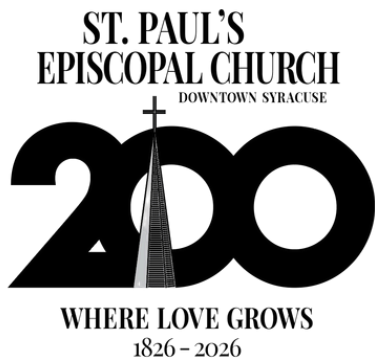


Rev Henry Lockwood

and his outreach to the Onondaga Nation

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On June 14, 1868, the Rector Rev. Henry Lockwood baptized the first Onondaga converts to the Church in forty years, marking a significant moment in the relationship between the parish and the Onondaga Nation. This milestone grew out of a meeting earlier that spring, when the Onondaga Chiefs and principal men met with the Rev. Lockwood. Speaking through a translator, they expressed their desire to “come to our religion,” opening the door to renewed spiritual connection.

In response, Rev. Lockwood prepared and published a sermon in May 1868 titled “A Mission Service for the Six Nations of Indians,” presenting the text in both the traditional Onondaga language and in English. When the baptisms took place, a large gathering of Church members attended, including the Mayor of Syracuse. The organist and choristers of St. Paul’s were also present, offering the chants for the service and underscoring the significance of the occasion.

Source: This is St. Paul’s by Brotherhood of St. Andrew of St Paul’s, 1951 (booklet in OHA collection)

