



The Triangle of Hope is a covenantal community of prayer, activism, repentance, reconciliation and mission between the Diocese of Liverpool, the Diocese of Kumasi in Ghana and the Diocese of Virginia, USA.



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Your regular update from the Triangle of Hope (Liverpool)

SankofaNews

Tsedaqah House Update

Tsedaqah House, based at Liverpool Cathedral continues to thrive, with residents from three continents living in community, to a common rule and in diverse pastoral placements. We said goodbye as a community to Charlotte who completed her year and returned home to the US. Christi successfully applied to extend her stay in Tsedaqah House (until August 2023) Albert and Derby remain until August 2024.

Below: Charlotte shown with Derby, Christi Albert and trustees Debra, David and Suzanne.



Triangle of Hope Youth Pilgrimage: Liverpool 2023

Thirty-nine young people are preparing to gather in Liverpool this July and August. Please remember them and their leaders in your thoughts and prayers as final arrangements are made. Their itinerary includes a visit to Lambeth Palace and USPG in London, and a very full programme of engagement, activities and services whilst in Liverpool. Travel commences from the various parts of the Triangle on 23rd July, and trips home begin on 3rd August.

There is a special evensong taking place at Liverpool Cathedral to which all Triangle of Hope supporters are invited. This will take place on Sunday 30th July at 3pm. NB Car parking charges apply at the cathedral.

We are very grateful indeed to all those who have made this pilgrimage possible and to all those contributing to the programme including Mr Stephen Mannings, Director of Music at Liverpool Cathedral, Dean Sue Jones and the cathedral chapter, Liverpool Hope University, Rebecca Richardson and the Liverpool leaders' group, Hope Primary School, The International Slavery Museum, In Another Place, churches and clergy throughout the diocese, LIVV Housing, ARK Travel. For further updates visit www.thetriangleofhope.com



News from **Felicity** (shown here with her father, Ven Joseph Osei) Since leaving Tsedaqah House, Felicity has lived in Aberdeen where she has completed an MSc in Global Health Management. She is continuing her study with a view to working as a Physicians Associate in 2025. She is an active member of a church in Aberdeen where she sings, preaches and helps lead children's ministry. She is very active on social media, using platforms like Facebook for evangelism and witness, using her experiences to respond to questions about God and the difference Jesus makes. Felicity took part in the Triangle of Hope conference in January where she shared about how significant her experience as a member of Tsedaqah has been.

Congratulations Emma and Corey!

We were delighted to hear from Emma Schauf (Tsedaqah 2017-2018) who recently got engaged to Corey Simmons on May 7th. Corey met Emma in 2017 and made two trips to Liverpool during Emma's year of mission. They hope to be married in the autumn of 2025.

We pray for Emma and Corey as they make their marriage preparations and for their future together.



Congratulations Sam and Emilia!

Sam writes, "Life as a dispersed member of the Tsedaqah Community has continued to take shape for me as I settle into married life with Emilia (shown right) and continue my studies at Emmanuel Theological College in Liverpool. I am now coming to the end of my second year of three and remain on track to be made deacon at Petertide 2024 (God-willing). I have been stretched and challenged by the various academic modules I have taken at college and continue to be formed by my experiences in my placement context in Wavertree.



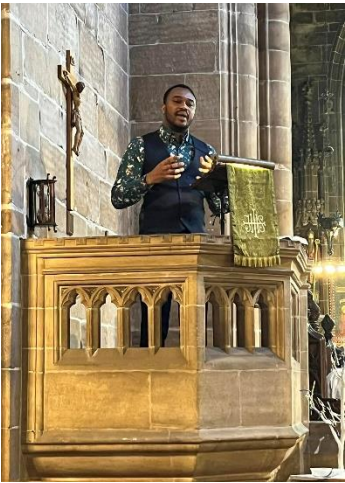
This is all helping to prepare me for what will hopefully be a long ministry to come. I am pleased to currently be the least geographically dispersed member of the Tsedaqah Community, as I only happened to move 3 doors further down the close when I left Tsedaqah House for the second time last August! This has allowed me to continue to build relationships with the Tsedaqah residents and keep linked in with the life of the community.

