

News for the week of January 26, 2021

From the Presiding Bishop

Embracing Evangelism Course

A six-part digital course exploring our call to seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people – and then invite everyone to more.

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Each session features teachings on Episcopal evangelism, group discussion, and exercises to help Episcopalians understand the ministry and call to evangelism. The full Embracing Evangelism series consists of six video sessions, each under 45 minutes.

Visit The Episcopal Church [website for more information](#).

From the Office of the Bishop

There are a few more days left to complete the brief survey on diocesan communications. **The survey closes on Friday, January 29.** We have heard that a few folks received error notices when clicking the link. If you have had trouble getting to the survey please [email us](#).

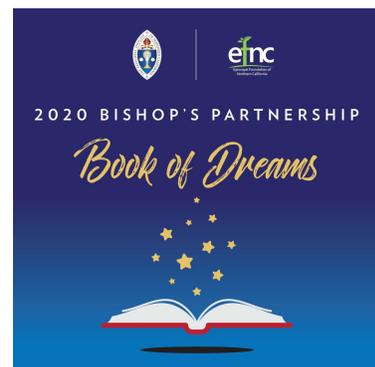
If you've already completed the survey, thank you! If not, please take a few minutes to share your feedback, your answers will be anonymous.

Click [here for the survey link](#).

If you have not given yet, there is still time. **The Partnership Appeal ends on January 31, 2021.**

Through prayerful consideration, we encourage all to share with those who have less. Even small donations add up when everyone participates.

Would you like to send a check? Please make the check payable to the **Episcopal Foundation of Northern California** and on the note line write in



the dream you wish to support. Mail the check to:

Episcopal Foundation of Northern California
350 University Avenue, Suite 280
Sacramento, CA 95825

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Spotlight on Diocesan Deans



Deaneries - communities bridging our diocese

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California stretches across 26 counties. The 68 churches in our diocese are grouped geographically into seven regional deaneries.

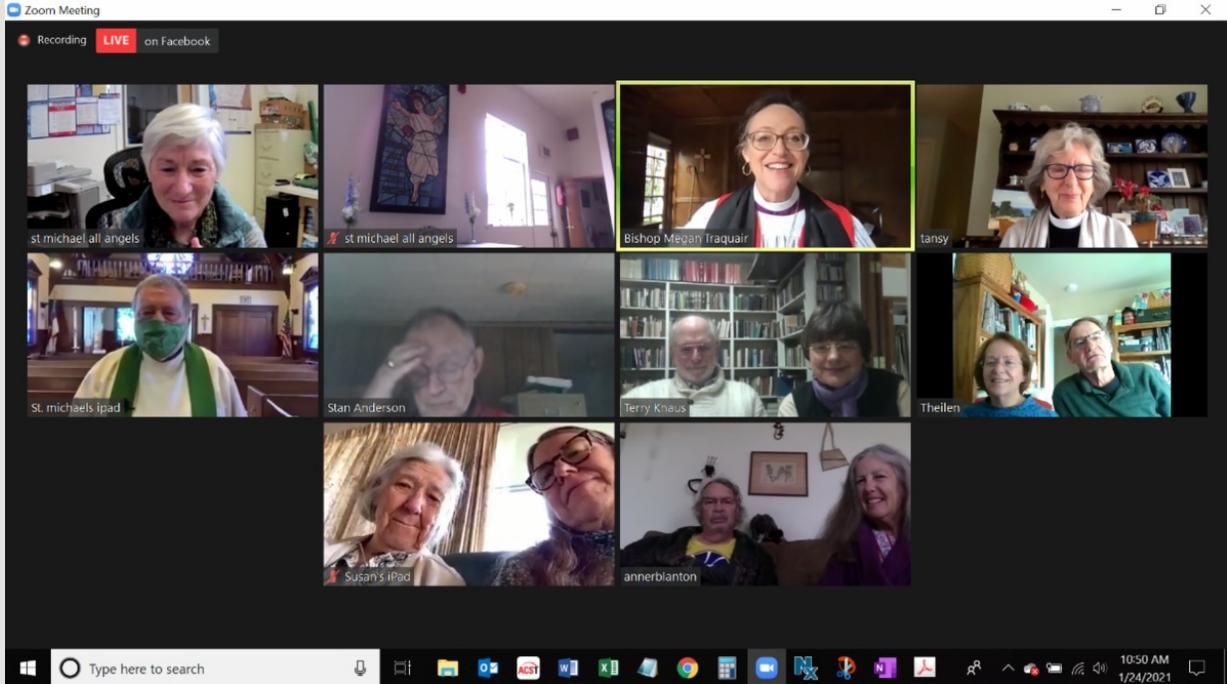
The Bishop appoints a priest within the deanery to serve as dean. They are responsible for convening the clergy and at times the lay leaders of the deanery. They also serve on the Board of Trustees. Clergy who serve as deans use the title "The Very Reverend."

Deanery | Dean

- **Alta California** | The Very Rev. Richard Yale
- **Capital** | The Very Rev. Mary Claugus
- **Central** | The Very Rev. Sarah Quinney
- **Russian River** | The Very Rev. Daniel Green
- **Semper Virens** | The Very Rev. Sara Potter
- **Sierra** | The Very Rev. Canon Mary Hauck
- **Wingfield** | The Very Rev. Perry Polk

To read more about the [deaneries visit our website here](#).

From Around the Diocese



Bishop Megan visits St. Michael and All Angels, Fort Bragg

The Rev. Randy Knutson and team hosted the Bishop virtually for a visitation using Zoom to Facebook live. Rev. Randy was most creative when he used an iPad to give a virtual tour of the quaint church in Fort Bragg. Showcasing the beautiful stain glass windows was a highlight of the tour.

Thank you St. Michael and All Angels for a wonderful visit.



Resources and Links

From the Episcopal Relief and Development

As Lent approaches this year, we lament. We lament all those whose lives were lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hearts break for all of the people who are no longer with us. We also lament other losses that include jobs and livelihoods, the opportunity to travel to visit loved ones and the ability to worship together in our church buildings. So much was lost, with little or no time to lament that which was lost. Because of the magnitude of these collective losses, we decided to focus on lament as the theme for the 2021 Lenten Meditations.

You are invited to meditate on these reflections daily and to engage the [Four Steps of Lament](#),” by resting, reflecting, repenting and ultimately being restored to God and to one another. [Read more here](#).

Two new Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles are

available

St. John's Episcopal Church, Roseville, will hold a Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle via Zoom at the beginning of the Lenten season. The bi-weekly ten session program will begin February 18, 2021 and end July 1, 2021.

Contact stjohnsroseville@surewest.net, or call (916) 786-6911, by February 11 to register.



Parishioners from other churches and others are invited to join in to discuss race and faith issues from historical to present-day perspectives which are relevant to the societal and culture issues we experience today. The assigned videos, readings, and discussions are powerful and can be challenging, but they are also profound and transformative as we engage in respectful conversation with the vision of becoming Beloved Community. Given that each of us has our own personal history that we bring to this work, a diversity of backgrounds and viewpoints are not only expected but welcomed.

More information can be found here about the Sacred Ground program: [Sacred Ground | Episcopal Church](#).



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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