



News for the week of Mar. 10, 2020

### Three things from the Office of the Bishop

- This week Bishop Megan addressed the issue of COVID-19 and our diocese with **preventative measures for church and home**. See her message here: [conta.cc/3cyuQdF](https://conta.cc/3cyuQdF)
- One more week to register for **Inviting People to Church**. Offered on March 21 at St. John's, Chico. Learn more here: [bit.ly/InviteToChurch](https://bit.ly/InviteToChurch)
- The Episcopal Church invites you to **Engage with the 2020 Census**. There are toolkits and more information here: [bit.ly/CivilEngagement](https://bit.ly/CivilEngagement)

### Bishop Megan visits St. Timothy's, Gridley



L - R: The Rev. John Harris, Vicar; Bishop Megan; the Rev. Dan Boeger, Deacon; the Rev. Mary Boeger, Deacon



*Lord God...Sanctify this sanctuary, dedicated to you. Let it be to us a sign of the heavenly sanctuary where your saints and angels praise you forever...*

Bishop Megan visited the people of St. Timothy's, Gridley on Mar. 1. The congregation has recently finished a remodel of their sanctuary and the bishop was privileged to bless it. Following lunch in the parish hall, Bishop Megan met in the newly acquired parish house with the vestry. Their conversation included Camp Fire recovery items as well as other topics.

Of special note were the gardens; full of flowers and very welcoming. In fact, the neighbors often come and sit on the benches; welcomed to meditate or just pass the time.



St. Timothy's, Gridley welcomed Bishop Megan as they do their neighbors



The recently remodeled sanctuary waits expectantly for worship



Flowers were blooming and the grounds were made ready

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

### Health and Safety: COVID-19



In a second message to the diocese, Bishop Megan quoted Psalm 91 and said, "We do dwell under the shadow of God's protective wings and these words put all of our worries into perspective. As we move through these weeks of prudent care, perhaps this psalm will be our prayer; repeated after we listen to the news and if we awake in the middle of the night,"

She continued, "Because of the strength we receive from God, we can encourage others who may be fearful."

Also included in the message were some measures that we can take to prepare our homes and churches for a possible, but improbable quarantine. You can read her complete message here: [conta.cc/3cyuQdF](https://conta.cc/3cyuQdF)

We will be communicating to you again later this week.

### Clergy reminder: Lenten Quiet Day



The theme for this Lenten Quiet Day is "Mystical Voices of our Christian Tradition". Four gifted teachers from among our own clergy will be interviewed concerning a Christian mystical voice of their choice:

- The Rt. Rev. **Megan M. Traquair** on Brother Lawrence
- The Very Rev. **Richard Yale** on Jean-Pierre de Caussade
- The Rev. **Pamela Dolan** on Julian of Norwich
- The Rev. **Anne McKeever** on Teresa of Avila.

These interviews will be followed by a contemplative practice. The day will offer several moments of learning, interwoven with times to be still.

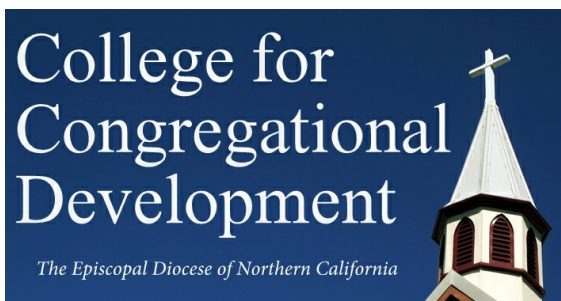
**When:** Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Where:** Mercy Center  
[535 Sacramento St.](#)  
[Auburn, CA 95603](#)

This clergy event is free and registration is required. Please register [here](#).

## College for Congregational Development dates announced

CCD gives participants the skills to lead change processes, manage conflict and articulate the identity and purpose of their congregation. This training helps participants refine their facilitation skills, so they can lead effective meetings, small groups, and teaching sessions.



### When:

- **Weeklong:**
  - Sun, May 31, 2020, 1:30 PM – Fri, Jun 5, 2020, 4:00 pm PT
    - [Click here](#) to register for the **weeklong** session.
- **Weekends:**
  - Fri, Oct 16, 2020, 9:00 am - Sun, Oct 18, 2020, 4:00 pm PT -AND-
  - Fri, Mar 19, 2021, 9:00 am - Sun, Mar 21, 2020, 4:00 pm PT
    - [Click here](#) to register for the **weekend** sessions.

**Where:** The Bishop's Ranch  
[5297 Westside Road](#)  
[Healdsburg, CA 95448](#)

## Applications are open for Pathways 2020

More information is available [here](#).

