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The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of January 5, 2021

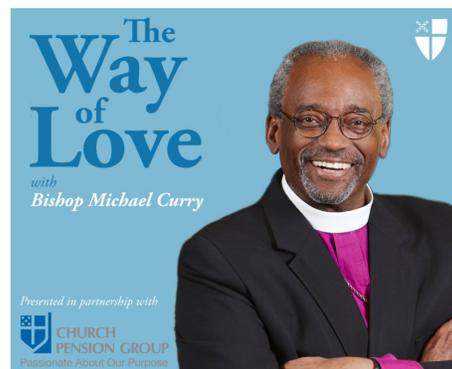
From the Presiding Bishop

The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry - Podcasts Series

These podcasts offer ways to engage with the Way of Love, The Episcopal Church's intentional commitment to practicing faith by following Jesus.

Hear stories and get practical advice from Bishop Michael Curry and others who are putting the Way of Love practices (Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest) into action.

To learn more about the Way of Love podcasts visit [The Episcopal Church website](#).



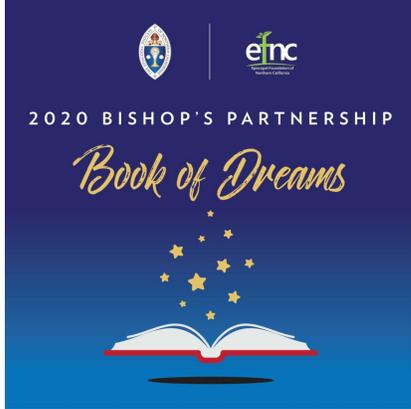
Spotlight on Diocesan Ministries



Bishop's Partnership Book of Dreams

"For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means." - 2 Corinthians 8:3

Bishop Megan Traquair has invited us all to



consider a gift for the ministries we love, by joining with the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California for the 2020 Bishop's Partnership Book of Dreams.

We bring you the dreams of some of the wonderful ministries that are taking place in our midst. Please be generous in your support.

Thank you for supporting the [Bishop's Partnership Book of Dreams!](#)

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From the Office of the Bishop

As many of you are aware, our annual church meetings are all being moved to meet virtually this year. Our Chancellor Barbara Jewell has worked with her Vice Chancellors and other leaders from around our diocese to draft special rules for virtual attendance at the annual meetings.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the usable and adaptable form. It can also be found on our website [here](#).

Annual meetings will be the main topic at our upcoming Leadership call on January 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Please bring questions to that online gathering.

Resources and Links

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.



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](#).

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. It is not too late to join.



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



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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