



News for the week of Feb 18, 2020

## Three things from the Office of the Bishop

- An **Invite\*Welcome\*Connect** workshop called Evangelism 101 will be offered at St. Patrick's, Kenwood, Feb. 21 & 22. You can **still register** here: [bit.ly/IWCKenwoodRegistration](https://bit.ly/IWCKenwoodRegistration)
- **Racial Reconciliation Training** is happening at All Saints', Redding on March 21. This training is required for ministry leaders in our diocese. Register here: [bit.ly/March2020RacialReconciliation](https://bit.ly/March2020RacialReconciliation)
- Registration for the **College of Congregational Development** is open with added weekend session dates. Learn more and register here: [bit.ly/NorCalCCD2020Registration](https://bit.ly/NorCalCCD2020Registration)

## Bishop Megan in Richmond at new bishop conference



This years class of new bishops, together with their spouses and partners and Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves.



California was represented by a delegation that included (L-R): Mr. Stephen Bruce (LA), Bishop Megan Traquair (NC), Bishop Lucinda Ashby (ECR), Bishop Susan Snook (SD) and Dr. Philip Traquair (NC)

Bishop Megan and Dr. Philip Traquair traveled to Richmond, VA, during the week of Feb 2, to attend the New Bishop and Spouses/Partners Conference. This conference is offered by the [College for Bishops](#) and is designed for bishops elected in the previous calendar year and their spouses to gather for five days of community building, reflection and

support.

Of their time at the conference, Bishop Megan said, "We were able to meet others who were on the same journey as we are and begin building collegial relationships and friendships that will last for years. We also got to learn from instructors and facilitators who are bishops and spouses themselves. It was a very beneficial time."

The College for Bishops exists to: "To provide opportunities for education and formation that will strengthen bishops in their personal lives, as diocesan leaders in God's mission and in their vocation to God, as a community of bishops in service to The Episcopal Church". The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves is the managing director and oversees [programs](#) that form and educate bishops, old and new. [Read more here...](#)



An inspiring new cohort of Episcopal women bishops who attended the New Bishops Conference led by the Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, on the far right

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

### 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.

The quiet day facilitator will be The Rev. **Rodney Davis** who is an associate priest at St. Michael's in Carmichael.

**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](#).



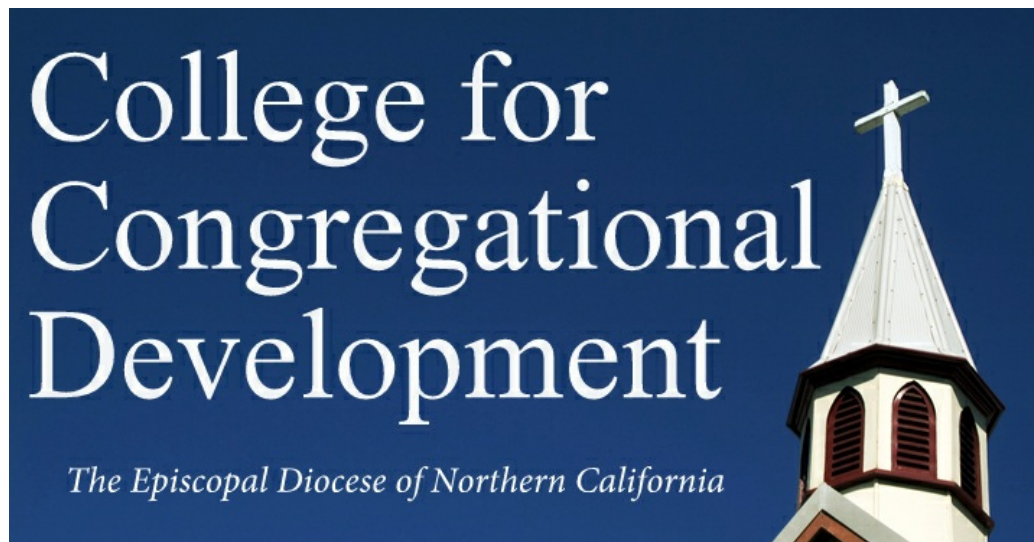
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## New forms for 2020

There is an updated **2020 Expense Reimbursement & Check Request Form** that should be used for any 2020 diocesan-related activities and expenses. The form for 2019 is not to be used any longer. Please download the [2020 form here](#).

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## College for Congregational Development dates announced



The College for Congregational Development (CCD) is a program designed to build skills and increase capacity for participants to develop congregations of all sizes, locations and conditions into more vital, faithful, healthy and effective communities of faith. CCD equips participants with tools to assess the needs of their congregations, develop strategies for growth, prioritize their needs and focus energy on those areas.

