



# DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of December 1, 2020

## Welcome to Advent!



[Read Bishop Megan's Advent message.](#)

2020 BISHOP'S PARTNERSHIP

*Book of Dreams*



A SEASON OF GIVING TO THE  
MINISTRIES THAT HELP US  
MAKE DISCIPLES,  
RAISE UP SAINTS, AND TRANSFORM  
COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST.

Watch your email for the launch.

## Trinity Cathedral News & Upcoming Events

Trinity Cathedral's - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols  
Saturday, December 19th for Cathedral and Diocesan Congregations

Please join in a “virtual” choir for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, to be livestreamed on **Saturday, December 19**. With COVID-19 protocols in place, and no in-person choral singing permitted, we still want to continue the tradition of a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at your Cathedral. So we are inviting you all to join the virtual choir!

The music for the virtual choir will include:

- Hymn: Angels we have heard on high
- Hymn: Hark, the Herald angels sing
- Carol/anthem: In the bleak midwinter

Visit the Cathedral virtual choir web page for detailed instructions. There you can download the sheet music, download the recording to which you will be singing, and shortly there will be practice tracks available for each individual voice part. When you have finished recording your part, there is a link at the bottom of the page to submit your recording.

We hope to have singers from all around our Diocese joining the Cathedral for virtual choir. [Visit the virtual choir web page here](#)

## Episcopal Relief & Development

### Match Challenge

Episcopal Relief & Development launched the organization’s annual Year-End Match Challenge on November 5. Thanks to a generous group of donors, all donations to the agency between now and December 31 will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$765,000. [Read more here about the ERD Year-End Match Challenge.](#)

### Episcopal Relief & Development Supports Response to Hurricane Eta in Central America

Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting partners in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua as they respond to the devastation caused by Hurricane Eta. They are providing food, shelter, bedding and other emergency supplies to communities that have been impacted. [Read the press release here.](#) Photo Courtesy of the Episcopal Diocese of Nicaragua



## The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)

### Evaluating your 2020 Stewardship Campaign, Planning for 2021

Have you been asking these questions?

- How did our 2020 pledge campaign measure up?
- What lessons did we learn?
- What tools do we need to analyze your fundraising results, build on our successes, and plan for more in 2021?

TENS is offering a free webinar to all on **Saturday, January 23 at 10AM Pacific**. Join stewardship experts to learn how you can raise more money for mission in 2021!

Registration is necessary, but free. [Click here to register.](#)

## Resources and Links

### Virtual Men's Retreat, Saturday, December 12 from 2:30 - 6PM

**Praying with Thomas Merton During Seasons of Darkness** hosted by Faith Cameron Park and Rev. Daniel London, Christ's Church, Eureka.

During this Saturday afternoon retreat learn about the life, theodicy, and theodical spirituality of the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton; and explore ways that his wisdom can help us pray honestly during our own seasons of darkness.

[For more information click here. To register click here.](#)



## Making Room for New Life in This In-Between Time: An Advent Retreat

Join Bishops Ranch on Zoom from home or from the Ranch for a time of spiritual practice and reflection focused on grounding and opening. Life is about more than our heads

though, so we'll bring our hearts and our whole selves to the practices.

There will be daily worship, prayer, silence, meditation, poetry, music, chant, conversation, reflections and even cooking together!

[Click here for more information.](#)



**Get Prepared** - Whether it's an earthquake, wildfire, flood, or COVID-19, Listos California wants everyone to get ready and stay safe. Working with you to establish resilient communities and build a new culture of disaster preparedness for all Californians. Listos California offers resources for you and your family. Visit their website [here](#).

[Online resources for people in recovery](#)



**Grace Episcopal Church, St. Helena** is seeking a part-time, temporary office manager.

For more more information [click here](#), and for the [job description here](#).

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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