I was particularly pleased to have several of my Tsedaqah housemates join me at my wedding in September, as pictured. I rejoice in being a dispersed member of the community and remain steadfast in praying for more justice and mercy in our world and humbleness in our walk with God."

MERCIFUL GOD,
Pour down your Spirit on Bishop Bev, Bishop Oscar
and Bishop Mark as they steer the leadership of The
Triangle of Hope. We seek your strength and wisdom,
and the peace which comes beyond our human
understanding, and that love which never ends.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Derby's Blog <https://derbyttsedaqah-yasc-livpcuk.blogspot.com/>
Christi's Blog <https://cunninghaminliverpool.blogspot.com/>
Albert's Blog <https://albertattsedaqah.blogspot.com/>

Each of our residents are given time each Friday to reflect and blog upon their experiences. Do follow us on Facebook too for our latest photographs and news.



There's always something happening in The TseDAQah Community, from weddings to worship, community meals to consecrations, prayer to parties. Here are a selection of our most recent photographs including a lovely picture from Sophie's wedding which the community attended (Sophie is a member of The Liverpool Diocese Ministry Experience Scheme).

The Slavery Truth Project And Liverpool Cathedral

In the last edition of Sankofa News, we introduced the Slavery Truth Project. In this edition, we focus on how this is being worked out across Liverpool Diocese and in particular, how it is helping Liverpool Cathedral educate and engage with racism, slavery and their legacies.

You can find out more about this by visiting <https://liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/about-us/our-policies-and-practices/justice-and-mercy-commitments/slavery-truth-project/>

A Statement from Liverpool Cathedral (from their website)

We acknowledge...

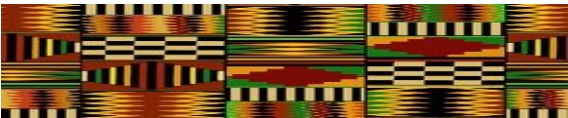
That we can do more to work towards racial justice and engage with the realities of our contested heritage. There are many of us in our Cathedral company and those who visit who remain ignorant of the trade in enslaved Africans and how the church here in Liverpool was complicit. Our churches and Cathedral, in similar fashion to many locations in our city region, provide homes to trophies from this triangle of despair.

So, together, as a Cathedral company, we need to find a way of educating and engaging in both the historical roots of racism and the present-day challenges so that this opportunity for mission, justice, spiritual growth, vocational discernment and mobilisation isn't missed.

The Tsedaqah Prayer

Circle us, O loving Father,
with your hope, that we may do justice.
Circle us, O Christ our Saviour,
with your hope, that we may love mercy.
Circle us, O Holy Spirit, with your hope,
that we may walk humbly with
you. Amen.

This prayer, written by members whilst on retreat in Lindisfarne, forms part of our daily 'rule of life' As the word 'circle' is prayed, those gathered are invited to make a circle above their heads.



Deepening Connections with USPG

We are very thankful indeed for our longstanding connections with USPG, and for the emerging sense of strategic partnership with them across the projects and aspirations of The Triangle of Hope. At the recent Triangle of Hope conference in Liverpool, USPG were welcomed on to the international board, and at a recent USPG conference in Yarnfield, three members of the Tsedaqah Community were invited to lead worship and contribute to sessions. In July, the youth pilgrimage group will meet at USPG headquarters for worship, prayer and engagement with staff.

USPG shares much with The Triangle of Hope in term of history, context and commitment to transforming the triangle of despair.

For further information visit <https://www.uspg.org.uk/about/history/history.php>

Find out more...

If having read this brief update you wish to find out more about the work of [The Triangle of Hope](http://thetriangleofhope.com), please do contact any of the people featured in this newsletter. Canon Malcolm Rogers MBE is The Bishop's Canon for Reconciliation and handles any official enquiries or invitations. His email is malcolm.rogers@liverpool.anglican.org We rely on prayer and donations from our supporters. Please visit thetriangleofhope.com for more details.

Greetings from Chicago to the Tsedaqah Community and Supporters!

