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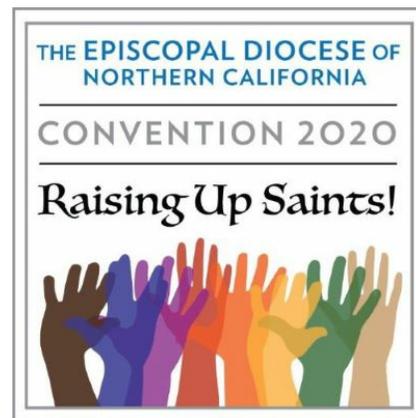
News for the week of September 15, 2020

Convention Registration

Now open for everyone!

New this year, we are inviting all members of 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](#)



Convention Spotlight

A Perfect Storm: Mental Health in the Collision of Pandemics

Presenters: Diocesan Partners in Ministries of Health

The goal of this workshop is to explore how the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Systemic Racial Injustice Pandemic impact on mental health and learn strategies and resources for supporting faith communities, families, local communities and ourselves. In addition, we will explore what congregations are already doing to address mental health challenges and provide new resources to expand those ministries. The workshop are for lay people and clergy; the information will be relevant to anyone concerned with pastoral care of those affected by the mental health challenges of these colliding pandemics.

So Grateful for Prayers and Kate Returns Again

The daughter of The Rev. Dr. Ann Hallisey and stepdaughter of Bishop Barry Beisner once again is getting



In this image from her first mission to the station, **Kate Rubins** views the Earth below from the cupola.

The date for the planned launch is October 14. [To track her journey bookmark this link.](#)

ready to return to space.

During her first mission to space and to the International Space Station, Kate Rubins became the first person to sequence DNA in space. During her upcoming mission, Kate will work on a cardiovascular experiment.

To read more about her exciting mission, visit the [NASA article](#).

Disaster Relief Assistance

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Isaiah 43:2

*Please give to help
Disaster Relief*

In our diocese there are four main fires that have burned over 1,600,000 acres. These fires have impacted 28 churches and three parishioners 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

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego Presents The Border Ministries Summit 2020

The focus will be on Christian Peacemaking in a World of Conflict. The summit will be presented virtually on November 20 & 21.

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

Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course

Registration is now open for the next two sessions of the Virtual Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course (VELMC), an innovative five-day intensive course designed for diocesan staff, clergy, lay leaders, and seminarians to gain practical knowledge and cultural competency for Latino/Hispanic ministry.

[Click here](#) for more information.

New Community 2020 Virtual Conference

The world has become aware of the “systemic inequalities and disparities” that have plagued our society for hundreds of years. Issues surrounding unequal justice practices, a “different” justice system for people of color, and lack of fair opportunities is now a conversation that America is having.

Register for this conference to join in conversations about:

- the unique community of Navajoland and the international support they have received
- demonstrations demanding police reform and systemic overhaul of our justice system with accountability
- the “new reality”: how will this change our marginalized congregations?
- maintaining mental health amidst the grief and loss due to Covid-19 and the present racial climate
- What is reconciliation, rebuilding, and resurrection going to look like?

For more information, please click [here](#).

Building Intentional Small Groups

Many churches in our diocese are having small group meetings. If you would like more information on further developing or starting to use small groups in your church. The Episcopal Church has resources for creating an intentional small group ministry in your congregation. Click [here](#) for more information.



ELECTION RESOURCES for your church

[Five ways to faithfully address elections.](#)

[Vote Faithfully: Toolkit for Churches](#)

[Online resources for people in recovery](#)



Items available for donation to a diocese youth ministry:
pool table, air hockey table, ping pong table, and other items.

For more information contact Erin at ecircle73@gmail.com.



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

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