CCD also 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](#)

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## Applications are open for Pathways 2020



## PATHWAYS 2020 IN BUTTE COUNTY

Helping those affected by the Camp Fire in Butte County  
**#PARADISESTRONG**

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 (**Early bird** registration discount of \$75 if application is received by **Feb. 1, 2020.**)

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

## Employment opportunities highlighted on the website



The banner features the logo of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California on the left, which includes a shield with a cross, a chalice, and a book. To the right of the logo, the text reads "FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP" in white on a blue background, followed by "OPEN CLERGY AND LAY POSITIONS" in red. Below this, the question "Will you join us?" is written in a cursive font. At the bottom right, there is a red play button icon followed by the text "Click for employment opportunities" in red.

There are several open clergy positions in our diocese. There are also lay positions available at the Office of the Bishop. You can access information about these openings on our [homepage](#), where you can click the banner above or the Employment Opportunities button. The banner and the button are clickable here, as well.



## Changes in the eNews schedule

In order to increase our communications as a diocese, we will be publishing our eNews every week. Please watch for that, and for additional adjustments and improvements on direct communication from Bishop Megan to the clergy of the diocese.

## Bishop Megan's visitation schedule

- Feb. 19 - Province VIII House of Bishops - Taipei, Taiwan
- Feb. 23 - 2020 Consecration of the Bishop of Taiwan - Taipei, Taiwan
- Feb. 26 - Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento
- Mar. 22 - Shepherd-by-the-Sea, Gualala

See more visitation dates [here](#).

## NEWS AND EVENTS IN AND BEYOND THE DIOCESE



### An Invite\*Welcome\*Connect learning opportunity

Want to share the Good News and grow your church? St. Patrick's, Kenwood is offering a workshop called: EVANGELISM 101 WORKSHOP - A program of The Episcopal Church.

Please join Jerusalem Greer, Staff Officer for Evangelism for The Episcopal Church, Office of the Presiding Bishop; and Rev. Nancy Frausto, Associate Rector at St. Luke's, Long Beach; for an informative and inspiring experience learning how to share the joy of

our faith in the communities we serve.

**When:** Feb. 21 and 22

- Friday dinner and presentation \$35
- Saturday workshop and meals \$45

**Where:** St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
[9000 Sonoma Highway](#)  
[Kenwood, CA 95452](#)

**Registration:**

- Print the informational flyer and registration form [here](#) or
- Call or email Miriam Casey at 650-380-2747 or [mlcasey5@yahoo.com](mailto:mlcasey5@yahoo.com)

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## Racial Reconciliation Training Announced

The Commission for Intercultural Ministries has scheduled a Racial Reconciliation Training day. This training will provide an opportunity for congregational leaders to learn how to help our worshipping communities:

### Commission for Intercultural Ministries



Episcopal Church  
Becoming Beloved Community

- appreciate and welcome the great diversity of people among us and around us
- to develop tools to work against the forces of racism in our world
- to be communities of healing and reconciliation.

In our diocese, this training is required for all clergy, for all lay people who are engaged in ministries of governance (diocesan boards and commissions, as well as vestries and mission committees), along with licensed lay ministers.

**When:** Sat, March 21, 2020

**Where:** All Saints' Episcopal Church  
2150 Benton Drive  
Redding CA 96003

**Registration:** Please [click here](#) to register. Registration is required. Please register by March 14, 2020

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Jensen at [Lmjensen.rio@gmail.com](mailto:Lmjensen.rio@gmail.com)

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## A Lenten opportunity to learn about icons



Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Grass Valley is hosting an exhibit of icons painted in the Russian style. The exhibit, called The Art and Spirit of Icons, will be open to the public on February 29 at Buck Hall, adjacent to the church.

Viewers can learn how icons have evolved as both an art form and a means of worship starting in the 3rd century, and especially in the Byzantine era, through the present. Icons are the original tradition of Christian sacred art and are still used to inspire us today.

Several iconographers have contributed to make this beautiful display available to us. Icons painted in both egg tempera & pigments and acrylic paint are shown. Iconographers will be present to answer questions and explain the icons.

Please, no food or drinks allowed.

