the Hugh Camp Cup. The upper left carries the symbol for Old Hundred, winners of the 2013 Club Cup competition. In the upper center, a granite paving stone carved with "100%" represents the form's full participation in the Alumni Fund. A blue and yellow "Boston Strong" ribbon in the upper right honors the victims of the April 15, 2013, Boston Marathon bombing. The center background depicts the Bogle-Lechner field, dedicated on September 29, 2012.