

**Episcopal Diocese  
of Northern California**

**PROGRAM REPORTS**



## 2022 DIOCESAN CONVENTION | PROGRAM REPORTS

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### MISSION FOR DISASTER RESILIENCE

*Mark G. Dibelka*

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California is the only diocese in the Anglican Communion to have a staff member dedicated to Disaster Resilience. While the statistics connected to wildfire destruction in our diocese this year are lower (so far) than preceding years, this does not mean that the Mission for Disaster Resilience (MDR) has been quiet.

The MDR has provided material and financial support to both long-term recovery (Caldor, Camp, and Dixie Fires), and 2022 fires (McKinney, Mill, Mosquito, and Mountain Fires). Almost all the material support was in the form of Project (Re)Start bins; providing much needed household goods to those people who have been forcibly displaced because of disaster.

*Summary overview of what has been done so far this year by you, the congregations, and the diocese:*

- Coordinate and support monthly Dixie Community picnics for survivors
- Creation of a Caldor Community “Tool Shed” tool lending library (in conjunction with the West Slope Foundation)
- Distribution of Project (Re)Start bins to Caldor, McKinney, Mill, and Mountain Fires
- 145 bins distributed to date
- Participating congregations – Christ Church (Eureka), Christ the King (Quincy), Faith (Cameron Park), Grace (Wheatland), Holy Trinity (Ukiah), St. Alban’s (Arcata), St. Barnabas (Mt. Shasta), St. Francis (Fortuna), St. James’ (Lincoln), St. John’s (Chico), St. John’s (Marysville), St. Luke’s (Galt), St. Michael’s (Alturas), St. Michael’s (Carmichael), St. Paul’s (Sacramento), St. Peter’s (Red Bluff), St. Timothy’s (Gridley), and Trinity (Sutter Creek)
- Enhance mental health outreach for Paradise/Magalia/Concow (in conjunction with Magalia Community Park)
- Pre-planning for disaster (St. Martin’s, Davis, and Trinity Cathedral)
- Rebuilding homes in the Camp Fire recovery zone
- Respond to, and assist with evacuations for the McKinney and Mill Fires

Volunteers are the core of this ministry and we could not have gotten this far without Catherine Maloney (Faith, Cameron Park), Lis Padula (St. Michael’s, Carmichael), and Sherry Wallmark (St. John’s, Chico). Please consider volunteering with us.

### CAMP LIVING WATERS

*Emily Armstrong Buck*

Camp Living Waters 2022 was a celebration of community and fellowship. Our theme this year was 'Space Camp: To Godfinitly, and Beyond!' through which we were invited to explorations across scale: from the quotidian spaces we inhabit to the vastness of God's love. We learned the word "aspergillum" and constructed them from redwood boughs, and kids wrote prayers to bless each physical part of Camp, each area of Cookson Ranch that we have been grateful to share for 28 years. We learned about the Episcopalian astronaut James Lovell who read the Bible to the entire world from the moon in 1968. We tried to put ourselves in his place, seeing our glorious marble from afar, and considering our place here in entirely new terms.

Throughout the week we used Eucharistic Prayer C, or the "Star Trek" prayer, at our morning worship. Worship and Bible Study was overseen and often led by the Very Reverend Sara Potter, with the help of 5 other clergy members throughout the week. We were thrilled to welcome Reverend Canon Julie Wakelee for her first taste of our Camp, and her presence was a delight! Total staff included 11 folks who stayed for the entire week, plus eight staff members who came for part of the week. Final registration tally included 23 kids and two young-adult staff. One third of campers and counselors were financially supported by our donation-enabled scholarships or their home parishes.

The pinnacle for the Camp Coordinator, your humble narrator, is always the gratitude circles each night. Thanks are offered up for everything from the trees, birds, the creek and 'Cindy's mac 'n cheese', to smiles, kindness, community, and belonging. Other highlights included "possibly the best hot cocoa yet" after our annual polar bear swim, and our first deployment of trail cameras which gave us excellent views of mischievous foxes, impressive bears and camera-curious deer.

