



# DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of October 6, 2020

## Deanery Convocation

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

CONVENTION 2020

**DEANERY  
CONVOCAION**

**SATURDAY OCT 10  
9:30 - 10:30 AM**

Convocation will be live streamed this Saturday, October 10 from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

To participate, you must register.

[Please register here](#)

## New Indigenous Missioner Commissioning

### Announcing The Rev. Tina Campbell as Indigenous Missioner for the Diocese of Northern California

It is with great joy that we announce Bishop Megan has invited Deacon Tina Campbell to become the Indigenous Missioner for the Diocese of Northern California. She follows the Rev. Lewis Powell, who will participate in her Commissioning at Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, October 11th, the day before Indigenous People's Day.

The work of our Indigenous Missioner is to encourage understanding, reconciliation and partnership in mission between the native people of this land and those who have come here through migration. Tina is a passionate advocate for this work, and will serve with imagination, energy and dignity.

Please join Dean Matthew as he commissions her on behalf of Bishop Megan at **9am on October 11th** on the [Cathedral Facebook livestream](#).

## With Malice Toward None at Trinity Cathedral

Trinity Cathedral is participating in a Braver Angels program called *With Malice Toward None*. Braver Angels is an organization committed to bringing people with diverse political opinions together to find common values and foster peace in our polarized political environment.

*With Malice Toward None* takes its title from Lincoln's second inaugural address, when he sought to heal the nation after the trauma of the Civil War. The heart of the program will be a prayer service on the Cathedral live-stream the day after the election.

This program is open to members of the Cathedral community and the Diocese of Northern California. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

## Best Skills - Best Churches

Bishop Megan Traquair is proud to announce a special opportunity for all clergy and laymembers for the first time in our diocese. We are partnering with Arizona State University, Lodestar Center to present Best Skills - Best Churches, an innovative program designed to help you grow and strengthen your church.

The program is for six months, one weekend a month on Friday night and Saturday morning. The first class begins on November 13.

The cost is \$100 per student, a very special discounted price. Watch for registration opening soon.

### Classes include:

- Volunteers in Ministry
- Legal Aspects of Governance
- Effective Communication and Handling Conflict
- Marketing and Community Presence
- Financial Management for Effective Service
- Fundraising Aspects of Stewardship

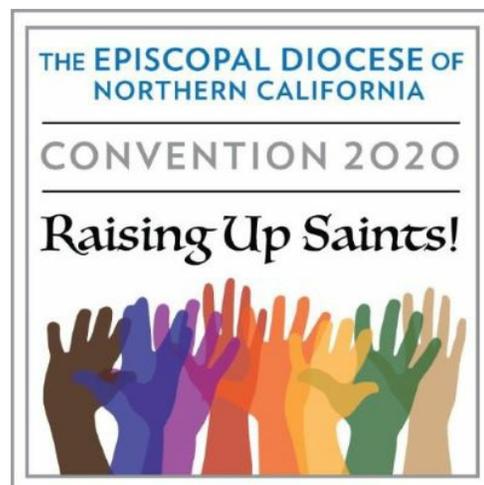


## Diocesan Convention Registration

### Still time to register!

New this year, we are inviting all members of the diocese to attend the virtual convention. When you register you will be able to participate in one of the four dynamic learning tracks as well as attend the general sessions.

[For more information click here](#)



## Email Message Scams

**Warning:** Email message scams targeting church members by impersonating

[Bishop Megan continues.](#)

As a reminder, if you receive an email that appears to be from the Bishop, or your clergy person, asking you to take some kind of unusual action – click a link or download an attachment you didn't request, wire money to a specified account, purchase gift cards and reply with the serial numbers, or simply to reply quickly, proceed with caution. When in doubt, [please contact our office.](#)

## Dia de Los Muertos Toolkit

All congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California are warmly invited to join in observing El Día de Los Muertos on All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2020.

In this year of extraordinary loss and grief, the Day of the Dead offers us all a moment to mark our mourning, to remember our loved ones, and to affirm the life that we cherish in community.



To download the toolkit, [please visit.](#)

Share your congregation's journey to El Día de Los Muertos with the whole diocese! Send your photos, videos, and announcements to [EDNC Communications](#) or [Commission on Intercultural Ministries](#)

## Administration & Finance

### The Episcopal Church Medical Trust 2021 Open Enrollment Process is Coming Soon!

**2021 Active Employee Open Enrollment**  
October 28 - November 18, 2020

**2021 Pre-65 Retiree Open Enrollment**  
October 28 - November 18, 2020

**2021 Post-65 Retiree Open Enrollment**  
October 15 - December 7, 2020\*

*\* Dates are estimated; final dates will match Medicare Open Enrollment period once announced*

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More information on 2021 Open Enrollment coming soon.  
Please contact [benefits@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:benefits@norcalepiscopal.org) with any questions.

## Disaster Relief Assistance

In our diocese there are six main fires that have burned over 1,700,000 acres. These fires have impacted 38 churches and many families have lost their homes. In addition to prayer, if you would like to reach out a helping hand, here

is how to donate to disaster relief:

### **Bishop's Discretionary Fund: Disaster Relief**

100% of your donation will go directly to assist victims in the first stage of the disaster and later during long term recovery.

To donate to disaster relief, click [here](#) now.

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=159790&f=6&a=20.00>

Please make checks out to EDNC put "Disaster Relief" in the memo line.

Mail checks to:

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

## Resources and Links

These are anxious times as our nation confronts a deadly pandemic, a troubled economy, racial injustice and a bitter election season. It's a lot to take in, and it's easy to get overwhelmed.



That's why prayer is needed now more than ever.

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the National Cathedral Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage, we hope these 25 prayers will help calm your soul and lift your spirit as we head into Election Day and the months to come. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let's pray together with the National Cathedral and Country



**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
THEODICY AND SPIRITUALITY

### **CENTER FOR BIBLE STUDY** presents the **Gospel of John**

Join the Center for Bible Study for a six week bible study beginning on **October 7** via Zoom. Lead by The Rev. Daniel London, PhD, rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka, CA. Together explore how we reconcile an all-loving and all-powerful God with a world of suffering.

[For more information click here.](#)  
[For the schedule click here.](#)



**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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