



Episcopal  
Diocese of  
Northern  
California

# E News

News from the Diocese and Wider Church

December 21, 2021

## News from around the diocese



### St. Peter's Church prepares (Re)Start bins for infants

Parishioners from **St. Peter's Church in Red Bluff** gathered after worship on Sunday, December 19 to assemble and prepare ten Infant bins for **Project (Re)Start**. This project is a new initiative by the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California to develop standardized bins containing essential household and personal goods to help victims after the initial days of a disaster. Thanks to the members of St. Peter's for their generosity and commitment to this important work!

**Top left:** Senior Warden Cicely Prewett applied labels to the bins

**Top right:** Gail Locke, Peggy Whitten, and Fred Reynolds inventory the bin contents

**Bottom left:** Jeanne Woodstrup and Angela Hoenninger assemble bins

**Bottom right:** Six of the completed (Re)Start Infant bins, ready to be deployed after a disaster

### Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas Message 2021: 'In the name of these refugees, let us help all refugees'

December 15, 2021

*Office of Public Affairs*



"The Christmas stories are reminders that this Jesus came to show us how to love as God loves. And one of the ways we love as God loves is to help those who are refugees, those who seek asylum from political tyranny, poverty, famine, or other hardship.

"In the 1930s, Episcopalians did this to love as God loves, and today, ministries like Episcopal Migration Ministries, the work of this church, have helped to resettle some 100,000 refugees as of December 2021. And that work goes on for refugees from Afghanistan and from other places around the world.

"The Christian vocation as Jesus taught us is to love as God loves. And in the name of these refugees, let us help all refugees.

"God love you. God bless you. And, this Christmas, may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love."

**The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry**  
**Presiding Bishop and Primate**  
**The Episcopal Church**

Download full video transcript in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

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## Scenes from the Ordination and Consecration of The Rev. Betsey Monnot as the Bishop of Iowa

On Saturday, December 18, The Rev. Betsey Monnot was ordained and consecrated as the Tenth Bishop of Iowa. Bishop Megan was among 16 bishops who traveled to Des Moines to participate in the service.

Watch the service here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2-5hWtv7XE>

**Above:** The bishops gathered after the event.

**Right, top:** Bishops lay hands on Betsey Monnot at the consecration.

**Right, middle:** Bishop Megan presents the pectoral cross, a gift from our diocese.

**Bottom, left:** Betsey Monnot gives her first blessing as bishop.

**Bottom, right:** Bishop Megan, Bishop Betsey, and Bishop Lucinda Ashby fro the diocese of El Camino Real.



## Barbara Gausewitz White Ordained to Priesthood

On Saturday, December 11, The Rt. Rev. Terry White, Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky, ordained Barbara Gausewitz White to the priesthood on behalf of Bishop Megan. Present to witness the ceremony was her sponsoring Rector,



Left to right - The Rev. Brian Rebholtz, Rector of St. Luke's Auburn; The Rev. Barbara Gausewitz White; The Rt. Rev. Terry White, Bishop of Kentucky.

The Rev. Brian Rebholtz, from St. Luke's Auburn.

Gausewitz White serves as Associate Rector for Worship, Formation and Communications at St. Francis in the Fields in Harrods Creek, Kentucky.

Her ordination took place the morning after tornadoes devastated parts of Kentucky and several nearby states.

She was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate in the Diocese of Northern California in June, 2021. Before attending Seminary in Austin, TX, she studied International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego and worked in public policy and communications.

Watch the service here:

[https://youtu.be/XilzrKMI\\_E](https://youtu.be/XilzrKMI_E)

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## Office of the Bishop

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### Office of the Bishop Christmas Hours

The Office of the Bishop will be closed **Friday, December 24** at noon, and reopen **Wednesday, December 29** at 9am. Have a blessed Christmas!

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### 2022 Convention

The 112th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northern California will be FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022 at the Redding Civic Auditorium. The DEANERY CONVOCATION will be held via zoom on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

