

Guidelines for making congregational banners for Christ Church Cathedral

One of the best parts of the interior of Christ Church Cathedral is the banners of the many congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. It tells visitors that they are not just visiting a Cathedral congregation but encountering the whole diocese. It tells Episcopalians from diocesan congregations that when they come to their Cathedral, they are coming home.

Here are some guidelines for your congregation to use in making a banner to be hung in the Cathedral.

1. Finished size

4' x 11'3"

2. Details

Use 4 yards of fabric – 9" remain for the top and bottom hems. The top hem should be at least 4" deep to allow easy passage of the banner pole and knobs. Side hems of 2" or more should be placed in the bottom hem to help banner hang straight. Preferably stitch by hand – ½" stitches adequate. Machine stitching acceptable if bulk can be handled without strain.

3. Material

Felt – especially in the body of the banner. This has been chosen in the interests of total coordination and opacity against the overhead lights and chandeliers.

4. Design

Subject matter optional

Large bold design important as size diminishes radically at 30'

Same design on both sides for better viewing.

Include a symbol for and preferably the name of your church

Note: even some felts can be penetrated by light, so a design that can be perfectly reversed has an advantage. Letters can be dealt with by mounting on a section of the applied design.

5. Color

Optional

6. Description

Brief description should give the contents of the banner design, credits to the persons or groups, and the name of the church including city/town. When bringing the banner to the Cathedral, attach this information to the banner.

Banners will be hung from the railing above the arches in the nave and transepts.

Banner poles will be supplied by the Cathedral.