

Trinity Cathedral Connection, June 2009

Hello and blessings in the name of Christ,

My name is the Rev. Dr. Joseph Kovitch, but feel to call me Pastor Joe. I am blessed and honored to serve as the new Lutheran/Episcopal pastor for campus ministry on the campus of Cleveland State and beyond. I will also be serving quarter-time as the development coordinator for the Ohio Lutheran campus minister.

I am very committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a conduit of love and unity and experience this powerfully in building community and celebrating diversity. I seek to build strong networks of conversation and envision new ways of being church in the world. I have found that the university environment is an exciting place to bridge Christ and culture and at the same time find common ground with other faith traditions and religious experiences. We must seek to proclaim the gospel in creative ways that both respect all people and are grounded in the rich traditions of our faith communities. We must also learn to listen and adapt to a changing world with the unchangeable gospel of Christ, and I believe that we begin with the love for God and love for neighbor.

I have worked extensively in social justice and contemplative spirituality, and look forward to continuing work with the college students and forging deeper ministry and relationships with them. I look forward to connecting to all of you as I serve on your behalf and on the behalf of the Lutheran Church. In this covenant, I feel that we are one, just as God is one.

*Peace, Pastor Joe*