



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of December 29, 2020

From the Presiding Bishop

From Many, One: Conversations Across Difference

Starting January 18, The Episcopal Church launches a campaign urging Episcopalians and our neighbors to engage in the spiritual practice of listening and honest conversation across the many differences that separate us, starting with four simple questions:

1. What do you love?
2. What have you lost?
3. Where does it hurt?
4. What do you dream?

Inspired by the Latin phrase on the U.S. seal – E Pluribus (“from many”) Unum (“one”) – the campaign is designed to offer a faithful perspective and time-tested practice for knitting deeply divided communities into a diverse, more perfect union. In a cultural moment shadowed by pandemic, fractious politics, and deep division within families, communities, and nations, Episcopalians can partner in simple ways to celebrate difference, listen with deep curiosity, and promote healing.

[Sign up here for updates on From Many, One, launching in January 2021.](#)

Watch the videos. Invite a partner. Have the conversation. Pray. Join in deeper conversation, learning and action. Help to form God's beloved community.

Spotlight on Diocesan Ministries



Ministries of Health

Offers resources to help parishes promote health and wellness including:

- Consultation and development of parish Ministries of Health and Healing.
- Lay pastoral care, such as Stephen Ministry, Community of Hope, Pastoral Partners or Care Teams.
- Parish educational programs on a wide variety of topics, including mental health, recovery, aging, grief, disability awareness and violence as a public health threat.

[Read more about the ministry here.](#)

Recovery Ministries

Seeks to minister to those who have lost their health and freedom through the disease of addiction.

Recovery Ministries is an independent, nationwide network of Episcopal laity and clergy, dioceses and parishes, schools, agencies, and other institutions – all with a common commitment to address the use and misuse of alcohol and other drugs in relation to the Church’s mission.

[Read more about this ministry here.](#)

From the Office of the Bishop



Happy New Year!

We wish everyone a safe and healthy new year, and look forward to 2021!

Please note, our office will be closed Friday, January 1 for the holidays and will re-open on Monday, January 4.

Begin 2021 with the Gospel of Mark! The Good Book Club returns to read the earliest and shortest of the four gospels, starting **Friday, January 1, 2021**, through Shrove Tuesday, February 16.



[Sign up to receive updates](#) on the Gospel of Mark. [View and download the readings.](#)

Book of Dreams



A SEASON OF GIVING TO THE
MINISTRIES THAT HELP US
MAKE DISCIPLES,
RAISE UP SAINTS, AND TRANSFORM
COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST.

Dreams that Transform Communities for Christ:

Sacred Ground (a documentary film based series on race and faith)

Funds are to purchase sufficient quantities of the two books assigned for discussion.

Shower Ministry

Offering a hot shower and necessary toiletries in addition to distributing sack lunches and other food items from their local food pantry.

The Center at St. Matthew's

To improve the facilities provided for the River City Food Bank, which has remained open throughout the pandemic and doubled its capacity to respond to the rising tide of poverty and hunger.

[Click here to read more about these and other dreams.](#)

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Resources and Links



A new Sacred Ground Circle is forming:

Meetings begin on February 4, 2021
Thursday afternoons 1:00-2:30 pm

The Commission for Intercultural Ministry is forming a Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle, a film-based dialogue series on race and faith. For more information [click here.](#)

[Evaluating your 2020 Stewardship Campaign, Planning for 2021](#)

Have you been asking these questions?

- How did our 2020 pledge campaign measure up?
- What lessons did we learn?
- What tools do we need to analyze your fundraising results, build on our successes, and plan for more in 2021?

TENS is offering a free webinar to all on **Saturday, January 23 at 10AM Pacific**. Join stewardship experts to learn how you can raise more money for mission in 2021!

Registration is necessary, but free. [Click here to register.](#)



Has your parish done a Planned Giving Campaign?

St. Patrick's in Kenwood presented their campaign on a EDNC Leadership call group. Highlights included their personal experience, challenges and successes as a parish in implementing the Planned Giving materials developed by the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California (EFNC) to assist parishes in strengthening their Planned Giving Ministries.

The PowerPoint [presentation is available here](#) and questions can be emailed to schapralis@aol.com.

Additional resources may be found on the [EFNC website](#).

Province VIII Altar Guild Meeting
January 16, 2021
2-5pm PST

ALTAR GUILD
A Spiritual Ministry



Presentations by:

Dianne Walters, President of the National Altar Guild Association

The Rev. Dr. Eric Hinds, Rector of Saint Matthew's San Mateo, California

This event will be a live stream video teleconference utilizing Zoom. Please e-mail Sarah Chesebro sarahchesebro@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Episcopal Relief & Development offers a [new digital prayer tool](#), bringing together prayers from many sources and the opportunity to share prayers with others.



Get Prepared - Whether it's an earthquake, wildfire, flood, or



COVID-19, Listos California wants everyone to get ready and stay safe. Working with you to establish resilient communities and build a new culture of disaster preparedness for all Californians. Listos California offers resources for you and your family. Visit their website [here](#).

[Online resources for people in recovery](#)



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