

FROM: The Cathedral of St. John the Divine

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**THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
JOINS THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
TO RECEIVE AND VEST THE COMMUNITY AT THE CROSSING**



The Most Reverend Justin Welby will visit NYC to welcome the first cohort to the Cathedral's intentional community

New York (September XX, 2023) After more than a year of preparation and outreach, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine will welcome the first cohort of members in its new ecumenical program for young people, the Community at the Crossing, with a morning of worship including a sermon by The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, **on Sunday, September 24 at 10:30 a.m. inside the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street) in Manhattan.**

The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, is the first among all Bishops of the Anglican Communion, the international community of churches that includes The Episcopal Church, the denomination to which the Cathedral belongs. From its earliest conception, the Community at the Crossing drew inspiration from the Anglican Community of St. Anselm in the United Kingdom, founded by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2015. The Cathedral also found inspiration in the model of Chemin Neuf, a Roman Catholic community with an ecumenical vocation, present in many countries worldwide. In a signal of mutual respect, cooperation, and dialogue, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, and His Holiness Pope Francis recorded video greetings of welcome for the Community at the Crossing's inaugural service in 2022.

The Community at the Crossing's first cohort, who will be welcomed at the Cathedral on September 24, includes members of the Roman Catholic Church, the American Association of Lutheran Churches, the Mennonite Church, the Church of the Nazarene, Pentecostal congregations, and The Episcopal Church. These diverse, promising young leaders will live at

the Cathedral, devoting a year of their lives to reflection, introspection, prayer, and work in the larger NYC community. At the end of their year of prayer and service, these young leaders will return to their secular occupations or religious work, bringing with them a new ethical perspective that will guide their impact in the world.

At the September 24 Eucharist, the cohort will be vested in robes signifying their membership in the Community at the Crossing and officially received into the larger Cathedral community. Later this fall, the members will take part in public dialogues and programs exploring Christian life and belief from multiple perspectives and will lead outreach to New York City churches and institutions, continuing the Community at the Crossing's dedication to cross-cultural, expansive conversations on faith and contemporary life.

For more information on the Community at the Crossing and to RSVP for the September 24 service, [visit the Cathedral's website](#).

About The Cathedral

Over one hundred years ago, the trustees of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine conceived its mission to be a house of prayer for all people, an instrument of church unity, and a center of intellectual light and leading in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Today, as the mother church of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the seat of its bishop, the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine serves the many diverse people of our diocese, city, nation and world through the worship of God; pastoral, educational and community outreach activities; cultural and civic events; international ecumenical initiatives; and the preservation of the great architectural and historic site that is its legacy.