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The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of November 24, 2020

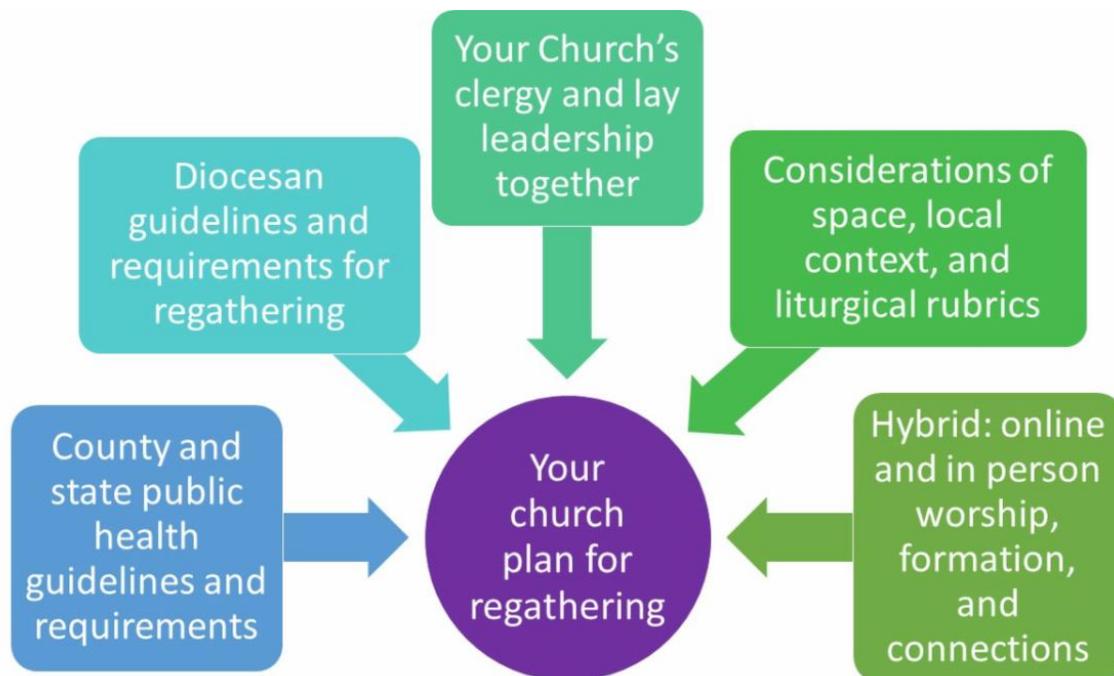
## Upcoming Webinar: COVID-19 Congregational Recovery Planning

FaithX, Gathering of Leaders and the Episcopal Church Foundation are excited to announce the second in their series of co-sponsored webinars – COVID-19 Congregational Recovery Planning – scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 10:00 PT.

This webinar is designed to help faith leaders plan for the re-entry and recovery of their congregations from COVID-19, while helping the communities they serve do the same. In this webinar, FaithX will explore a data-grounded approach to revealing and responding to the impact of COVID-19 on our congregations and communities, and the issues surrounding re-opening congregations safely and effectively.

Attendees may also register to receive planning resources, including a COVID-19 Impact Report and a [Neighborhood Missional Intelligence Report](#).

Click [here](#) or on the [ECF website](#) to register.



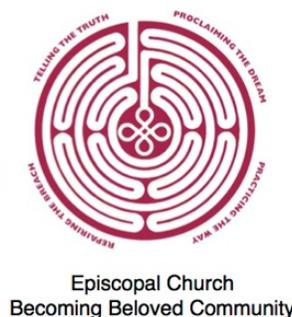
## New Sacred Ground Circle Forming

The Commission for Intercultural Ministry is forming a Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle that will begin meeting on **December 1, 2020**. Sacred Ground is a 10-session study of the history of race in the United States, and the relationship between anti-racism work and faith.

This course is a transformative opportunity to learn more about the history of various racial groups in our country, to reflect upon your own relationship to race, and to prayerfully consider God's call to you to continue learning, acting, and reflecting in the future.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) Registration is open until November 28, 2020.

## Commission for Intercultural Ministries



## Trinity Cathedral - News & Upcoming Events

**Mondays, Nov 30, Dec 7, 14 and 21 - Mondays 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Anne McKeever**

Living Compass Advent: Living Well Through Advent 2020: Practicing Hope, With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind. The devotional can be [downloaded here](#).

**Thursdays, Dec 3, 10 and 17 - 7:00 p.m.**

Howard Thurman's Jesus and the Disinherited Vincent Harding, African American historian and social activist called Howard Thurman a "*Black prophet-mystic*." Come learn about the man and his profound theology.

Email [study@trinitycathedral.org](mailto:study@trinitycathedral.org) for more information and for Zoom links.

## Episcopal Relief & Development

### Match Challenge

Episcopal Relief & Development launched the organization's annual Year-End Match Challenge on November 5. Thanks to a generous group of donors, all donations to the agency between now and December 31 will be matched,

dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$765,000. [Read more here about the ERD Year-End Match Challenge.](#)

## Episcopal Relief & Development Supports Response to Hurricane Eta in Central America

Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting partners in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua as they respond to the devastation caused by Hurricane Eta. They are providing food, shelter, bedding and other emergency supplies to communities that have been impacted. [Read the press release here.](#) Photo Courtesy of the Episcopal Diocese of Nicaragua



## The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)

### 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.](#)

## Resources and Links

[Making Room for New Life in This In-Between Time: An Advent Retreat](#)



Join Bishops Ranch on Zoom from home or from the Ranch for a time of spiritual practice and reflection focused on grounding and opening. Life is about more than our heads though, so we'll bring our hearts and our whole selves to the practices.

There will be daily worship, prayer, silence, meditation, poetry, music, chant, conversation, reflections and even cooking together!

[Click here for more information.](#)

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### Damaged Heritage Presentation Recording

If you were not able to attend J. Chester Johnson's Zoom presentation on his book ***Damaged Heritage*** on November 5, the wonderful discussion was recorded and is available for the community to view. [Link to the recording.](#)

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### Agape Villages Foster Family Agency needs Resource Parents

Resource parents open their hearts and their homes to children who have been removed from their biological families due to abuse and/or neglect. In 2020, Agape has turned away 166 children in Sacramento County alone because there were no foster homes for them. If this urgent need moves you to action, know that it does not matter if you are single or married, own or rent, have children or not: the most important thing is the desire to provide a child a home.

[Click here for the informational brochure.](#)



**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](#).

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### Need help navigating insurance after the fires?

This Roadmap to Recovery™ workshop series is presented by United Policyholders, a non-profit consumer organization helping improve disaster recovery for over 29 years. [For more information click here.](#)

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[Online resources for people in recovery](#)



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**Grace Episcopal Church, St. Helena** is seeking a part-time, temporary office manager.

For more more information [click here](#), and for the [job description here](#).

To submit news/events, please email [communications@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:communications@norcalepiscopal.org). The submission deadline is the Wednesday before the Tuesday publication.

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