**Dates:** June 14-19, 2020  
**Location:** Butte County  
**Participants:** Those finishing grades 7-12  
**Young adult leaders:** Ages 18-30  
**Cost:** \$600 per participant

You may download a Pathways flyer [here](#).  
Please post in your parish and/or relay this information in your parish bulletin.

Camperships are available. Click here to apply: [bit.ly/NorCalSummerCampership2020](http://bit.ly/NorCalSummerCampership2020)



**PATHWAYS 2020 IN BUTTE COUNTY**  
Helping those affected by the Camp Fire in Butte County  
**#PARADISESTRONG**

## Bishop Megan's visitation and travel schedule

- Mar. 9-12 - House of Bishops, Virtual Meetings
- Mar. 15 - St. Mary's, Ferndale
- Mar. 22 - Shepherd-by-the-Sea, Gualala
- Mar. 29 - St John's, Marysville
- April 5 - St. Martin's, Davis
- April 12 - St. Mary's, Elk Grove

See more visitation dates [here](#).

## Employment opportunities highlighted on the website

There are open clergy positions in our diocese. You can access information about these openings on our [homepage](#), where you can click the Employment Opportunities button.



## Youth position at Trinity, Folsom

Trinity Episcopal Church, Folsom, CA, is looking for a youth minister. The youth minister will be responsible for inspiring and supporting the spiritual development of youth in middle and high school, providing leadership and oversight of youth activities and their Christian formation, from Sunday school to youth group to service opportunities. Are you interested? Applications are due by April 1. For the job description and application instructions [click here](#).

## Music opportunity at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Sacramento, CA, is seeking a Director of Cathedral Choristers (Children's choir). The Director of Cathedral Choristers is a part-time position under the supervision of the Canon for Music, David Link.

The purpose of the Cathedral Choristers is to enhance the spiritual growth of children at the Cathedral, through musical and liturgical education and singing, and to provide the opportunity to experience leadership in Cathedral worship. It is desired that the new Choristers Director will implement the excellent "Voice for Life" chorister program, designed by the Royal School of Church Music. [More information can be found here](#).

## NEWS AND EVENTS IN AND BEYOND THE DIOCESE



### Escaping the desk: The Rev. Nancy Fausto talks evangelism for clergy



The Rev. Nancy Fausto is serious about evangelism. It seems like she actually breathes it. Rev. Nancy is the Associate Rector at St. Luke's, Long Beach and a training consultant for The Episcopal Church's evangelism campaign. She was a facilitator and trainer at the Evangelism 101 workshop that was hosted at St. Patrick's, Kenwood on Feb. 21 & 22. She facilitated the large group training with Jerusalem Greer and also taught an afternoon training on [Becoming Beloved Community](#).

Becoming Beloved Community, launched by The Episcopal Church, helps us to understand and take up the long-term commitments necessary to form loving, liberating and life-giving relationships with each other.

Jay Elmquist, the Director of Communications, sat down and had a conversation with Rev. Nancy. Her responses are timely and apply to everyone, not just clergy. The accompanying video records the conversation.

Next week we'll share video suggestions for how to start evangelism programs in your church.

As you add pictures of your evangelism efforts to social media, use the hash tags **#episcopalevangelism** and **#norcalevangelism** so we can all watch what you're doing.

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## Workshop on inviting people to church



St John's, Chico and St Nicholas', Paradise are hosting a how-to workshop called Inviting People to Church. Bishop Megan started a project here in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California based on the Invite\*Welcome\*Connect ministry that was presented at Diocesan Convention. The first word of that program is "Invite". How are we supposed to do that?

Anne Fay is an expert in inviting people to church (and most other things as well). She will present her biblically-based, tried, and true method for inviting people to come to church with her. She understands what to do when the invitation seems to fall flat.

Come and learn how to invite and evangelize. It's not hard. It's not scary. It can even be fun. [Read more...](#)

**When:** Sat, Mar. 21, 2020 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Where:** St. John's Episcopal Church, Parish Life Center  
[2341 Floral Avenue](#)  
[Chico, CA 95926](#)

**Cost:** \$10 for a catered lunch (**deadline for lunch is Mar. 16**)

**Registration:** Contact Sherry Wallmark at (530)894-1971 or Delia Fay+ at (530)228-0494

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## Engage the 2020 Census

Watch Presiding Bishop Curry's message about our engagement with the 2020 Census.



As an official partner of Census 2020, The Episcopal

Church can help make the count as accurate as possible. 132 federal programs plus private businesses, state, and local initiatives depend on Census data for effective distribution of resources, while congressional seats are apportioned according to the Census count.