We continue working to improve our outreach, staffing levels, registration paperwork and administrative procedures along with our programming. One key for us this year is the storage of our gear, whose transport each year is a logistical challenge, and we are working towards a more sustainable solution. We remain extremely grateful for the generous support of the Diocese, and look forward to increasing our numbers and new ways to learn and praise together at Camp Living Waters 2023!

### COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

*By Matt Weiser, St. Paul's, Sacramento*

The Northern California Diocese is beginning a new focus on our precious planet with the formation of a Commission on the Environment. Church leaders voted to form the commission at the 2019 Diocesan Convention. After a delayed start, the commission now meets monthly and is beginning to shape practices to help individual churches do more for the environment, both in their own communities and globally.

The resolution forming the commission recognizes that, in many ways, our lifestyles have had a damaging impact on our environment and the habitats we share with other creatures. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has called on Episcopalians to “love God’s Creation” as God loves the world.

The new Commission on the Environment aims to help take us down this path. We will not issue edicts to churches. Rather, we will become a resource hub. Many churches in the diocese are already engaged in a variety of great environmental efforts, from producing their own solar power to including vegan options at coffee service. Many of these efforts link congregations with neighbors while reducing a church’s environmental footprint.

Numerous General Convention resolutions have called on Episcopalians to heal our planet from threats such as climate change and habitat destruction. They’ve encouraged practices such as energy and water efficiency, and sourcing locally grown food. The commission will examine these resolutions to identify projects for local churches. We will also highlight successful work, connect churches with project experts, and share best practices with those who wish to do more.

Our place in God’s Creation is inexorably linked with that of our neighbors. The Commission on the Environment acknowledges our interdependence with all life and encourages us to collaborate for a better world. Working together with faith and determination, we may be able to heal some of the damage that’s been done.

To participate or learn more, please contact Miriam Casey, Facilitator, at [mlcasey7@yahoo.com](mailto:mlcasey7@yahoo.com)

*(Submitted by The Rev. Canon Tina Campbell who authored the original Resolution but has stepped away from the newly formed Commission.)*

### INDIGENOUS MISSIONER REPORT TO CONVENTION

*The Rev. Canon Tina Campbell*

Covid restrictions continued to impact in-person activities. I attended two gatherings on Zoom. One was Wintertalk, a gathering of persons involved in Indigenous ministry. It was held in Oneida, Wisconsin in January. The other was the annual UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues held in New York City. Both had very limited in-person attendance.

I continue to attend Brad Hauff's (Indigenous Missioner for TEC) weekly Zoom meetings. These are attended by Missioners across the Episcopal Church and are a great source of information and support.

The Annual North American Cathedral Deans Conference was held at Trinity Cathedral in April. Wishing to have a Native presence I contacted the Nisenan Cultural Center in Grass Valley to arrange for some locally produced Notecards to be included in the welcome bags. I was also invited to staff a table at the event to share our work on Land Acknowledgements with the visiting Deans. This was very helpful to those seeking information and in learning from some of the Canadian Deans who have engaged this work for decades.

Much of my effort this year was working with Miriam Casey (Co-Chair of the Commission on Intercultural Ministry) to implement the work of crafting Land Acknowledgements for the Church of the Incarnation in Santa Rosa and Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento. This work was done with consultants from Red Bud Resources, a Native owned organization that works with non-profits and others to improve cultural competency around Indigenous issues and history and to write Land Acknowledgements. This work was funded by the Becoming Beloved Community grant that we received in 2021.

We recruited a team of parishioners at both Incarnation and Trinity and embarked on seven Zoom meetings with Redbud Resources in which we learned about Native culture in Northern California. In these gatherings we discussed history, especially the effects of the Gold Rush, Native practices, food sovereignty and Federal Recognition. We learned where Native organizations were located in our counties and discussed how this knowledge could be shared in our two congregations. Our final meetings were held in July. They were in-person and provided an opportunity to share Land Acknowledgements from other organizations, and then craft one for each of our Churches. We also discussed next steps so that the Acknowledgements might be strengthened by actual conversation and engagement with the Native organizations and people in our parish communities.

