



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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## **A CHRONOLOGY OF INCLUSION**

- 1882 All Saints Church formed as a mission.
- 1890s High church versus low church debate nearly tears congregation apart.
- 1936 Rector Frank Scott abolishes rented pews. Parish develops a progressive reputation.
- 1942 Scott fights relocation of Japanese-Americans to internment camps.
- 1957 Women serve on the vestry under Rector John Burt; Burt preaches against racism, meets with Martin Luther King, Jr. and brings Cesar Chavez to the Rector's Forum.
- 1967 Rector George Regas installed and introduces use of printed liturgies in place of prayer book.
- 1971 Regas preaches anti-war sermon, "Mr. President, The Jury is In," which is published in the Los Angeles Times; Peace Operations Center established.
- 1973 Regas appoints Leonard Beerman as All Saints' Rabbi in Residence
- 1974 Regas leads two-year effort by the Coalition for the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood; Union Station founded.
- 1975 Elizabeth Morton appointed first woman senior warden.
- 1978 Kathleen Dale hired as first woman priest at All Saints.
- 1980 Inclusive language task force adopts use of inclusive language in liturgy.
- 1982 Regas preaches on abortion followed by three-woman response in the Forum.
- 1984 All Saints declares itself a Sanctuary for Central American refugees; The Office of Creative Connections (OCC) is established as a gift to the City of Pasadena
- 1986 All Saints AIDS Service Center created
- 1987 The first African-American priest at All Saints, Lorentho Wooden, is hired; the All Saints vestry passes a resolution declaring All Saints a "Peace Church" and issued a strategy for peacemaking.
- 1989 All Saints declares itself a prayerfully pro-choice church.

- 1990 Regas preaches “God, Sex and Justice” on homosexuality, announcing his intention to bless same-sex covenants; OCC launches Young & Healthy, a healthcare program providing free, quality health care services to uninsured children through a network of volunteer health professionals
- 1991 Regas blesses the first same-sex covenant; Muslims, Jews and Christians unite in opposition to first Gulf War; COLORS (Christians Offering Love to Overcome Racism in Society) and GALAS (Gays and Lesbians at All Saints) are founded
- 1992 Partnership established with Praises of Zion Church in Los Angeles following Los Angeles’ civic unrest.
- 1993 Coalition for a Non-Violent City founded; parish declares itself a Sanctuary for Children.
- 1995 Under the leadership of new rector, Ed Bacon, The Inclusion Task Force is established and charged with articulating a theology of inclusion.
- 1998 Beyond Inclusion is founded and its first conference held in April.
- 1999 New Vision Partners founded to advance a peace and justice agenda from an interfaith basis; for the first time both junior and senior wardens (Elsie Sadler and Anina Minotto Gadd) are women; All Saints Church begins intentional work with VISIONS, Inc. to teach skills in multiculturalism; OCC names lead organization in Pasadena for planning and implementation of CORAL (Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning) – a statewide out-of-school initiative focused on improving student academic achievement.
- 2000 Vestry gives voice and vote to first official youth Vestry member (Edmund Roberts)
- 2001 All Saints is the site of Los Angeles’ post 9-11 interfaith prayer services.
- 2002 All Saints and Temple Kol Tikvah co-sponsor an interfaith seder; Peace & Justice Multiculturalism Task Force established; All Saints joins with other Episcopal justice organizations and leaders to form “Claiming the Blessing” (CTB): a collaborative ministry focused on securing equal rights for gays and lesbians.
- 2003 Bacon and Regas are arrested on Ash Wednesday protesting the American invasion of Iraq at the Los Angeles Federal Building; CTB leads movement at General Convention to approve blessing same-sex covenants; Vestry passes a resolution against the second Iraq war and publishes it in the Pasadena Star News; Inaugural Transformational Journey includes adults and youth from All Saints and the community (through CORAL) to the Mexican border with Borderlinks.
- 2004 Continuing in the All Saints peace tradition, Regas preaches “If Jesus Debated Senator Kerry and President Bush” October 31: the Sunday before the presidential election.
- 2005 All Saints priest Susan Russell is part of national Episcopal Church deputation charged with making the case for inclusion to the Anglican Communion at the Nottingham meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council