



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of December 22, 2020

Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests



On Friday, December 18, Rev. Grace Flint, Rev. Portia Hopkins, and Rev. Libby Vincent were ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests by The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair. The evening was full of joy, hundreds of online connections, and beautiful music.

Welcome our three newest priests in the diocese!

Spotlight on Diocesan Commissions



The **Commission for Intercultural Ministries** seeks to help our worshipping communities live into our Christian values as articulated in our

The **Commission on Ministry** is made up of lay and ordained members of The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California who help

Baptismal Covenant. This includes welcoming and appreciating the diversity of the people among and around us. It means reaching out to people in our communities who may have a different cultural or ethnic background, and engaging with them toward the goal of being a Beloved Community.

Read more about the Commission for Intercultural Ministries programs [here](#).

discern and guide the formation of the baptized for ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church in Northern California.

Read more about the Commission on Ministry and discerning a call to ordained ministry [here](#).

From the Office of the Bishop



Seasons Greetings!

We wanted to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, and to give thanks to everyone for their support over this past year. We wish everyone the best, and look forward to 2021!

Please note, our office will be closed December 24th and 25th for the holidays and will re-open on Monday, December 28th.



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.

This weeks highlighted dreams:

Episcopal Foundation of Northern California

Providing funds for the many ministries – large and small, ongoing and start-up, that the visions of transformation shared by all ministries in this Diocese

may be realized.

Holy Ground Living Classroom

To encourage all of our neighbors to linger and pray, or simply rest, and a living classroom dedicated to tending body, soul, and the planet.

Hope's Space

Funds would be used to obtain digital resources to offer a bi-weekly virtual song circle for healing until such time as this program can be held in person.

The vestry of St. Paul's, Sacramento has issued a **donation match challenge** and will match all donations received for Hope's Space up to \$6,000. We encourage you to do the same for your favorite dream in the Book of Dreams.

[Click here to read more about these and other dreams.](#)

DONATE NOW

A Joyful Pastorela for all



Join us for a joyful Spanish-language *pastorela* with songs and readings, prepared by friends from Grace, St. Helena and from around our diocese.

Únase para una pastorela alegre en español, con canciones y lecturas preparadas por amigos de la Iglesia Episcopal de la Gracia en Sta. Elena, y de toda nuestra Diócesis Episcopal del Norte de California.

To view, go to www.grace-episcopal.org/worshiplive at 3PM on Christmas Eve, or afterwards to www.grace-episcopal.org/Christmas-Services. ¡Feliz Navidad!

Trinity Cathedral News

Trinity Cathedral's - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Cathedral and Diocesan Congregations

If you missed the Livestream of Trinity Cathedral's Nine Lessons and Carols on Saturday, December 19, the recording of the service is available to [view online!](#) You may also [download or listen to the individual song recordings](#) collected by the diocesan virtual choral recording project.

Resources and Links

**Province VIII Altar Guild Meeting
January 16, 2021**

2-5pm PST

ALTAR GUILD
A Spiritual Ministry



Presentations by:

Dianne Walters, President of the National Altar Guild Association

The Rev. Dr. Eric Hinds, Rector of Saint Matthew's San Mateo, California

This event will be a live stream video teleconference utilizing Zoom. Please e-mail Sarah Chesebro sarahchesebro@gmail.com if you would like to attend.



A new Sacred Ground Circle is forming:

Meetings begin on February 4, 2021
Thursday afternoons 1:00-2:30 pm

The Commission for Intercultural Ministry is forming a Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle, a film-based dialogue series on race and faith. For more information [click here.](#)

Has your parish done a Planned Giving Campaign?

St. Patrick's in Kenwood presented their campaign on a EDNC Leadership call group. Highlights included their personal experience, challenges and successes as a parish in implementing the Planned Giving materials developed by the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California (EFNC) to assist parishes in strengthening their Planned Giving Ministries.



The PowerPoint [presentation is available here](#) and questions can be emailed to schapralis@aol.com.

Additional resources may be found on the [EFNC website](#).



Begin 2021 with the Gospel of Mark! The Good Book Club returns to read the earliest and shortest of the four gospels, starting Friday, January 1, 2021,

through Shrove Tuesday, February 16.

[Sign up to receive updates](#) on the Gospel of Mark. [View and download the readings.](#)

Get your Christmas Season Pass today!

From the National Cathedral to your home, join the country for a wondrous Christmas season at the National Cathedral. Register with your email address and they will deliver every Christmas concert and service directly to your inbox!

[Register here.](#)



Episcopal Relief & Development offers a [new digital prayer tool](#), bringing together prayers from many sources and the opportunity to share prayers with others.



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](#)



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