**Where:** Emmanuel Church

235 Church Street

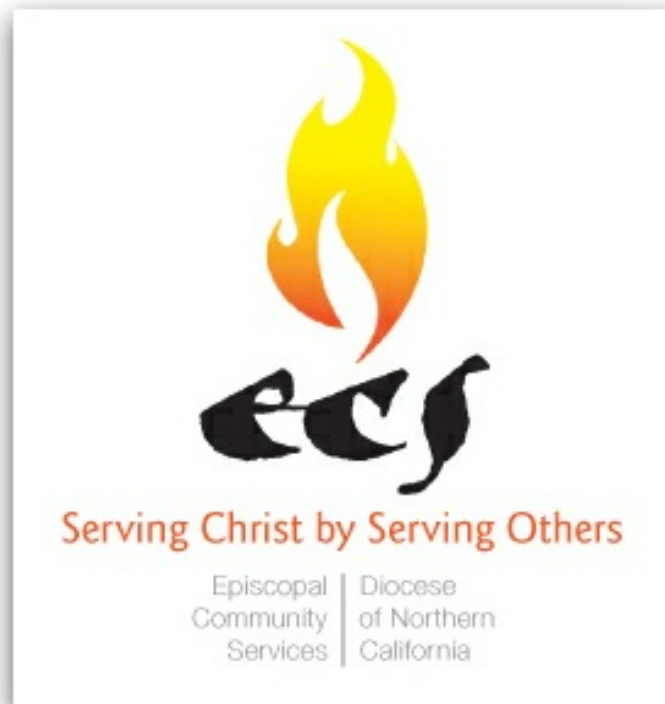
Grass Valley, CA

**When:** February 29, 2020 11:00 am - 4:00 pm PT

**Contact:** Carolyn Feuille at [cfeuille@gmail.com](mailto:cfeuille@gmail.com)

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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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## Bake and support the ministry of the Belfry



Are you the best baker in your congregation? Prove it!

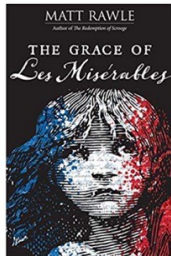
Sign up today to go head-to-head against the best bakers in the area in a tough challenge for a good cause. All proceeds from the event will sponsor young adult and campus ministry at The Belfry. Don't miss this opportunity for the ultimate bragging rights as the award-winning baker from the Great Belfry Bake Off!

If you're not a baker at heart but you love to try other folks' creations, general admission is available for anyone! There will be vendors, light refreshments, and of course, voting for the Fan Favorite. [Read more...](#)

Register today at [thebelfry.org/gbbo](http://thebelfry.org/gbbo)

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## The Grace of Les Miserables



The Rev. Anne Dryden McKeever will present The Grace of Les Miserables, a six-week Lenten series, at Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in the upstairs Assembly Area, from February 27 through April 2, 2020.

The series is free and open to everyone. Participants may attend one, several, or all six sessions. An optional Participants Booklet is available for sale in the Trinity Bookshop and online. [More here...](#)

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**Episcopal Youth Event 2020: Register now!**





This summer Episcopal youth from across the church will gather at the University of Maryland for the triennial Episcopal Youth Event (EYE). The theme for this year is "unite! junámonos!" Grace St. Helena will be sending a group and invites others to join.

**When:** July 7-11, 2020

**Where:** University of Maryland, College Park, MD

**Who:** Youth from across the diocese

- Youth participants must be currently enrolled high school students in 9th, 10th, 11, or 12th grade during the 2019/20 school year.
- They must be a minimum of 15 years old by July 7, 2020, and no older than 19 by that same date.

**Registration:** The **deadline** to register is **February 9**, and payment of \$900 (includes registration, room and board, and airfare) is due on February 23. [Click here](#) for the application.

Erika Mueller, youth director at Grace St. Helena, will be handling all registration and collecting payments for the delegation from Northern California. Please email her at [erika@grace-episcopal.org](mailto:erika@grace-episcopal.org) for more information or to register your youth participants. Adult chaperones are already in place.

More information about EYE can be found here: [events.episcopalchurch.org/eye](https://events.episcopalchurch.org/eye)

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## Theological debate camp for youth



Join us this summer at the [University of the South](#) in Sewanee, Tennessee for [SUMMA Theological Debate Camp](#). There's no better place to enjoy the great outdoors, make new friends, and explore life's biggest questions!

SUMMA welcomes campers from all backgrounds and faith traditions. Camp is open to high school students entering grades 9–12 in the fall of 2020 who are interested in:

- Developing critical thinking, leadership, and communication skills for college and

career

- Engaging with their personal faith in a meaningful way
- Meeting new people and forming lasting friendships
- Worshiping and praying in the Episcopal tradition

More information is available here: <http://summa.sewanee.edu/>

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## Explore the School for Deacons



A lot of recent studies attest that a mark of congregations, small and large, that are thriving is “engagement with the community.” That engagement can take many forms, and often in the Episcopal Church, it is most effectively led by Deacons. Who are these Deacons? What do they do? Where do they come from? How do they become Deacons? Do you know someone who

should be a Deacon? The School for Deacons invites anyone who is curious about any of these questions, or any other concerns about things diaconal, to a gathering to explore all these and your own questions.

**When:** Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Coffee and conversation starting at 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** CDSP, 2451 Ridge Road, Berkeley

**RSVP:** via email to [rdugliss@sfd.edu](mailto:rdugliss@sfd.edu)

**Link:** Check out the new program at the School for Deacons, resources for discernment, as well as information on the work of deacons at [schoolfordeacons.org](http://schoolfordeacons.org)

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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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## 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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