



News for the week of Feb 4, 2020

## Three things from the Office of the Bishop

- The **Pathways 2020** deadline is April 1. Have you applied? You can apply to be a participant or a leader here: [bit.ly/NorCalPathways2020](http://bit.ly/NorCalPathways2020)
- An **Invite\*Welcome\*Connect** workshop called Evangelism 101 will be offered at St. Patrick's, Kenwood, Feb. 21 & 22. Information and registration are here: [bit.ly/IWCKenwoodRegistration](http://bit.ly/IWCKenwoodRegistration)
- Registration for the **College of Congregational Development** is open with added weekend session dates. Learn more and register here: [bit.ly/NorCalCCD2020Registration](http://bit.ly/NorCalCCD2020Registration)

## A visit to St. George's, Carmichael



Bishop Megan is assisted during the Eucharist by the Rev. Ray Hess and the Rev. Bob Olson



*"Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants..."*  
BCP 419

Bishop Megan made her way Carmichael on Jan. 19 to visit the people of St. George's. In addition to celebrating and preaching, two people were confirmed and six others reaffirmed their faith. Bishop Megan mentioned, "this is the largest group of people who have been confirmed and received by me; and the decision to make this step comes at a significant moment in life for each one."

A special thank you to the people at St. George's for making the effort to get together in one service that Sunday, as well. "It was good to have everyone together at one time," the bishop said.



The people of St. George gather around the confirmands and those reaffirming their faith in one parish-wide service.

## 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, 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. A priest in our diocese for ten years, Rev. Rod serves the diocese in a variety of roles and is looking forward to offering this program.

**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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### Accounting and Finance office transition

Brenda Paredes, the Office of the Bishop's accountant from Utonomy, is leaving her position to pursue an exciting opportunity. She has served as an accountant for various Utonomy clients and is also Utonomy's Chief Operating Officer.



While commenting on Brenda's tenure, Bishop Megan said, "Her next position is with CORE District, an educational non-profit, and this job change allows her to use her accounting skills while pursuing her passion for education and training."

Brenda has been a near daily presence in the Office of the Bishop for the last 6 years. She says, "Thank you for allowing me to build friendships with your team. You are one of my favorite clients. Coming to this office is the highlight of my week."

Thank you Brenda, for your hard work, your energetic presence, and your ever present smile.

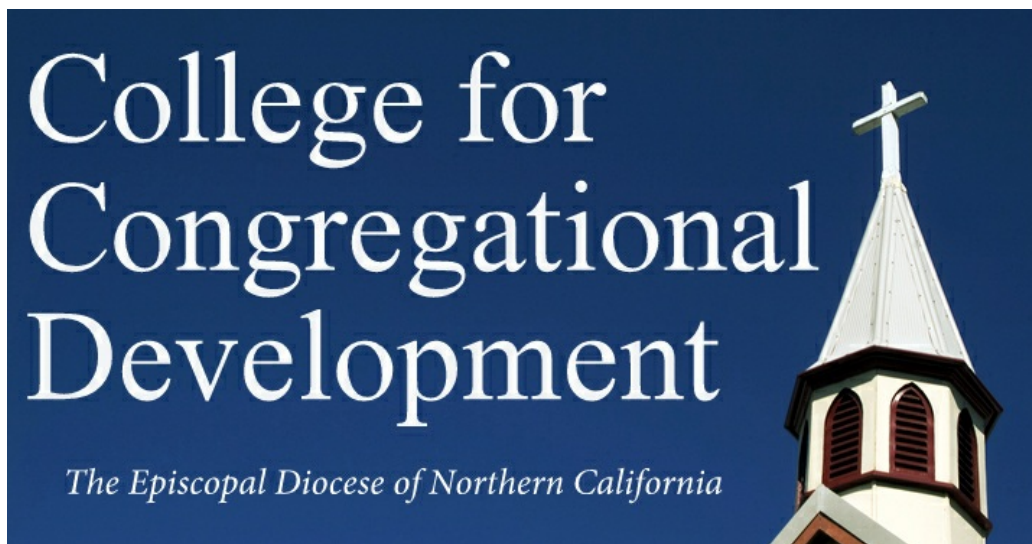
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## New forms for 2020

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.

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# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

OPEN STAFF POSITIONS

## Opportunities at the Office of the Bishop

We are excited to announce two newly-created positions open in the Office of the Bishop. Please forward this to people you know who might be called to this ministry.