The months since I left the UK and returned to the United States have been a whirlwind. Since October, I've been employed at the Church of the Holy Comforter, an Episcopal Church in the northern Chicago Suburbs, first as the Operations Manager, and now as their Ministry Associate. That means I've been handling all kinds of church work, from finances and HR to technology and buildings to preaching and teaching. Holy Comforter is a large parish with an attached preschool and so it is a fun and noisy place to work. It's been a blessing to be back in the Episcopal Church, to be close to friends and family, and to be entering the discernment process in the Diocese of Chicago. Catherine continues to enjoy her work with the L'Arche community in Chicago. I pray for the Triangle of Hope daily, and I wish you all well as you strive for transformation, construct community, and magnify love in your contexts. If you would like to pray for me, please pray for my discernment - that I may ever more clearly hear God's voice. I wish you all the best. --Ian



From Canon Debra Walker Chair of Trustees, Tsedaqah House

As you will see from this Sankofa newsletter we have a lot to celebrate! In addition to the engagements and weddings, it's wonderful to hear how our dispersed members are continuing to serve God as witnesses to His love and working out their Gospel principles in acts of social justice. The Tsedaqah community have just completed their first full year as a registered charity, strengthening our financial position and bringing both stability and clarity of vision to those who wish to know more about our work.

Due to travel difficulties, our 2022/23 residents have both started and completed their work with us at different months throughout the year. It's been great working and journeying with our 4 residents and we are particularly grateful to their placement supervisors. It's been a privilege to have residents placed at the Cathedral, Liverpool Parish Church, St Luke's in the City and Adelaide House. We have also been privileged to continue our partnership working with the MICAHA Foodbank and the LAUDA project (working with the Roma community).

Our Residents have also embraced local community life. Derby plays in the local police band, some have tried 'wall climbing' and ice skating along with visits to concerts and theatres. They recently attended an inspiring and challenging USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) conference where they led a powerful and meaningful worship session that was well received on the theme of Racial Justice.

So as we celebrate and give thanks for God's blessings over the past year, I would like to thank our residents, supervisors, trustees and supporters for their steadfast commitment and encouragement and to join with them in eager anticipation to the year ahead as we pray for God's blessing upon us in our work to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with Him.

All members of The Triangle of Hope wish to record their congratulations to Canon Debra on her 'Woman of the Year' Award, bestowed by The Josephine Butler Trust. What a thoroughly well deserved and appropriate honour for someone so committed to the wellbeing of others throughout the world.



Nelson writes...

Since dispersing from the residential Community in 2021, after serving two years as Cathedral Assistant, Nelson has this past June been accepted as a Postulant for Holy Orders to the Priesthood in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, and will begin a Master of Divinity degree at Berkeley at Yale Divinity School this fall. Between dispersing and postulancy, Nelson has worked as a public librarian in his hometown of Rockport, MA, as well as the Conference Coordinator for the Global Episcopal Mission Network of the Episcopal Church, assisting in the production of two international mission conferences in 2022 and 2023. He also continues to serve as the Honorary Research Fellow of Liverpool Cathedral, and is currently at work on three new academic research papers about the impact of Covid-19 on US Episcopal Clergy. Two previous papers are currently awaiting publication, and he previously published a paper while still in

Liverpool: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13617672.2021.1914914>. In his spare time, Nelson continues to enjoy British television and murder mysteries. He is directed in all things by his soft toy animal companions, Scruffy (a dog), Alan (an elephant), Muffy (a cat), Norbert (a puppy), and Whaley (an Orca Whale), and helps take care of the family dog, Wilfred.

Kate Jewett-Williams lives

In Tucson, Arizona with her wife who married in March 2021. In January 2022 she took simple vows as member of the Order of Benedictine Canons, OSBCn. Currently she works as an Integration Engineer for PayPal and serves on the Bishop's Committee for St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tucson. She enjoys going on hikes to visit trees and grass that are not found in the desert.