My hope moving forward is to see the Cathedral and Incarnation live into the plans and acknowledgements we have made. I also hope to use what I have learned from Redbud to encourage Native engagement and Land Acknowledgements in the Diocese and to connect and learn from congregations already doing important work in Indigenous Ministry.

*Respectfully submitted by The Rev. Canon Tina Campbell, Indigenous Missioner, EDNC*



Above: Members of the Cathedral team, pictured left to right: Kenny Pierce; Don Taylor; Taylor Pennewell pointing to Mar, our Zoom participant; Rose Hammock; Kengo Akiyama; Jim Crouch; Patricia Heinicke; and Deacon Tina Campbell.



Left: Members of the Incarnation team, pictured left to right: Laura McLellan, Rev. Stephen Shaver, Rose Hammock, Taylor Pennewell and Daphne Vernon. Not in photo: Bo Simons, Christy Edmondson, Noemi Ramirez, Paul Mallatt, Sara Joslyn, Linda Sevier.

### THE BELFRY

*Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry to U.C. Davis*

#### **Diocesan Convention Report October 2022**

The Belfry began the academic year in Fall 2021 with many things being new. The on-site portion of the ministry had been largely shut down while the U.C. Davis campus was shut down. There were no continuing student leaders and the Belfry had lost its charter as a student organization. There was also a new Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Portia Hopkins, following the departures of the previous Pastor Casey Dunsworth and Executive Director Emily Hyberg.

We began by feeding dinner to anyone walking by: tacos and burritos one week and lasagna the next. This gathered a few students, so that at our first weekly Thursday Eucharist and dinner there were three students. Weekly worship grew rapidly; by the end of the Fall quarter we had 9 gathered for a Supper Eucharist. By the end of the Winter quarter, we had 16, including a visitation by Episcopal Bishop Megan Traquair. And by the middle of Spring quarter, we regularly had 18 or more.

In Winter quarter, we began to host weekly “Faith and . . .” conversations on topics ranging from Faith and Theology and Faith and How to Read the Bible, to Faith and Climate Change, Faith and Sexuality, and Faith and Identity. Next year, students have requested that we augment the conversations by adding “Queer Bible Study,” a bible study using queer theology and hermeneutics to explore scripture.

Spring quarter has brought even more opportunities for student engagement. For Lent, students participated in making prayer beads at a local bead shop. At the beginning of Spring quarter, we began a weekly Evensong led by students. We hosted Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. For U.C. Davis Picnic Day, we hosted a labyrinth walk, enjoyed by families and students alike. In April, we held a student retreat in the Sierra foothills hosted jointly with Cal Aggie House, the other progressive Christian ministry at U.C. Davis. For Interfaith Harmony Week, The Belfry hosted a public lecture and conversation led by the Bahai’i campus ministry, at which 25 students and community members spent more than three hours sharing stories of their faith concepts, practices, and experiences. In June, we closed the year with a party in celebration of our graduates.

Besides robust programming, The Belfry’s physical space has undergone a transformation. Thanks to a generous grant from the Sierra Pacific Synod, we now host the Synod’s Resource Center. The grant enabled us to paint and purchase new furniture, so that our space is much more cozy and welcoming.

Students now regularly come by to sit, study, chat, snack, have some quiet time in the chapel, or even nap on the couch.

In January, we realized that we needed to replace the roof on The Belfry house, and have begun fundraising and grant writing to help meet the \$50,000 expense. The roof work was completed in June, and so far we have raised more than \$10,000. We are still hoping for grant funding from both Lutheran and Episcopal sources, and will continue fundraising to meet our goals.



