



News for the week of Jan. 21, 2020

Three things from the Office of the Bishop

- Registration for the **College of Congregational Development** is open. Learn more and register here: bit.ly/NorCalCCD2020Registration
- Are you considering ordained ministry? **Day of Discernment** dates have been announced. More here: bit.ly/2020DayOfDiscernment
- The Northern California delegation for the **Episcopal Youth Event 2020 (EYE20)** is accepting registrations now. Information and registration here: bit.ly/NorCalEYE20

Bishop Megan visits St. Clement's, Rancho Cordova



Bishop Megan joins the Rev. Kenn Katona, who is using his famous signs to invite people into church.



L to R: The Rev. Jimi Benesh, the Rev. Canon Cookie Clark, the Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, the Rev. Michael Kerrick, the Rev. Grant Bakewell, and the Rev. Kenn Katona



Bishop Megan blesses Fr. Kenn's son, Leo.

On Jan. 5, Bishop Megan visited the people of St. Clement's, Rancho Cordova. The morning started with Bishop Megan joining the Rev. Kenn Katona in his sidewalk greetings and invitation to people who were driving by to "come on into church."

In addition to preaching and celebrating the Eucharist, the bishop also made a couple of special blessings. She gave thanks for a couple who was celebrating their wedding anniversary, and also blessed the infant son of Fr. Kenn, who had been baptized the Sunday before.

Another highlight of the day was learning about 4P2F (4 Paws 2 Freedom) a service dog

program for first responders and veterans. St. Clement's has entered into a partnership with 4P2F and provides worship experiences for those suffering for work related stress and PTSD. Learn more here.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

The Bishop's Partnership Appeal: Campership



Bishop Megan invites you to [make a gift to the Bishop's Partnership Appeal](#), a year-end process that is designed to directly support the congregations and institutions of our diocese.

Special emphasis was put on campership this year, and we ask that you consider giving to that area of the appeal as registrations are about to open for our camps.

Your generous, service mindset will fuel new ways to invite folks into what God is doing here in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

Donate to the
Appeal

If you would like to give to a specific ministry of the Appeal, please indicate your chosen ministry(s) in the note/memo line when you give.

College for Congregational Development dates announced

College for Congregational Development

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California



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 PDT
- **Weekends:** TBD

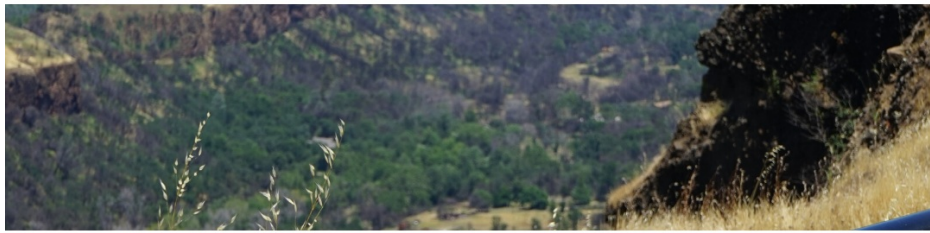
Where: The Bishop's Ranch

[5297 Westside Road](#)
[Healdsburg, CA 95448](#)

Check-in begins on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

[Click here](#) to register.

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.

2020 prayer calendars now available

The 2020 prayer calendars for our diocese are now available on our website -- both the 30-day prayer calendar and the Sunday cycle of prayer. You may download from our website [here](#).



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.

Executive Staff Support

This Executive Staff Support position has been created to work alongside with 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.

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.

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

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

Bishop Megan's visitation schedule

- Jan. 19: St. George's, Carmichael
- 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

**Northern California represents at the consecration of Bishop
Lucinda Ashby**



A portion of the good people from EDNC who attended the consecration



There were 22 bishops who attended the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby. All of them laid hands on Bishop Lucinda at the moment of her consecration.