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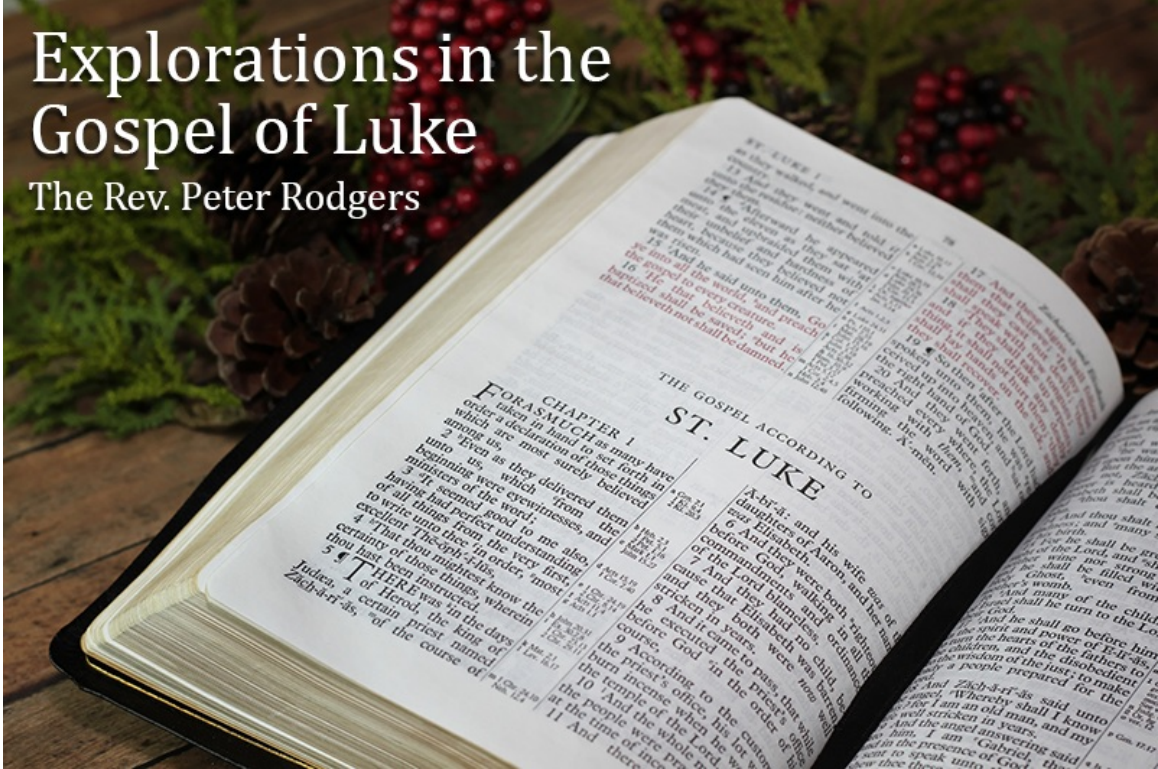
## Spiritual Formation

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# Explorations in the Gospel of Luke

The Rev. Peter Rodgers



## Christmas, Christmas 1. December 25, 26.

For our exploration at Christmas we turn from St. Luke to St. John: *And the word became flesh...* (John 1:14).

These five words (in Greek and in English) express the heart of the Christian message. Anyone who knows their Bible will read this passage and think of Genesis (*In the beginning...light and darkness*). There the story is of creation. Here in John it is the story of new creation through God's incarnate word, (1:14) God the only begotten (1:18). The temptation in reading and studying this passage is to become philosophical. This certainly has its place. But the main thrust of John's prologue (indeed of the whole Gospel) is practical. John speaks of God taking on human flesh and experiencing all the challenges of human existence. And by Christ's incarnation, life, death, and Resurrection we have been given power to become children of God. His coming among us provides not only a new creation but a model of how we are to engage with the world which God loves and for whose redemption Christ came. That model is neither withdrawal from the world nor absorption in the world but loving engagement. Jesus said to the disciples, *As the Father has sent me, so I send you.* (John 20:21).

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## Job Opportunities Around the Diocese

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**St. Clement's | Rancho Cordova** is seeking a 3/4 time **Priest-in-Charge**. See the position description [here](#).

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**All Saints | Sacramento** is looking for a **part-time Office/Administrative Assistant**. Read the job posting [here](#).

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**St. Michael's | Carmichael** is seeking an **Assistant/Associate Priest**. Read the job announcement [here](#).

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**St. Patrick's | Kenwood** is seeking an **Organist/Pianist**. Click [here](#) for more

information.

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**St. Paul's | Sacramento** is seeking a **Music Director**.

Read the job announcement [here](#).

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**St. Paul's | Benicia** is seeking a **Contemporary Music Leader**

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

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## Commission for Intercultural Ministries

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### AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT UPDATE

Thank You for your Donations

Christmas Week finds our steadily growing local Afghan Community settling into their new city and experiencing a Sacramento Christmas. There are many ways to share our blessings and enrich our new neighbors' first Christmas. Consider adding a Winter Welcome Kit or Employment Kit to your Christmas shopping list. These Kits will provide much needed goods for the cold and rain and the basic equipment needed to find a job and begin working. Click [here](#) for details about how to do so and more opportunities for giving.

*Thank  
You!*

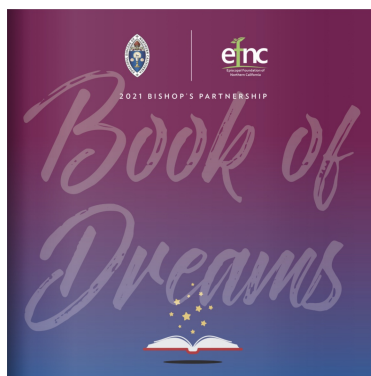
Thank you to the many folks throughout the Diocese who have donated to our vital ministry. Blessings, Peace, and God's Love be with you this Christmas.

The Afghan Resettling Team

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## Episcopal Foundation

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### The 2021 Bishop's Partnership Appeal on pace to beat last year's amounts!

So far, nearly **\$18,000** has been given to ministries in the **Bishop's Partnership Appeal Book of Dreams**. We are ahead of last year's amount raised at the same time last year!

Click [here](#) to view the book and learn more about how to donate to these projects.

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## Episcopal Relief & Development

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**Give before the end of 2021 and double the impact!**

Episcopal Relief & Development has



announced that all donations until the end of the year will be doubled, thanks to the generosity of a group of donors. The matching funds will apply to **Gifts for Life** selections and **One Thousand Days of Love** selections. The matching funds will be sent to the global fund.

**ONE THOUSAND  
DAYS OF LOVE** 

To donate or learn more, visit:  
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