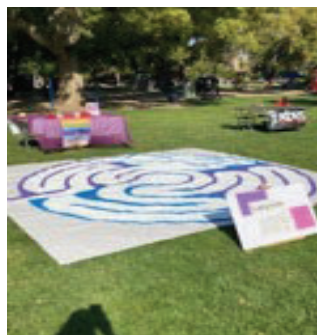
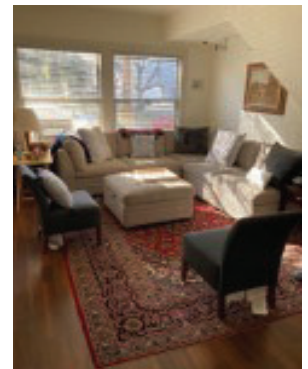
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For the 2022-2023 academic year, The Belfry plans to launch a campus ministry to Sacramento City College, using the facilities at All Saints Episcopal Church in Sacramento, a parish right across the street from the college. We have a student who is interested in sponsoring a Lutheran Episcopal campus club, including the one-day-a-week presence of a chaplain and a weekly Eucharist and meal. We plan to launch at the beginning of the Fall semester, helping to celebrate the re-opening of the community college campus after two-and-a-half years. The Belfry board has agreed to allow the Belfry chaplain Portia Hopkins to spend Wednesday afternoons in Sacramento to provide clergy for the ministry.

The reopening of the Davis campus community has revealed the felt need that students have for community. It has been a privilege to be able to engage in campus ministry in this time that is offering both challenges and opportunities for ways to engage the sacred in the midst of student lives.

*Portia+*



### EFM-EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

*Barbara Phillips-Barrett*

Through study, prayer, reflection, and fellowship EfM (Education for Ministry) invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for exploring the Bible, the history of Christianity, Christian theology, their own beliefs and ministry. The program created in 1975 at the Sewanee Theological Seminary, is now worldwide with an average of 5,000 participants per year. Eleven parishes in the diocese host EfM groups and 9 participants graduated this year.

**Study** –Participants are given weekly study assignments and resource guides. In the seminar time is allotted to discuss the readings. Though the readings can be lengthy, members can read and study as simply or deeply as they choose. EfM is not strictly speaking a bible study program.

**Theological Reflection** – By using the tools of Theological Reflection, participants learn to think theologically by examining their own beliefs and their relationship to our culture and the tradition of our Christian faith. Each week a new quote, topic, object or concept is examined and discussed.

**Prayer** – The seminar is supported by a life of prayer and regular worship. In some groups participants contribute prayers for worship from all over the world.

**Fellowship** - One of the most important blessings of EfM is sharing the seminar with others. Participants get to know each other in a unique way, enjoying conversations that they rarely if ever have on topics as diverse as a loaf of bread and Black Lives Matter.

**Mentors** – EFM groups are under the leadership of mentors who serve as guides and administrators, not educators. Mentors attend yearly training to enhance their EfM group leadership skills as well as to deepen their own understanding of their relationship to God and humanity.

**Year One: The Hebrew Bible, Year Three: Church History, Year Two: The New Testament  
Year Four: Theology, Ethics, and Interfaith Encounter**

**Cost:** \$325 per year. Books and study materials are not included in the cost. Scholarships may be available on an individual basis. The groups typically meet September thru May. With the advent of the COVID pandemic, many groups are meeting online or a combination of in-person and online. The day, time and place of the meetings vary depending on the schedules of the the mentors and participants.

#### **For Additional Information:**

Contact your parish office to find a mentor in your parish or the Diocesan EfM Coordinator:  
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*Bishop Megan with some of the 2022 EfM Graduates*

**ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS OFFICER'S REPORT**

*Submitted By: The Rev. William T. Rontani*

Jesus prayed:

*"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may be one. As you, Father, are in me and I in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me." John 17:20-21 NRSV*

I regularly attend monthly meetings of the North State Ecumenical Conference. In addition to ongoing dialogue addressing various issues as they may arise, an important work of the North State Ecumenical Conference every year is planning and sponsoring a liturgy designed to respectfully bring people together from various and diverse denominations to pray for Christian unity. Every year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18 (Confession of St. Peter, Apostle) and concludes January 25 (Confession of St. Paul, Apostle). The next Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be January 18-25, 2023. In past years, this celebration has been held at a variety of locations including; the Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA, and Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and the Capital Christian Center located in Sacramento.

