



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of August 4, 2020

Responding to Racist Violence as the People of God: LEARN

We are living amidst the dual pandemics of racism and Covid-19. As people of God, we are called to bring the Gospel message into our current setting, especially during these difficult times. Today, we feature resources for you to watch and listen to as we work together to become the beloved community.



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and leaders from across the church led three webinars on racial justice. You can join the thousands who participated in this by watching the videos and reading interactive comments and resources.

Read more: ENS news story [HERE](#)

Truth + Justice + Healing Becoming God's Beloved Community NOW

Click the links below for the webinar videos.

TRUTH: Telling the truth about participation in white supremacy and racial oppression.

JUSTICE: Changing racist systems, especially “criminal” justice and public health/COVID response.

HEALING: Breaking free of white supremacy via training and formation.



The Way of Love Podcast Series

In this episode, Bishop Curry talks with legendary leader Ruby Sales about her long and enduring work for civil rights and freedom in the United States. The two discuss how she was introduced to these movements, her search for a calling, and the potential of The Episcopal Church to lead in honest racial justice and reconciliation.



Sacred Ground: A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race and Faith

New Groups forming now!
Click [here](#) to register

Are you interested in gathering with a group to go deeper in your understanding of race and faith? 29 participants recently completed the zoom based program. Learn more about the program [here](#).

Participants say:

"I reflect on what we share in group for days afterwards."

"The material in this program is not easy as we grapple with reading about the historical sufferings..."

"Even on Zoom you can feel the energizing effect as people wrestle, often painfully, with the awful truths of our nation's racism."

"There's not sufficient way to express the impact Sacred Ground has had on me, and which will continue the rest of my life"

Churches across the diocese are now forming Sacred Ground Circles. Another diocesan-wide Zoom based circle will begin meeting on September 10.

To register for the Sacred Ground Circle that begins on September 10,
[Click HERE](#)

The deadline for registering is September 3rd.



Diocesan Partners in Ministries of Health
*Promoting Hope, Healing & Health to
Our Congregations & Communities We Serve*

**A Perfect Storm:
Mental Health in the Collision of Pandemics**

Explore how global events are impacting mental health and learn strategies and resources for supporting faith communities, families, local communities, and yourself.

See [here](#) for more information

RESOURCES AND LINKS



ELECTION RESOURCES for your church

[Five ways to faithfully address elections.](#)

[Vote Faithfully: Toolkit for Churches](#)

[Resources for Online Worship](#)



[Online resources for people in recovery](#)



NEWS AND EVENTS IN AND BEYOND THE DIOCESE

Day of Discernment - September 12, 2020



Saturday, Sept 12, 2020
9:00 AM - Noon. Online - Zoom

The Day of Discernment is for those in our diocese who are inquiring about ordained ministry. Attendees must come with a sponsoring priest. [Registration Form](#)

Details and contact information: Click [here](#).

To submit news/events, please email communications@norcalepiscopal.org. The submission deadline is the Wednesday before the Tuesday publication.

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