The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, the Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby, and the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori

The Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real (ECR) celebrated the ordination and consecration of the Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby as their fourth bishop on Saturday, Jan. 11. The people of Northern California joined ECR at St. Andrew's, Saratoga, with a large representation from across our diocese. It was only fitting that we attend, as Bishop Lucinda was raised up out of EDNC, spending time at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento; St. Martin, Davis; St. Michael's, Carmichael; and St. Matthew's, Sacramento, among others.

As is customary at the consecration of a bishop, Bishop Megan joined 21 other bishops that attended that day in the laying on of hands and praying the words, "Therefore, Father, make Lucinda a bishop in your Church." The consecrating bishops also included the 6th and 7th bishops of Northern California, Bishop Jerry Lamb and Bishop Barry Beisner. Our clergy were included in the procession and several joined some of our lay people among the presenters of the new bishop.

It was a spectacular, spirit-filled day and we pray that God will continue pour out the spirit on Bishop Lucinda and The Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real.



Bishop Megan with our retired bishops, Bishop Jerry Lamb and Bishop Barry Biesner.



The clergy of our diocese were well represented at the consecration. Here are the Rev. Jesse Vaughn, and the Rev. Jim Richardson, who were included as presenters of Bishop Lucinda

Clergy Transitions and Announcements

The Rev. Lucretia Jevne

The Rev. Lucretia Jevne has led her last services at St. Brigid's, Rio Vista and at St. Matthew's, Sacramento and is anticipating a move to New England later this year. Lucretia has been a devoted servant of Christ in the years that she has invested in our diocese.

We wish her Godspeed and will miss her in our diocesan life.



The Rev. Anne Smith

The Rev. Anne Smith is in discernment about what the future holds after resigning her position as Priest in Charge at St Mary's, Elk Grove.

Our prayers are with Anne as she discerns her future.

The Very Rev. Mary Claugus

The Very Rev. Mary Claugus will be on sabbatical from Dec. 30 to April 1. The Rev. Jesse Vaughn, the Rev. Rod Davis, the Rev. Cindy Long and the Rev. Roy Whitten will also assist at the church while Rev. Mary is away.



The Rev. Terri Hobart



The Rev. Terri Hobart and The Rev. Vanessa Glass were married by The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris on January 1, 2020 in an intimate ceremony surrounded by their families and closest friends. On January 5th during the celebration of The Feast of the Epiphany they had the privilege of being the first same sex couple to have their marriage blessed and registered at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Woodland, CA. The Rev. Betsey Monnot presided and The Rev. Don Callison served as deacon. They will be moving to Denver where Vanessa has been called to serve as the Canon for Transition Ministry. Terri is in the process of bidding a fond farewell to the congregation at St. Luke's. Her last Sunday will be March 1, 2020.



Our congratulations and best wishes go with them on their journey.

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 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](#).



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 in the 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 registration form [here](#) or
- Call or email Miriam Casey at 650-380-2747 or mlcasey5@yahoo.com

For the informational flyer, [click here](#).

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! ¡unámonos!" 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.

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 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

2020 Anita Weaver grant now accepting applications



Serving Christ by Serving Others



Episcopal Community Services and the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California are once again offering a special grant opportunity for the Anita Weaver Funds. These have been designated to help indigent seniors with housing.

This is a two year grant of \$15,000 in the first year, and if successfully completed, \$7,500 for the second year. This grant provides an opportunity to develop a longer term program in collaboration with other congregations and/or city or county resources.

For complete information please see the [Request for Proposal](#). Grant applications will be due by Jan. 15, and the grant award will be announced by Feb. 15.

Episcopal Migration Ministries offers 2020 Epiphany curriculum



THE
GOOD BOOK
CLUB

Episcopal Migration Ministries is offering a seven-lesson [Epiphany curriculum](#) for individuals and congregations. This free resource is Episcopal Migration Ministries' contribution to the Good Book Club, a project that invites all Episcopalians to join in reading the Gospel of John during Epiphany 2020. More information about the Good Book Club is [here](#).

To submit news/events, please email communications@norcalepiscopal.org. The submission deadline is the Wednesday before the Tuesday publication.

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Making Disciples, Raising Up Saints & Transforming Communities for Christ

www.norcalepiscopal.org