2022's Program, was celebrated on January 17 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N Street in Sacramento. There were three parts of the program; A panel discussion, a speaker, and an evening prayer service. Special thanks go to Bishop Megan Traquair who was a wonderful participant on the Panel Discussion and to the Rev. Aidan Rontani who served well as the homelist during the Ecumenical Evening Prayer Service. Both our Bishop Megan and Fr. Aidan were outstanding!

This year a hybrid Ecumenical Prayer Service is being planned for the evening of Tuesday, January 17, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m. (The day before the 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins) This coming year's theme is "Do Good; Seek Justice" and comes from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, 1:17. More information will be published in the coming Advent and Christmas Seasons.

In addition to serving on the North State Ecumenical Conference, I attended this year's Annual National Workshop on Christian Unity, held on the grounds of Christ Cathedral in the City of Orange, in Southern California. Christ Cathedral, formally the Crystal Cathedral today serves as the Cathedral of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange. Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Officers from Episcopal dioceses throughout the Episcopal Church meet annually at these Workshops. Work is underway planning next year's 2023 National Workshop on Christian Unity to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

As the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California's Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer I have been honored this year by being elected to serve as the Chair of the North State Ecumenical Conference and to be elected to serve on the National Board of the EDEIO (Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers) where in addition I have been elected to serve as the representative of the 8th Province the Episcopal Church. Province VIII, the most demographically diverse province, is comprised of the Episcopal dioceses of Alaska, Arizona, California, Eastern Oregon, El Camino Real, Hawaii, Idaho, Los Angeles, Micronesia, Navajoland, Nevada, Northern California, Olympia, Oregon, San Diego, San Joaquin, Spokane, Taiwan, and Utah.

The important work of ecumenism and interreligious activity and dialogue in the Diocese of Northern California is in fact ongoing throughout our diocese among our people, missions and parishes. Keep up the good work!

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Diocese of Northern California as your Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

The Rev. William T. Rontani+

**THE CENTER AT ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*A Community Service Center of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California*

**Report to 2022 Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California**

*Jim Schaal, Executive Director*

**Lift Up Hearts + Feed the Hungry + Welcome the Refugee + Care for the Homeless +**

The Center at St. Matthew's is an innovative community service center and outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. The Center serves neighbors in need in the Arden Arcade area of Sacramento County, one of the most poverty-stricken communities in the state's capital region that is also home to the largest community of Afghan refugees in the nation. On our campus, the Center hosts a large food bank and an adult school offering English language and literacy education to refugees and immigrants. Beyond our campus, the Center's leaders are active in collaborative efforts to provide local resources for the homeless and to promote Latino/Hispanic ministries across the diocese. At the spiritual heart of the Center is the Mission at St. Matthew's, a bilingual congregation offering Episcopal worship, fellowship, and pastoral care in both Spanish and English.

**Lift Up Hearts: The Mission at St. Matthew's**

On Palm Sunday 2022, the Mission at St. Matthew's joyfully re-opened for in-person and online hybrid worship, following two years of online-only worship due to COVID-19. In August 2022, the Mission held a leadership retreat facilitated by the Rev. Julie Wakelee, Canon to the Ordinary. Throughout the year, the Mission and its Phoenix Chapter of the Daughters of the King have continued to distribute meals to unhoused neighbors through Arden Arcade HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team). Many thanks to our faithful lay leaders and our volunteer clergy: the Rev. Grant Bakewell (Priest Associate), the Very Rev. Rik Rasmussen (Priest Associate), and the Rev. Babette Haggenjos (Vocational Deacon).

**Todos Son Bienvenidos: Diocesan Task Force for Latino/Hispanic Ministries**

St. Matthew's is actively engaged in the diocesan Task Force for Latino/Hispanic Ministries, a working group of the Commission for Intercultural Ministries. Jim Schaal (Executive Director of the Center) and the Rev. Grant Bakewell (Priest Associate of the Mission) both represent St. Matthew's on the task force, and Grant+ recently participated in the Virtual Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course.

