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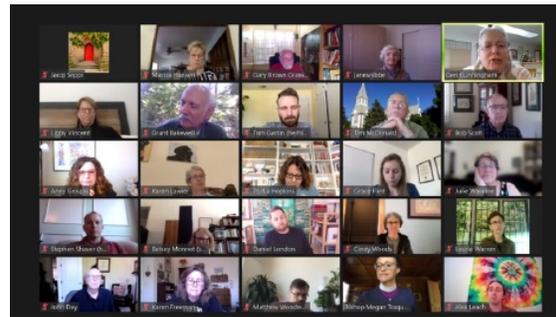
News from the Diocese and Wider Church

WEEK OF MAY 25, 2021

## *From around the Diocese*

### **Newly-called clergy get a Fresh Start in their ministries**

**Fresh Start** was held on Tuesday, May 18, and had a total of 21 people in attendance! Clergy new to their call discussed some of the pressures and strategic learnings of being in a new call during the COVID-19 pandemic. The facilitators, the Very Rev. Sara Potter, Rev. Gary Brown, and Rev. Dr. John Day discussed how God and the Holy Spirit move throughout our lives, even during challenges.



### **Diocesan Clergy Gather (virtually) for Learning, Reflection, and Renewal**



**Clergy Conference**, held on Wednesday, May 19 had over 100 clergy members from near and far! Dr. Eric Harvey of Brandeis University spoke about trauma and lament within the Psalms. Clergy were encouraged to either focus on a psalm of Lament, or to write their own psalm expressing their emotion during this time of Pandemic. Worship was offered by Rev. Megan Anderson, along with a great liturgy team. There was time for reflection, discussion, and a brief update on COVID protocols from Bishop Megan. Clergy Conference gave our clergy three days of rest and renewal to continue on.

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**The Rev. Peter Rodgers** was so inspired by clergy conference that he took time during the self-care portion of the conference to create this beautiful plein-air painting of a local nature center.

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**The Rev. Canon Tina Campbell participates in UN Forum**

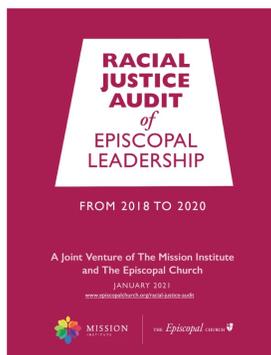


**The Rev. Canon Tina Campbell**, Diocesan Indigenous Missioner was invited to participate as a member of the delegation to the United Nations Indigenous Permanent Forum meeting from April 19-30. You can [read](#) about this work in the May 2021 CIM Newsletter.

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## *Opportunities for Ministry*

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### **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](mailto:revanne@grace-episcopal.org)**

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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](mailto:info@journeytobaptism.org). Find out more about JBL at [journeytobaptism.org](http://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](https://sites.google.com/view/edncpathways)

Instagram: @pathwaysnorcal

Facebook: [Pathways NorCal](#)

## Job Opportunities in the Diocese

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@saintpetersepisopal.org](mailto:revjulie@saintpetersepisopal.org) for more information.

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## *From the Office of the Bishop*

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### Congratulations to our seminarians!

Kathy Lawler and Katie McCarthy-Evenbeck graduated from Church Divinity School of the Pacific on Saturday, May 22. Barbara Gausewitz White graduated from Seminary of the Southwest on Wednesday, May 19. All three will be ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Megan at Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, June 12. Details on the ordination to follow.

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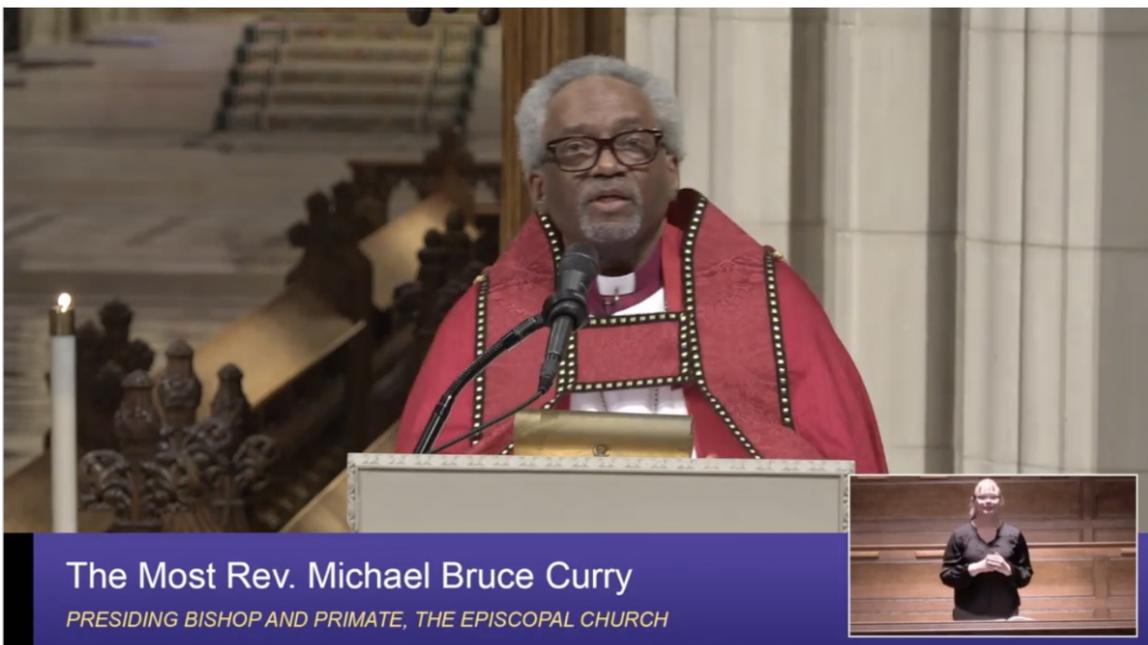
### Diocese Web Site Updates

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. Natalie Klopfenstein, our Communication Consultant, has been hard at work doing exactly that. **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.

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## *From the Wider Church*

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**Pentecost presents an opportunity to heal divisions, Presiding Bishop says during weekend revival**

[Episcopal News Service] The celebration of Pentecost – a feast marking the birth of the Christian church and spiritual renewal – rippled across The Episcopal Church in music and worship during the “One in the Spirit: Pentecost Way of Love Revival Weekend” from May 21 to 23. As many churches resumed in-person worship after a year of loss and hardship, the virtual revival gathered Episcopalians together online for inspiration and celebration, while also offering space for grief. [Read more and watch videos here.](#)

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## *From the Episcopal Foundation*

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

The application period is from April 1, 2021 – June 1, 2021. Click [here](#) to download an application. To submit an application, or if you have questions, please [email Michelle Karimi](#).

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### **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](#).

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[Online resources](#) for people in recovery

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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