



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of March 16, 2021

Day of Discernment



Our next **Day of Discernment** will be on **Saturday, April 17**. The format will be on Zoom, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at about 12:30 pm. Attendance at the Day of Discernment is required for sponsoring clergy and those seeking ordination. It is intended to help all members of the Episcopal Church deepen their understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit and the many ways one can be called to serve in the Church. During the Day of Discernment, there will be presentations on the priesthood and the diaconate. There will also be an overview of the ordination process (including access to an application packet and copy of The Manual and Guide for Ordination.)

In order to make sure we can accommodate everyone who wants to participate, it is necessary to register in advance so we can plan accordingly.

Please fill out the registration form prior to April 5.

[Aspirants click here to register](#)

[Sponsoring Clergy and COM members click here to register](#)

If you have questions you may email ordinations@norcalepiscopal.org or call the Office of the Bishop at 916-442-6918

From the Office of the Bishop

Open Position: Digital Evangelist

The Office of the Bishop is pleased to announce a new position, Digital Evangelist. This is a ¾ time salaried position with benefits. We are accepting applications until March 31, 2021.

The job description can be downloaded as a PDF [here](#). We encourage you to spread the word by sharing this with anyone you feel may be a potential candidate.

To apply: Email [Jacqi Seppi](#) with a cover letter and resume.

From the National Cathedral



MY WAY OF LOVE
POWERED BY RENEWALWORKS

Offering personalized suggestions for spiritual growth

The Episcopal Church, in partnership with **RenewalWorks**, a ministry of **Forward Movement**, is offering [My Way of Love](#), a free, eight-week email series that provides personalized suggestions for spiritual growth based on the seven practices of the Way of Love.

Each email in the series includes ideas on how to pray, engage with scripture, and practice the Way of Love regularly. For more information and to sign up [visit the website here](#).

From Around the Diocese



Stained-glass windows get some TLC at Eureka Church

Work was recently completed on several stained-glass windows at Christ Episcopal Church Eureka to ensure the colorful creations endure into the future.

Quoted in the Times-Standard news article was Rev. Daniel London, Rector. “I remember a seminary professor (the Rev. Dr. John Goldingay) using the imagery of stained-glass windows as a metaphor for the way that God’s Light of Truth shines uniquely through Scripture. Our sacred texts are not always fully transparent windows through which we clearly see the light of God’s truth.”

“As St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13:12, ‘We see through a glass dimly.’ The words of Scripture were crafted by gifted human authors much like the colorful designs of our stained-glass windows, and just as the light of the sun makes our windows shine most beautifully, so too does God’s Light cause the human words of Scripture to dazzle with divine truth.”

To read the full story [click here](#).

Diocesan Ministry Opportunity

The Episcopal Foundation of Northern California is seeking new Board Members!

The Episcopal Foundation of Northern California is looking for a few good persons to be considered for a position on the board of directors. The Board is made up of clergy and lay members of this Diocese who are interested in realizing the Foundation’s mission of enhancing and complementing philanthropy in this Diocese.



Please click [here](#) to read more about the Foundation’s goals, and [here](#) for an application.

To submit applications, or if you have questions, please email [Michelle Karimi](#)

Diocesan-wide Sacred Ground Circle



New Sacred Ground Circle forming in May

Sacred Ground is a 10-part discussion about race, grounded in faith. Participants are invited to view selected videos and read books and articles about Indigenous, Black, Latino and Asian/Pacific American histories and how they intersect with European-American accounts.

The materials also examine the church’s evolving teachings on race relations. Participants come together in small groups, aka dialogue circles, to reflect on what they have learned and how it fits with their own family stories, identities, and experiences.

Hosted online by social justice advocate Bob Wohlsen and Spiritual Director/educator Sharron Simpson, both of Santa Rosa, the circle will meet weekly from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays starting May 13.

If you are interested in joining, email [Bob Wohlsen](#) or [Sharron Simpson](#).

2021 Diocesan Convention - Save the Dates

2021 Convocations

October 9, 2021
(Online)

2021 Diocesan Convention

November 5 - 6, 2021
(Redding, CA)

Grant Opportunities



\$100,000 Foundation Grant Fund Announced

The Episcopal Foundation of Northern California has joyfully committed to award \$100,000 in grants to churches and missions throughout our Diocese in 2021.

Supporting the Diocesan mission of making disciples, raising up saints, and transforming communities for Christ, the Foundation will endeavor to enhance ministry and outreach in the Diocese in five general categories:

- Evangelism
- Education
- Technology
- Homelessness Relief
- Food Insecurity

More information as well as details on the application process coming soon!

Episcopal Community Services of Northern California will be administering five innovative outreach grants this year:

- The Ministry Development Grant
- Social Justice Grant
- The Barry L. Beisner Grant
- The Lamb Grant
- The Anita Weaver Grant



Letters of Interest due April 15, 2021, Requests for Proposals June 1, 2021.

To find out more about these grants visit the [NorCal ECS website](#).



The Task Force on Creation Care and Environmental Racism seeks to support and expand The Episcopal Church's loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with God, with each other and with Creation. At The Episcopal Church's General Convention in 2018, the convening body allocated funds to support

local and regional eco-ministry efforts through grant awards ranging from \$15,000 to \$40,000.

Grant proposals must have an impact beyond the applicant organization/parish and include at least one partner in accomplishing the granted project.

The deadline to submit proposals is March 26th, 2021. Questions can be directed to [Phoebe Chatfield](#), Associate for Creation Care and Justice.

Additional Resources and Links

Episcopal Church Toolkit for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution This toolkit is designed as a compilation of ideas and educational resources to help your local Episcopal Church work with the government to help end this pandemic. Churches and church leaders (lay and ordained) can serve as important trusted bridges between public health officials and congregations.



In addition to the ongoing financial aid program the **Fund for the Diaconate** has been assisting deacons -- working, retired, or disabled -- who have

insufficient funds for their needs. The Fund is unique in its mission of service to deacons by deacons. The Fund for the Diaconate of the Episcopal Church has created a special Emergency Grant Program, to aid deacons affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

For more information visit the [website here](#).

Project Resources - Spring 2021 Training

**Six consecutive Sundays, April 18 to May 23
2:00 to 3:30 pm PT, via Zoom**



Project Resource teaches culture and systems change around financial development in the worldwide Episcopal Church. Providing teaching, focus, and adaptable resources to equip clergy and lay leaders to develop their year-round annual stewardship campaigns and to plan, ask for, and receive major gifts.

Spring 2021 Training will:

- Help your team gather the best resources to transform all areas of stewardship and explore internal narratives of money while addressing societal shifts, organizational change, and leadership challenges.
- Assist your team in interpreting the training curriculum, session by session, relative to their cultural and regional context.
- Empower participants to leave the conference with a working plan and measurable objectives tailored specifically for their own congregation.

For more information visit the [Project Resource website here](#).



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

[Online resources for](#)



Recovery Ministries
of the
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[people in recovery](#)

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

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