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Research shows that someone is more likely to take the census if they hear about it from someone they trust. Help shape the future of your community by learning about why the census is important and how to encourage others to take it, too. The [census engagement toolkit](#) provides pointers for getting the word out and partnering with your local Complete Count Committees. [Read more...](#)

## Healing ministry training



The Order of St. Luke and Christian Healing Ministries, will hold a day long healing training event at Trinity Cathedral on March 21. Participants will worship together, learn about the principles of healing prayer, and attend practicums that allow them to use their learning practically. Lunch will be served and is included in registration. [Read more...](#)

**When:** Saturday, March 21, 2020; 8:30 am - 3:45 PM

**Where:** Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

[2620 Capitol Ave.](#)

[Sacramento, CA 95816](#)

**Cost:** \$15 (includes a box lunch)

**Registration:** Contact Elba Rivas de White at [elbawhite@yahoo.com](mailto:elbawhite@yahoo.com) to RSVP.



## Diocesan Partners in Ministries of Health and Diocesan Recovery offer a day long event



A diocesan-wide event entitled **Recovery Is For Everyone** will be held on May 16 at St. George's, Carmichael. The day will be full of information and inspiration as we hear from the Rev. Colleen Tully, a member of the Board of The Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Kevin Phillips, an expert in addiction treatment. As the title of the event indicates, everyone is invited to come: lay people, clergy, parents, young adults and health professionals. Snacks and lunch are included in the registration. Information about reservations will be available soon.

**When:** May 16, 2020, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Where:** St. George's Episcopal Church

[5600 Winding Way](#)

[Carmichael, CA 95608](#)

**Cost:** \$20 donation requested

**Contact:** The Rev. Anne Dryden McKeever at [amckeever@wavecable.com](mailto:amckeever@wavecable.com) or 503.908.3616

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## Episcopal Community Services solicits letters of intent

In order to help your congregation make your grant application as successful as possible, we are requesting that anyone considering asking for a grant this year submit an informal Letter of Interest. This process will help us to plan for the year, and may enable us to be able to offer ways to assist you.



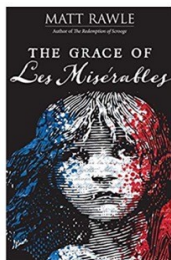
The ECS Board of Directors intends these grants to reflect:

- Ministry programs among poor and oppressed people wherever they are located.
- Social justice ministry in the best tradition of the church. The target populations should be individuals and communities not ordinarily included in the congregation.

The **deadline** to submit your letter is **Mar 15**. [Read more...](#)

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## The Grace of Les Miserables



This course, along with all other courses offered at Trinity Cathedral for Thursday Night at the Cathedral (TNAC), are temporarily suspended in light of COVID-19 best practice recommendations. Please consult the [Trinity Cathedral website](#) for changes and updates.

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## Franciscan Spirituality program offered

Companions in



Franciscan Spirituality  
Program

Companions in Franciscan Spirituality for 2020: Ten-Day Residential Immersion Programs in Franciscan Spirituality is offered three times a year for free by The Community of St. Francis at St. Francis House in San Francisco for women over 18.

The program includes studying Franciscan spirituality and living out of that spirituality by sharing in our community life, worship and ministry in the church and wider community.

[Click here](#) for more information.

**When:** April 3-13, 2020; July 3-13, 2020; Oct. 2-12, 2020

**Where:** [St. Francis House](#)

[3743 Cesar Chavez](#)

[San Francisco, CA 94110](#)

Registration: Contact Sr. Pamela Clare at [pamelaclarecsf@aol.com](mailto:pamelaclarecsf@aol.com)

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## Latino Ministry Competency course

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



Participants have their choice of two sessions:

- Monday to Monday, August 10 – 17, 2020 at the School of Theology, Sewanee in Sewanee, Tennessee.
- Monday to Monday, May 24 – May 31, 2021 at Boston University, School of Theology in Boston, Massachusetts.

These popular sessions are offered by The Episcopal Church's [Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries](#) and taught by seminary faculty, clergy, and lay leaders with extensive experience in Latino and intercultural ministry. The course includes classroom lectures, site visits, and worship services. [Read more...](#)

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## Episcopal Church Constable Fund Grants open

The application process is now open for the 2020 Constable Fund Grants. The Constable Fund provides grants to fund mission initiatives not provided for within the budget of The Episcopal Church, as approved by General Convention 2018, with a stated preference for work in the areas of religious education. In 2019, Constable Grant awards ranged from \$20,000 to \$60,000 with \$209,000 distributed among five grant recipients. [Read more...](#)

Applications must be submitted to Province VIII Grant Work Group by **Mar. 16**. Submit your applications to [communications@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:communications@norcalepiscopal.org) with Constable Fund Grant in the subject line. We will make sure they are forwarded to Province VIII.

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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