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### **Executive Staff Support**

This Executive Staff Support position has been created to work alongside Michelle Karimi to enable the Canon to the Ordinary and related staff to carry out their mission and ministry in the diocese.

Demonstrate and utilize overall knowledge of procedures, protocols, and expectations regarding the following: clergy transition processes, database management, Safe Church purpose and program, and other programs of the diocese. To apply, see instructions below. Position open until filled.

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### **The Missioner for Evangelism & Discipleship**

The Missioner for Evangelism & Discipleship focuses on Christian formation, Youth, and Evangelism/Church Growth through networking, and connecting churches together in order to build leadership capacity and grow churches.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our staff at the beginning of Bishop Megan's episcopate. We are working within a mixed economy of church growth and development: Church planting, growing existing churches, and exploring new communities and models of church.

Our diocese contains several counties that are the fastest growing in the state of California, making this a fruitful time for church growth and development in this area.

Our mission is to create healthy, multi-generational, vibrant, congregations that include a robust formation for youth and adults, connections with local communities, and faithful expressions of the Gospel in our local context. To apply, see below. Position open until filled.

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To apply for either open position, please send a cover letter and a copy of your resume to Jacqi Seppi, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, at [jacqi@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:jacqi@norcalepiscopal.org)

In the subject line of your email please note the position for which you are applying.

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## Bishop Megan's visitation schedule

- Feb. 2 - College for Bishops
- Feb. 16 - Province VIII House of Bishops - Taipei, Taiwan

- Feb. 23 - 2020 Consecration of the Bishop of Taiwan - Taipei, Taiwan
- Feb. 26 - Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento

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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## Day of Discernment: two dates available



"Have you ever had a sense that God might be calling you to ordained ministry as a priest or deacon in the Episcopal Church?" asks the Rev. Margaret Grayden, Chair of the Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. "If so, you and your rector/vicar/priest-in-charge should attend the diocesan Day of Discernment."



"This is a great opportunity to hear what it's really like to be a priest or deacon in the Episcopal Church today, and to learn how the ordination process works in our diocese."

During the Day of Discernment, presentations on the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious orders active in our diocese will be provided.

There will also be an overview of the ordination process (including handing out an application packet and a copy of The Manual and Guide for Ordination). Spouses are also welcome to attend the Day of Discernment.

Attendance is mandatory as the first step in the formal discernment process. Space is limited, so be sure to register ASAP!

There will be two Days of Discernment in 2020:

- **Saturday, Mar. 28, 2020** at the Office of the Bishop in Sacramento
- **Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020** at a location TBD.

Advance registration is required. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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## Episcopal Community Services grant cycle begins for 2020-21

Episcopal Community Services of Northern California (ECS) announces the 2020-21 grant cycle. There are three grant types available:

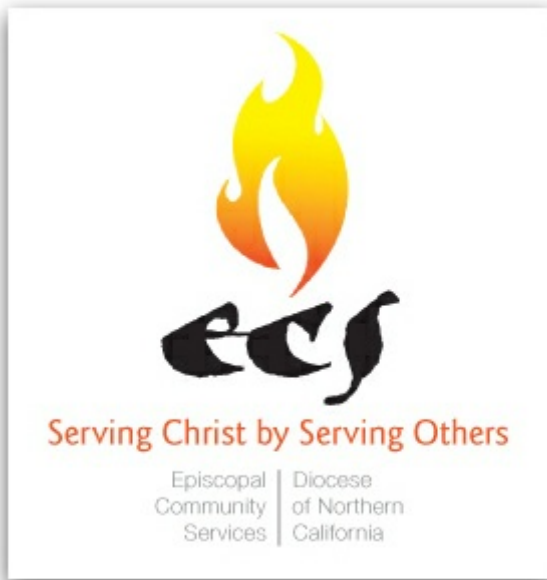
- The Ministry Development Fund
- The Warren Dunning Memorial Social Justice Grant
- The Barry L. Beisner Multi-year Grant

Applicants should [click here](#) to read the guidelines and descriptions of each grant type. The guidelines are purposely short to encourage creativity and innovation for outreach ministries, such as health and



social justice.

Grant proposals are due May 1.



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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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## 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](http://events.episcopalchurch.org/eye)

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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)

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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