**Feed the Hungry: River City Food Bank at St. Matthew's**

The Center at St. Matthew's partners with River City Food Bank—Sacramento's oldest continuously serving food bank—to provide emergency food assistance and referral services. Throughout the past year, River City Food Bank has continued to serve about 700 households per week here on the St. Matthew's campus. The food bank welcomes a wide variety of guests including the working poor, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, refugees, immigrants, and persons without homes. In November 2021, River City Food Bank at St. Matthew's enjoyed a visit from Governor Gavin Newsom.

**Welcome the Refugee: Highlands Community Charter School at St. Matthew's**

The Center at St. Matthew's partners with Highlands Community Charter School—Northern California's largest nonprofit adult school network—to offer English language and literacy education to refugees and immigrants. In 2022, we worked closely together to renovate three modular buildings on our campus in order to double the classroom and office capacity for Highlands. Our campus now serves nearly 200 students per weekday, providing seven levels of English instruction in morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. Highlands provides their students with free Chromebooks, smartphones, and backpacks. We are especially pleased to serve more Afghan newcomers than any other Highlands campus, even as we serve a growing number of refugees from Ukraine and other countries.

**Welcome the Refugee: Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Team**

Situated in the largest Afghan community in the nation, the Center at St. Matthew's remains a focal point of diocesan concern for recent evacuees and Humanitarian Parolees from the 2021 crisis in Afghanistan—as well as earlier Afghan refugees and Special Immigrant Visa holders. In preparation for the next wave of refugees from the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, our diocesan Afghan Response Team has broadened its scope to become the diocesan Refugee Resettlement Team. At least four congregations are now actively sponsoring Afghan families, while others are preparing to sponsor Ukrainian families. We ask your prayers for all international refugees and all internally displaced people.

**Care for the Homeless: Arden Arcade HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team)**

Arden Arcade HART—launched at the Center at St. Matthew's in 2019—continues to care for a growing number of unhoused neighbors through meal distributions in encampments, support for homeless student services on school campuses, and coordination with other homeless-serving organizations. COVID permitting, Arden Arcade HART hopes to offer an interfaith rotating shelter this coming winter.

**Forward with Families and Bishop's Partnership Book of Dreams**

Through all these ministries, the Center at St. Matthew's supports families of all shapes, sizes, and circumstances. In May and June 2022, we invited individuals and congregations to join us in our "Forward with Families" giving campaign. The response from across our diocese was extraordinary: more than 50 new donors contributed to help us exceed our goal. Thanks to a wonderful leadership gift from the Rev. Mary Claugus (Rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Carmichael), all donations were doubled up to the matching gift amount of \$25,000. Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, contributed a special grant as well. Earlier in the year, 25 donors contributed to the Center through the 2021 Bishop's Partnership Book of Dreams. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

**Thanks to Our Partner Parishes and Diocesan Ministries**

We are deeply grateful to all the parishes that have provided support to the Center at St. Matthew's over the past year: All Saints Episcopal Church, Sacramento; Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka; Epiphany Episcopal Church, Vacaville; Episcopal Church of St. Martin, Davis; St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, Rocklin; St. Brigid of Kildare Episcopal Church, Rio Vista; St. George's Episcopal Church, Carmichael; St. John's Episcopal Church, Roseville; St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Napa; St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Anderson; St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Carmichael; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sacramento; and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Sacramento. We are also grateful to Episcopal Community Services of Northern California for a Warren Dunning Memorial Social Justice Grant.

