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News from the Diocese and Wider Church

WEEK OF JUNE 1, 2021

From around the Diocese

Invite, Welcome, Connect author visits with St. Mary's Napa to celebrate their successful program



At our Diocesan Convention in November, 2019, Bishop Megan invited Mary Parmer, author of *Invite, Welcome, Connect* to deliver the Keynote address. Many delegates and parishes present were inspired to action.

The Rev. Robin Denney, Rector of St. Mary's, Napa, was really struck by Mary's

message and asked parishioner Denny Olmsted to launch a study of the book in March of 2020, just as the Pandemic was rearing its ugly head. In late May of that year, fully committed to *Invite, Welcome, Connect*, St. Mary's launched a second book study that included over 40 people and ultimately culminated in 25 people forming three committees to implement this ministry here.

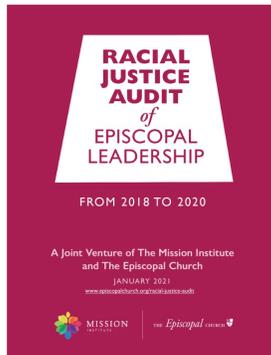
Last week, St. Mary's celebrated the first anniversary of that second book study with a Zoom meeting featuring Mary Parmer as an honored guest and speaker. At the meeting the *Invite, Welcome, Connect* Committee Chairs talk about what their committees have done to bring the program to life, even in the midst of the pandemic. Mary Parmer was fairly knocked over by what the parish has done! Click [here](#) to watch the zoom recording. (Passcode: KYWe\$z6Z) Congratulations to St. Mary's Napa!



On May 25th, some members of our Diocese attended **Virtual Immigrant Day**. It was coordinated by the California Immigrant Policy Center. There were persons attending from all over the State of California. There were speakers on many different topics and we went to visit our legislators. The focus of the whole day was to learn about and lobby for six separate bills that are coming up in the California State Legislature.

For more information contact Miriam Casey mlcasey7@yahoo.com or Lynn

Opportunities for Ministry



Unpacking the Episcopal Church Racial Justice Audit

The offices of the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies recently released a **Racial Justice Audit of Episcopal Church leadership**. [View the report here.](#)

This audit is a response to the first discipline of Becoming Beloved Community: Telling the Truth about the Church and Race, with the central questions of "Who comprises the leadership of The Episcopal Church, and what is their experience of race and racism in their leadership roles?"

Members of our diocesan Commission for Intercultural Ministries (Rev. Erika Essiem, JoAnn Williams, and Rev. Anne Clarke) will be leading a discussion on this audit and what we might learn from it regarding the leadership of our congregations and diocese. We hope you'll join in this important and timely discussion. **Please read the report in its entirety before our gathering.**

Saturday, June 12, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, on Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82768249576?pwd=Tk85cW8wOG9ZNjlDbVgxK1VFazVtdz09>

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Clarke at revanne@grace-episcopal.org

Are you interested in starting a catechumenate in your parish or congregation?

JOURNEY TO BAPTISMAL LIVING

Journey to Baptismal Living (JBL) is offering a new four-session interactive online train-the-trainer course for new catechumenate ministers:
Catechumenate Basics: Methods, Rites and Reflections for the Way

[Read more](#) about this exciting opportunity. For more information or to sign up, contact Jerry Paré at **916-257-2489** or email info@journeytobaptism.org. Find out more about JBL at journeytobaptism.org.



Pathways 2021 is fast approaching!

As we are continuing to monitor the situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we are aiming to create a hybrid model for Pathways this year. From Monday, June 21-Friday, June 25 we will meet online and explore the theme of "Jesus and the Dispossessed" together. Then on Saturday, June 26-Sunday June 27 we hope you will make a pilgrimage to Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento. We do not intend to charge for Pathways this year, but we will ask you to bring your own sleeping pad and bags.

Please register as soon as possible by clicking the link [here](#). Thank you!

Elizabeth Potts and Shelby Larkey

EDNC Pathways Coordinators

Website: sites.google.com/view/edncpathways

Instagram: @pathwaysnorcal

Facebook: [Pathways NorCal](#)

Upcoming in the Diocese

St. Andrew's, Antelope is pleased to announce their **2021 Art Show**, hosted at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330 Gibbons Dr. in Carmichael. Members and friends of St. Andrew's will be showing art work in a variety of mediums.

The show opens June 2nd for the month of June.

The Center is open Tuesday – Friday 11am to 3pm, Saturday 11am to 5pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

The show is free and open to the public, but masks are required.

Sales of artwork will benefit St. Andrew's Church, The Sacramento Fine Arts Center, and the artists.

Job Opportunities

Grace Church, Saint Helena is seeking a part-time Communications Coordinator. To see the full posting, [read more](#) here.

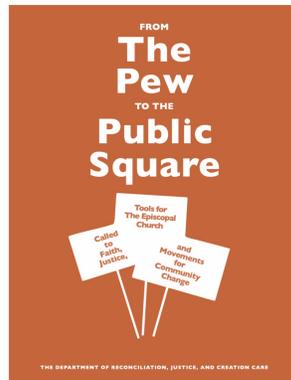
St. Peter's, Red Bluff has an immediate opening for a half-time Office Manager. Contact Priest-in-Charge Rev. Julie Wakelee-Pierce at revjulie@saintpetersepiscopal.org for more information.

From the Office of the Bishop

Do you have an event you'd like to promote?

One of the findings from our Diocesan Communications Survey was the need to make our diocesan website easier to navigate and provide more relevant content. If you have an upcoming event you'd like to promote, you can easily add it to our homepage calendar, using the [Submit an Event](#) button.

From The Episcopal Church



The Episcopal Church's Department of Reconciliation, Justice, and Creation Care has released **From the Pew to the Public Square**. This brief pdf describes the various ways we can live into working for the good of our communities by seeking structural change. Advocacy is identified as one of the ways we can do this.

Office of Government Relations Gender-based Violence, Police Reform & Advocacy

The Keeping Women & Girls Safe from the Start Act expands the ability of the US government to prevent gender-based violence & provide early interventions at the onset of humanitarian emergencies.

While a great deal of police reform occurs at the local level, the House of Representatives passed the **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021**, a bill that would set national standards and attempt to bring about lasting change to the ways that police departments operate. Now that legislation is in the Senate, and bipartisan talks are underway to come up with a bipartisan police reform bill that will become law.

OGR Advocacy Newsletter May 2021 The first few months of a new presidential administration are often a time of great activity as the new administration seeks to set a new tone and signal priorities. The beginning of a new Congressional session is also a time of increased legislative activity, when meaningful bills are introduced with a higher likelihood of passing. The past several months are no exception. [Read on to learn more.](#)

- *Episcopal Public Policy Network of California*

From the Episcopal Foundation



Mustard Seed grants
"moving mountains"

Mustard Seed Grant Program

The Episcopal Foundation of Northern California is continuing the **Mustard Seed grant program** for 2021! *Mustard Seed* Grants are grants of \$500 to promote and support grass-roots ministries at the congregation level in our Diocese.

The application period is from April 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021; grants will be awarded throughout the year. Click [here](#) to download an application. To submit an application, or if you have questions, please email [Michelle Karimi](mailto:Michelle.Karimi@norcalepiscopal.org).



[Online resources](#) for 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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