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We are coming to that point in the year when I start to feel a mixture of emotions. Sad, because members of the community will once again disperse and begin the next stage in their Jesus adventure all across the world. That of course is thrilling as well as saddening, but I won't lie –the trustees find this a wrench just as much as the community members I think. Saying that, you've read in this newsletter about some of our dispersed members and we are hoping to strengthen our links as an entire community – residential and dispersed as the years go on (if you are a dispersed member do keep in touch, and if you want to join us for a community meal sometime by zoom, do let me know!)

Towards the end of August there will be some building works taking place in Tsedaqah House. The cramped dining and kitchen area is being modified to improve floorspace, and the patio area to the rear of the property is being re-levelled and expanded.

Moving forwards, we are looking forward to building a new residential community, and invite your prayers for Albert, Derby (who both return for a second year), Liam and George. The countries/cities represented include Kumasi, Ghana; Haiti (Episcopal Church – YASC); Virginia USA and Liverpool, UK.

We are also looking forward to welcoming three or four non-residential young adults as part of the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme.

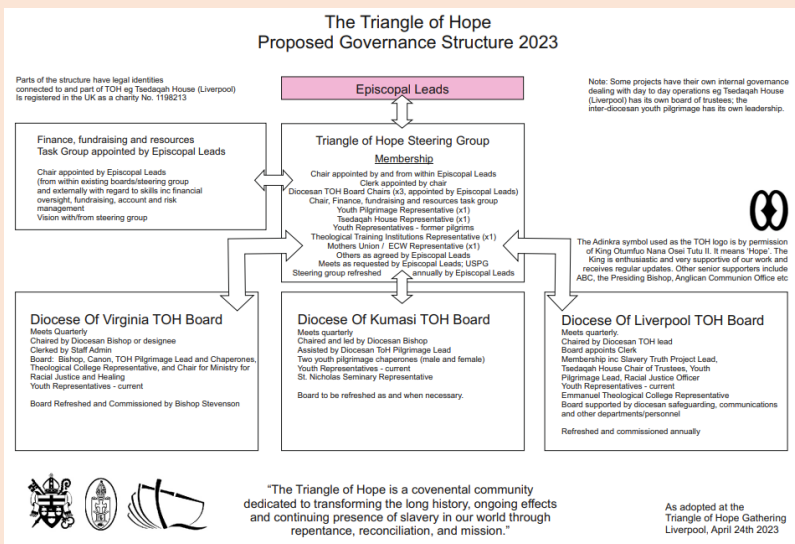
Canon Malcolm Rogers
Liverpool Triangle of Hope Lead and Tsedaqah Trustee
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The Triangle of Hope Conference – April 24, Liverpool.

Written by Canon Malcolm Rogers, Canon for Reconciliation



On April 24th 2023 Triangle of Hope bishops, officers, representatives from partner organisations including Theological Education Institutions and other supporters gathered in Liverpool Cathedral. Thank you as always to the Dean and Chapter for their support and hospitality. The agenda was packed as those coming together from around the world made best use of time. It included morning worship led by members of The Tsedaqah Community and Eucharist at noon with Cathedral staff. There were presentations and workshops including a very significant piece of work on the structure of The Triangle of Hope moving forwards. This is the first time we have had an internationally agreed and formal way of working and governing ourselves, and we were delighted that our new format was agreed unanimously (See below). We thank God for those who went before us and who have laid the foundations to these partnerships, and as we embrace what feels like a Holy Spirit moment of opportunity, we covenant to build on those foundations with love and respect and very much in the spirit of *sankofa*.



Workshops included the Youth Pilgrimage and and also an emerging and very exciting partnership between Emmanuel Theological College, St Nicholas Seminary in Ghana and hopefully Virginia Theological Seminary. Members of staff, supported by The Triangle of Hope are working up plans to deepen their connections and collaboration and in our next newsletter we hope to be able to provide details to how that partnership is developing. Headlines currently include Creation of digital platforms to share resources and support communication; Doing theology together; Publication of scholarly works on Repentance, Restoration, Dignity, Respect and Reconciliation to give Hope to people affected by The Slave Trade; Exchange of staff and students.

By Canon Mal Rogers, Liverpool TOH Lead