**DIOCESAN PARTNERS IN MINISTRIES OF HEALTH**

*Promoting Hope, Healing & Health to Our Congregations & Communities We Serve*

**2022 Report Diocesan Convention**

*Submitted by Susan Wahlstrom RN, Coordinator*

- I. Continue support/resources/consult for 27 congregations with hope, healing and health ministries. Most requested resources are about covid safety/changes, lay pastoral care, mental health, recovery, & grief/bereavement.
- II. One Deanery and multiple health ministries coordinated Lenten Studies utilizing Living Compass Wellness resources with the theme of "Letting Go-With all your Strength, Mind and Spirit." Over 900 individual Lenten booklets were distributed in the Diocese. Living Compass Advent booklets on "Simplicity" will be distributed.
- III. Continue support for St. Paul's-Sacramento "Hope Space." This is a ministry to offer complementary healing practices e.g. yoga and spiritual care to healthcare providers and individuals with health challenges. The Rev. Karen Lawler, MFT is the visionary and coordinator of this developing ministry.
- IV. Continued support of Epiphany-Vacaville's Friday Meal Program ministry by having Student Nurses providing assessment/referrals for attendees. The Parish Nurse at Epiphany offered workshops on End-of-Life Issues and "Planning Your Funeral/Memorial Service."
- V. Continue support for Recovery Ministries in the Diocese.
- VI. Continued collaboration with Episcopal Community Services. Mentor grant projects with a focus on healing and health ministries.
- VII. To provide St. Augustine's-Rocklin with a workshop on "Healing Presence-Pastoral Care" for lay leaders.
- VIII. St. Martin's-Davis is exploring for a Parish Nurse; met with Caring Ministries Team.
- IX. Gathered Episcopal Spiritual Directors via zoom and made plans to raise up Spiritual Direction in the Diocese; obtained Bishop Megan's Support.
- X. Sister Joan Chittister to webinar "Monastic Heart: Living An Ordinary Life Extraordinarily Well" set for September 10th 10-Noon.
- XI. Faith-Cameron Park developed Prayer Station/Healing Ministers.
- X. Assisted in Women's Retreat "Holy Joy! Holy Rest!" for Diocese hosted by Trinity Cathedral held May 20-22 at Mercy Center-Auburn.

**EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT**

*The Rev. Jane Snibbe, Diocesan Ministry Partner*

Episcopal Relief & Development has continued to work in three areas: projects in over 40 countries working with women, children, and climate issues, the U.S. Disaster Program, and emergency responses in Ukraine, and Covid health challenges.

Flooding and fires in various states have been addressed by sending funds to various projects, which follow the actual disasters, as we know from help received in our dioceses as a post fire response.

Episcopal Relief & Development has partnered with the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe and the ACT Alliance of over 100 churches working in Europe with Ukrainian refugees. The Sustainable Development Goals Committee of this diocese has sent all of the budgeted SDG diocesan allocation to Episcopal Relief & Development for work with Ukrainian refugees this year.

The Thousand Days of Love fundraiser achieved its 3-year goal of raising funds for a child’s important first thousand days of life, which provides nourishment and education.

Episcopal Relief & Development is a seal holder of the Better Business Bureau for meeting all 20 standards for Charity Accountability, as well as other high ratings from other agencies.

Donations from this diocese have been lower in the past year, but still remain important in supporting the work. Gifts for Life is always important for holiday giving.

This picture taken at our last in-person convention was posted throughout the year on the Ministry Partner website.

It has been my honor to serve in the role of Ministry Partner for this diocese for all these years. With thankfulness and joy, I pass this role on to the next partner.



### THE COMMISSION FOR INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES

The Commission for Intercultural Ministries (CIM) has an overarching mission to support the development of the Beloved Community in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. The Commission accomplishes this by working to build relationships between all people in the Diocese, focusing on the fulfillment of our Baptismal Vows.

Within the Commission, there are several working ministries or teams. Each has a different focus.

- Support Sacred Ground Circles and provide “I Will With God’s Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice” one-day workshops.
- Latino/Hispanic Task Force -- Developed worship toolkits. Provided scholarship for attendance at Latino Ministry Competency course offered by the national church. Exploring other ways to engage with Latino/Hispanic communities around the churches.
- Indigenous Ministries Team --Developing relationships with Native neighbors and crafting land acknowledgements.
- Advocacy Team considers the legislation at the federal and state level and encourages actions to promote public policies that promote justice. The Team works in alignment with policy positions of the national church.
- Refugee Resettlement Team supports Afghan and Ukrainian resettlement in the Diocese.
- Implementation of the Racial Justice Audit in the Diocese.
- Launching LGBTQ+ Task Force to support churches in their capacity to engage with the LGBTQ+ community.

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October, 2022

**Commission for  
Intercultural Ministries**

