



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of January 12, 2021

From the Presiding Bishop

Presiding Bishop Curry has issued the following video Word to the Church: Who shall we be?

[Click here for the video.](#)

A transcript of the statement:



And now in the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

In another time of national crisis, another time of danger for our nation, in 1865 on March the fourth, Abraham Lincoln concluded his second inaugural address with these words:

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.

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From the Office of the Bishop



Join us in welcoming

Ruth Sinclair
Born January 2, 2021

Above photo:
Four generations of first born daughters. Or, as Phillip says, "of bossy older sisters!"

Bishop Megan and Phillip Traquair promoted to grandparents!

Bishop Megan and her husband Phillip have been on baby and family care duty, following the birth of their first grandchild. Bishop's daughter Hannah and her son-in-law Tim, are the proud parents of little Ruth. What a blessing to have both the Bishop and Phillip (who is a pediatrician) spend this time with the family. Truly a beautiful legacy of love.

Spotlight on Diocesan Ministries



Episcopal Community Services

Episcopal Community Services (ECS) is an outreach arm of the Diocese of Northern California. Their primary goal is to assist congregations to develop and sustain programs focused on human rights advocacy, human service, health programs, and lay leadership

The Episcopal Foundation of Northern California

The Episcopal Foundation of Northern California (EFNC) was established to enhance the financial vitality of our congregations and institutions. Since 1992, the Foundation has facilitated over \$36 million in gifts, and is currently

programs. This long running team helps congregations with our mission to Transform Communities for Christ.

[Click here for more information about ECS.](#)

working on a program to promote planned gifts. The Foundation also facilitates the Bishop's Partnership Appeal.

[Visit the EFNC website for more information.](#)

From Around the Diocese

Congratulations Rev. Richard Yale



Rev. Richard has been invited to speak at the Academy of Religious Leadership (ARL) for their annual conference this spring.

The presentation will be "New Directions in Parish Disaster Ministry: An Episcopal Congregation Responds to the Camp Fire."

For more information about the ARL 2021 Online Conference Religious Leadership for the Common Good April 22-24, 2021 [visit their website.](#)

Resources and Links

There is still time to register for the free Church Pension Group webinar:

"Minding Our Well Being: Mental Health Wellness in Stressful Times"

Wednesday, January 13, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM PT

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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:

What do you love? - What have you lost? - Where does it hurt? - What do you dream?

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.

Tell Me Something Good

A new web series from The Episcopal Church, highlights positive stories from around the church through conversations with a variety of guests. New episodes of Tell Me Something Good will be released every two weeks. Episode 1 is available for viewing on The Episcopal Church website [here](#), on Facebook [here](#), and on Instagram TV, [@theepiscopalchurch](#).

Hosted by Jerusalem Greer, Episcopal Church staff officer for evangelism and the Rev. Marcus Halley, dean of formation of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Tell Me Something Good seeks, names and celebrates Jesus' loving presence in the stories of people from all over the church, and invites everyone to MORE! [Read More](#)



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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